

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

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

Police Chief Denbow 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

Gary Flasco

Joe Szabat

David Pendel

Michael Dixon, Mayor

**Absent**

Allison Marine

Mr. Pendel said Ms. Marine notified us that she is out of town for business reasons.

Mr. Pendel said are there any questions from Borough Council on the Agenda? Mr. Pendel said are there any visitor requests and comments regarding these Agenda items? Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 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 November 1, 2023, Regular Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for November 2023 in the amount of \$186,031.01. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$136,996.81. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
Ed Pitassi	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes
David Pendel	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final) for the 2023 Road Program with Youngblood decreasing the contract amount by \$164,834.14. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Mr. Drew Null said this is a little larger than usual, about a third of this is related to work on Neely Heights that couldn't be completed due to conflicts with the gas company. Another third is from the Authority having repairs and the remaining third is from the approximate value for base repair which isn't known until the surface is milled so you didn't have to use that base per quantity this year.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 23-411 authorizing the filing of PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Application to request funding in the amount of \$375,000.00 for Mill Street reconstruction. Mr. Pitassi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve partial Payment No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$12,844.92 to Independent Enterprises Inc. for the Chess Street Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

Mr. Drew Null said this has been a while coming and we needed some punchlist items cleaned up and some additional certifications from the Contractor and he continued to explain.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen Yes

Rudy Bolea Yes

Ed Pitassi Yes

George Mihalyi Yes

Gary Flasco Yes

Joe Szabat Yes

David Pendel Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign an Agreement with Mid-Atlantic Environmental Consultants to prepare the Asbestos Abatement Technical Specification at a cost of \$4,000.00 and asked Mr. Pitassi to elaborate.

Mr. Pitassi said this originated from wanting to replace the rugs at the library and through that it was found that there is asbestos in the building and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign an Agreement with Mid-Atlantic Environmental Consultants to prepare the Asbestos Abatement Technical Specification at a cost of \$4,000.00. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Pendel asked for a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign an Agreement with Mid-Atlantic Environmental Consultants to perform Project Oversight and Asbestos Particulate Background Ambient Air Quality Monitoring/Sample Analysis at a cost of \$400.00 per eight-hour shifts.

Mr. Bolea said is that \$400.00 per eight hour shifts just to oversee them removing the asbestos?

Mr. McCutcheon said that is correct and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign an Agreement with Mid-Atlantic Environmental Consultants to perform Project Oversight and Asbestos Particulate Background Ambient Air Quality Monitoring/Sample Analysis at a cost of \$400.00 per eight-hour shifts. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Richard Start said the negotiations are continuing with the Shallenberger Parties and I think things are moving towards a point where we'll have something to consider.

## **Police Chief's Report**

Chief Denbow gave the Police Department Report for the month of October 2023.

Chief Denbow said we had a very successful Halloween this year. There were a lot of kids out and many of the residents decorated their houses and we had zero incidents caused by Halloween and he continued to explain.

## **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Spencer gave the Volunteer Fire Department report for October 2023 and said we answered 15 calls. Eight of which were mutual aid calls, two EMS assists, one motor vehicle accident, one burnt food in the Towers, three odor investigations and one CO call. We had a total of 148.34 hours for the VFD.

## **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to his monthly report and said the Riverfront Park; we have some lingering punchlist items, but do not have a pay request for this evening. We did get another reimbursement request to the DCNR and we're hoping to see things completed by the end of the year in terms of grant close out and punchlist items.

Mr. Null said the Phase III resolution that you authorized this evening to file a local share account grant that is a no match application. A response was received from the DCNR from an application filing earlier in the year for funding on this project, but that was not awarded and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said as discussed with Neely, we did get our survey crews here in the past week, they are looking at waterline reconstruction in coordination with the Authority.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; the CDBG applications for structure demolitions and Riverfront Park amenities were due and submitted this week.

Mr. Drew Null said Street Opening Permits and directed everyone to the tracking list that has been responded to.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dixon said I want to echo the thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their outstanding job with Halloween as well as every day that you serve this community and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said I also want to thank Public Works for all of the extra work that they have been doing for leaf cleanup.

## **Committee Reports/Comments from Council**

Mr. Flasco said I would like to thank the residents of the Third Ward who voted for me. I appreciate your confidence and I will keep working for you so, thank you again, I really appreciate it.

Mr. Mihalyi said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said I would like to thank the residents of the Fourth Ward for coming out yesterday and supporting me. I will continue to work hard for you during the next four years. You will have my contact information so anything you need and anybody in any of the Wards feel free to give me a call anytime.

Mr. Pitassi said at this time everyone knows that I did not win my election and I want to wish Mr. Harris all the luck coming on to Borough Council and I hope the best for him.

Mr. Szabat said I would like to thank everyone in the Third Ward who voted for me, I appreciate it.

### **Managers' Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said I do not have anything of significance to report tonight.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the Public.

Mr. Bolea said at one time we had discussed with the County moving the elections to a central place at the high school. Has that ever been discussed in any detail to be pushed along the way?

Mr. Cardimen said I spoke with a gentleman from the Allegheny County Elections Bureau after the Primary and he reported back to me that the County Legal Department stated that the proposed location of Cornell School District did not lie in the boundaries of the Borough of Coraopolis therefore the polling place could not be moved there. I advised him to check with his legal department because the School District lies entirely within the Borough of Coraopolis and that is where it left off. I do have a different contact number that I received yesterday from one of the poll workers and I am going to reach out to get this started again. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.  
Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**