

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
April 5, 2023
6:30 PM

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

A Roll Call of Members was 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. Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Pendel invited Randon Willard to discuss the CCDC's Coraopolis Second Saturdays Street Festival and the Fall Festival street closure request.

Mr. Randon Willard said our Second Saturdays are scheduled for June, July and August and in October for the Fall Festival. For the Fall Festival, we are asking for Mill Street and Pine Way to be blocked off, also the Jailhouse lot so that vendors can use it. We are planning a Kid's Zone area and are requesting the left side of the Gazebo Lot to form a U with Mill Street and Pine Way. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to allow the CCDC to use Mill Street from 5th Avenue to 4th Avenue, Pine Alley from Mill Street to the McDonald's exit and the entire Gazebo Parking Lot for the 2nd Saturday events. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize advertising of an Ordinance to prohibit parking on the east side of Fleming Street from the southerly side of Ride Avenue to the northern side of Rose Avenue. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Comments from Council

Mr. Flasco said I would like to make a suggestion to have Larry Tollis attend our Workshop Meetings. I think this would help open communications between us and the Public Works Department and he continued to explain.

Mr. Flasco said I received a bid for the gazebo in the amount of \$3,000.00, which is for replacement of the floor, painting and repairing all the wood around it and to repair and paint the three benches. We are waiting for a second bid and we're going to have a discussion with Tom from Penn State in reference to what we're going to do with that area. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Flasco said I also want to suggest that we move those benches out of there, they are in bad condition. I went to four different gazebos in the area and not one has benches inside and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi said can we please do something with Neely Heights?

Mr. Bolea said I think we should get some kind of bid for at least straightening it out somehow, it is a problem.

Mr. Cardimen said the issue is that it's stormwater and it has to be contained and put into the stormwater system and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said a lot of the cost would be stormwater. It needs two catch basins and something like a french drain.

Mr. Cardimen said someone has given me a bid for one catch basin and 800 feet of pipe for \$21,000.00, but after speaking with Mr. Null and Mr. Deems, we definitely need two catch basins. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said it would be an Authority project, because they will pay for the storm water line and two catch basins and if the Borough would be willing to pay for the asphalt, he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said we can talk to Mr. Null and have it added as an Add Alternate in the paving program.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to add paving to Neely Heights Avenue from Main Street to Woodlawn Avenue to the 2023 Road Program. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea said, did we pass an ordinance concerning overnight parking of dual wheel trucks in residential areas?

Mr. McCutcheon said I think we did do something quite a while ago and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said I will look at the ordinances tomorrow.

Mr. Kraynyk said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said since we're keeping the old ladder truck, we'll surrender the Emergency Vehicle plate off it and move it to an Antique Plate. There will be a one-time cost to the Borough of \$152.00 with the State and then it will no longer be required to be inspected.

Mr. Bolea said whose responsibility does the tree become? Is it the Shade Tree Committee or does the homeowner become responsible?

Mr. Pitassi said we give them a choice. He continued to explain, and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said back to Mill Street. Mr. Null said we will need a survey done on Mill Street. This is definitely a 2024 project and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we just applied for a grant with Congressman DeLuzio for lead waterline replacement and road repair of School Street and we got a message back and Mr. Null is feeling confident that this may be something that we get.

Mr. McCutcheon said I invited Mike Blair from the VFW to come to our meeting next week to present a check to them for the Memorial Day Parade and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said due to the mild winter we are probably going to have to pay storage charges on salt. I haven't heard what the cost is yet.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will be receiving a pay request for Riverfront Park, it's a little over \$71,500.00. We did get some grant money and I will move it over to our general fund, but have to make sure that I move over the exact amount and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Chestnut preconstruction meeting is tomorrow here at 10:00 am.

Mr. McCutcheon said I have heard stuff out on social media that we're not doing infrastructure. I checked the numbers and since 2014 we've done over \$5M in infrastructure, over \$600,000.00 in traffic signals all of which was grant money, we've replaced vehicles, replaced the basketball court at Shelley Jones and installed a new one at the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot and he continued to explain. I am not going to social media and say people are misrepresenting things because that is not my job.

Mr. Flasco said we have done all of that without raising taxes and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and some possible litigation. Mr. Kraynyk seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to hire Drae Parrish for a Public Works employee. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea said, did the person Larry asked us about ever fill out the paperwork?

Mr. McCutcheon said he did fill out the paperwork and he was supposed to get in touch with us but hasn't.