

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference
March 8, 2023
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council President David Pendel.

Fire Chief Spencer led the gathering in the Pledge to the Flag.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen

Rudy Bolea

Ed Pitassi

George Mihalyi

Allison Marine

Gary Flasco

David Pendel

Michael Dixon, Mayor via telephone

Absent

Chad Kraynyk

Mr. Pendel asked if there were any questions on the Agenda. Mr. Pendel said are there any comments from the public regarding Agenda Items? Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$214,113.09. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did make the payment on the fire truck for \$35,000.00, so that payment is done for the year.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Allison Marine Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

David Pendel Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Pitassi made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$133,023.77. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Allison Marine Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

David Pendel Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-397 to apply for a Program Year 2023 Pennsylvania DCNR Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant for the Riverfront Park Phase III Improvement Project. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said, we are asking for \$300,000.00 and then we would have to match that. We can also try to get another grant to offset it and he continued to explain.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Partial Payment #2 to CHD Enterprises in the amount of \$94,740.30 for work at the Riverfront Park Project. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Allison Marine Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

David Pendel Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to award the Chestnut Street Roadway and Waterline Improvement Project to Nlando Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$422,940.00. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said this price is about \$100,000.00 less than last year. The Authority's portion of it is just over \$51,000.00, we should get in excess of \$120,000.00 from Columbia Gas and there is also a sidewalk curb that a property owner will contribute over \$25,000.00. Our net number will be around \$225,000.00 to have this done in concrete.

Mr. Pendel said to clarify for the public, this work will be done on Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Avenues and a discussion pursued.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Spencer said for the month of February 2023, the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department answered 12 calls with a total of 176.27 volunteer hours. We also want to thank Chief Denbow and his Department for clearing up the parking problem that we had from people parking in the fire lane at State Manor and he continued to explain.

Chief Spencer said if you have a fire hydrant in front of your residence please do not park or stack your trash in front of it and he continued to explain.

Engineers' Report

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said most of what we have was covered under the motions and directed everyone to his monthly report. Mr. Lennon, Jr. said Riverfront Park; you approved the payment request for Phase I and Phase II earlier this evening. You can see that they are moving a lot of dirt down there and getting the site prepped. You adopted the Resolution for Phase III tonight so that grant application will be filed.

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said the 2023 Roadway Improvements; we will prepare the bid docs as authorized tonight.

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said Chestnut Street Roadway Reconstruction; since that was awarded, we'll issue the award letter and proceed with the contract documents with the contractor and continued to explain.

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said Ridge Avenue Tot Lot Improvements; we are waiting on the grant agreement.

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said there are no updates on the Grant Applications.

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said Developments; there is a review letter for the Romasco Right-of-Way Vacation and directed everyone to Attachment D.

Mr. Lennon, Jr. said the Garden House; the County issued preliminary approval on February 28th.

Mr. Lennon, Jr. said Watt Street Development; there was a submission and we did send a letter to the Developer with a request regarding traffic and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said what are we worried about on Watt Street? It's hard to believe that they're going to put anything bigger down there than the giant bulldozers that are down there now.

Mr. Lennon, Jr. said we're just asking that they evaluate the ingress and egress.

Mr. McCutcheon said concerning the CCDC, I believe they are not going forward with the building on Broadway due to the cost and he continued to explain.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said I have been working with the Allegheny Health Network, the Hollow Oak Land Trust, the Riverhounds, Park's Sporting Goods and Communicycle for a gathering that we're having on April 1st. If anyone needs a bike, the first 125 people to sign up will receive a bike for free through Communicycle and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said the library is trying to make sure that everybody gets kick started into the programs after the Covid era and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said since we have Lennon, Smith and Rick Start here, how would we look into where the property line is the McDonald's Parking Lot? There is a strip of land there that looks terrible and if it is ours, we can clean it up.

Mr. Lennon, Jr. said we will pull the County records first and if we need to do a survey, we'll make that determination.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said Chief Denbow asked me to inform everyone that the Police Department received \$15,000.00 to purchase in-car video systems. The Chief wanted to thank Senator Devlin Robinson for speaking with the District Attorney's Office.

Mr. McCutcheon said I would like to thank Chief Denbow, Officer Stewart and District Attorney Stephen Zappala for getting that grant for \$15,000.00.

Comments from the Public

President David Pendel asked for comments from the public and said please limit your comments to three minutes.

George Carr of Chestnut Street said when they blacktopped Chestnut it is starting to crack in the center.

Mr. Carr said the sewer at the corner of Birch Way and Broadway is getting wider and wider. They put a cone there once, but someone walked off with it and he continued to explain.

Mike Harris of 800 Main Street said I really like the idea of cleaning up the area of Ridge Avenue and State. We kind of approved that \$10,000.00 quickly for that, but for the same price we can buy sixteen garbage cans and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to open up the Police Department contract. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED