

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference
April 12, 2023
6:30 PM

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

VFW Post Commander Michael Blair led the gathering in the Pledge to the Flag.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen

Rudy Bolea

Ed Pitassi

Chad Kraynyk

George Mihalyi

Allison Marine

Gary Flasco

David Pendel

Michael Dixon, Mayor

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. Pendel said at this time the Borough of Coraopolis would like to present a \$700.00 donation to VFW Post Commander, Michael Blair for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Blair said we appreciate this and as always, it will all go towards the Parade funds and he continued to explain.

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

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2023, Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Invoices for April 2023 in the amount of \$310,257.19. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did have a couple larger amount invoices; one was for a \$98,000.00 payment for a traffic signal at Montour and State and we paid the interest payment on the bonds in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Mr. Pendel said, have you heard the timeline for the installation of the lights?

Mr. McCutcheon said I have not, but do know they are waiting on the poles.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Partial Payment #3 to CHD Enterprises in the amount of \$71,592.48 for work at the Riverfront Park Project. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked Mr. McCutcheon to elaborate on the motion to approve the contract extension with DEP Technologies, Inc. for an additional 100-hour block for a cost of \$9,200.00.

Mr. McCutcheon said we've used DEP for five years and they have been very good to us and I highly recommend that we continue to stay with them and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said what service do they provide?

Mr. McCutcheon said they do all our IT work.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the contract extension with DEP Technologies, Inc. for an additional 100-hour block for a cost of \$9,200.00. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
Chad Kraynyk	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to amend Ordinance 1249 to prohibit parking on the southern side of Southern Avenue from Thorn Street to Locust Street. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said Officer Quinn was telling me today that Larry Tollis was in this area and could not get his truck through.

Sargent Litterini said there are a couple of rental properties there that have a large number of cars and they park wherever they can which sometimes poses a problem for the passing of emergency vehicles to get through.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Richard Start said due to a personal issue I am unable to attend in person this evening. Other than that, I have nothing to report except that I do appreciate your indulgence and look forward to seeing everyone next month.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said I have nothing to report, but would like to take a moment to say a few words in appreciation to our many fine Officers of the Coraopolis Police Department and our Volunteer Fire Department for over the last month with all the calls that came in. I just want to give you my utmost gratitude for your dedication to your service to this Borough, we appreciate it.

Mr. Pendel said I have a lot of people who have asked me why the whistle seems to be going off more often. Is it because of the 911 switchover?

Chief Spencer said when our paging system from 911 gets activated from the 911 Center they automatically set off the whistle. We have cut the whistle back and it is only cycling four times, but 911 gives us five minutes to get to the station and acknowledge the call. If we don't acknowledge the call, we get a second tone and the whistle will kick on again. Our call volume has picked up going through 911. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Committee Reports/Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I have nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Kraynyk said I have a comment regarding the reconstruction of Main Street and the top and off Woodlawn. This project has been an inconvenience to everyone who lives at the top of Main Street. The project has been completed and the road looks beautiful and I want to take my hat off to Columbia Gas and Youngblood Paving and appreciate the work that has been done there.

Mr. Cardimen said I have nothing this evening.

Ms. Marine said I received a phone call from a business owner in my ward and wanted to give some positive feedback and praise to our Public Works Department and acknowledge the strong staffing that we have and the good work that they're doing.

Ms. Marine said regarding the Parking Committee, in the last two weeks we had the kickoff within Council, Borough Operations, the Borough Manager and Staff. We are working with a local Pittsburgh transportation consultant and this is going to be a four-month long process. The next step in the study will be kicking off a public survey so this is open to any resident, visitor, and employee within Coraopolis. It will be posted on our website and socialized out through different distribution lists and networks that we have through the community and she continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said I want to give a special thanks for everyone who got involved with us doing a planting at the Ferree Street Steps. I especially want to thank the Coraopolis Borough did a fine job of cleaning the steps for us, Tree Vitalize with their crew and getting the grant for us, Tom Salvie who did all of the photography work for us and for all of the folks who came from out of town and he continued to explain.

Mr. Pitassi said April 22nd is coming up for the Cory Clean Up Day, don't forget to bring as many volunteers as you can. The event will be from 8:00 am – 12:00 and we will meet in front of the waterfront park where the old overlook is.

person who seeks to comment is limited to three minutes and comments are limited to matters that are or may be before the Borough. Council Members are not required to answer any questions posed by the members of the public or engage in any dialog with the comments from the public. Council Members shall not comment on matters of personnel, discipline, or any legal matter.

Mike Harris of 800 Main Street said to clear my memory, a neighbor of mine brought me over a mailing that had some information on there and I just want to clear my memory up. Wood Street was repaved when the waterline was done and also Chess Street because of a waterline failure. If I'm not wrong, if I am wrong, you can correct me.

Mr. McCutcheon said there wasn't a waterline failure on Chess Street that was more stormwater.

Mr. Harris said but it was buckled up from damage.

Mr. Harris said then there was Main Street and 6th to Neely was done with \$1M worth of grant money.

Mr. McCutcheon said it was \$800,000.00.

Mr. Harris said and some reimbursement from Columbia Gas. I was reading this flyer and somebody was kind of toting the accomplishment of getting this achieved.

Mr. McCutcheon said I am pretty proud of what we have achieved.

Mr. Harris said I'm not saying that you shouldn't be proud, I'm just saying it wasn't done because it was a project that needed to be done like maybe the 800 block of Hiland. It was done because it was totally necessary, the streets were impassable.

Mr. Cardimen said what is your question, Mike?

Mr. Harris said my question was to assure the facts are correct because the person, this lady, brought me over this flyer, that was kind of totting.

Mr. Cardimen said I am waiting on a question sir.

Mr. Harris said am I correct in saying that these streets were repaired because of some sort of a failure and they were impassable or not. They weren't done because like I said the eight hundred block of Hiland is almost impassable.

Mr. Cardimen said you live in the eight hundred block of Main, don't you?

Mr. Harris said yes, I do.

Mr. Cardimen said that also intersects with the eight hundred block of Hiland Avenue, doesn't it?

Mr. Harris said yes.

Mr. Cardimen said do you know the confluence of that intersection? What is your take on it?

Mr. Harris said well, I'm talking about the eight hundred block of Hiland in total. My take on it is that it is horrible.

Mr. Cardimen said I agree with you.

Mr. Harris said my question was about Wood Street and Chess Street being redone because of a failure to the infrastructure underneath the roads. That was my question, also Main Street was done primarily with grant money and reimbursement with Columbia Gas.

Mr. Pendel said it is still taxpayer dollars being invested from the State.

Mr. Cardimen said we work closely with our utility partners throughout the Borough to make our roads safe.

Mr. Harris said what I'm getting at is it wouldn't be right for you to say that you were responsible for getting Wood Street repaved and the waterline replaced. You were responsible for getting Chess Street done and the new waterline.

Mr. Kraynyk said if the implication is that we are not proactively taking on these projects and we are waiting for something to fail before we take on the projects then that is certainly not the case.

Mr. Harris said that's not the implication.

Mr. Kraynyk said there is planning that's involved as we look at what streets we are going to tackle for that years' Road Program. There are other factors that go into reconstructing a road so when we're dealing with several different partners that have to come up with the funds then we cannot arbitrarily pick a road and pave it, we have to wait for all partners to be prepared as well. So again, if the implication is that we waited for something to fail and then we went and paved the road projects then that is certainly not the case.