

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
February 7, 2024
6:38 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council President Robb Cardimen.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

Present

Robb Cardimen

Rudy Bolea via teleconference

George Mihalyi

Allison Marine

Gary Flasco

Kim Haskins

Mike Harris

Joe Szabat

Michael Dixon, Mayor

Mr. Cardimen said before I continue on with the Agenda, let the record reflect that Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and we will not be having an Executive Session after the meeting.

Mr. Cardimen asked if there were any questions on the Agenda by Council Members. Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to terminate the service agreement with Amato, Start and Associates effective immediately. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Szabat made a motion to appoint Richard Start as the Borough Solicitor effective immediately. Mr. Mihalyi seconded to the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen Yes

Mr. Bolea Yes

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Ms. Marine Yes

Mr. Flasco Yes

Ms. Haskins Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Szabat Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the resignation of Lois Gould from the Coraopolis Memorial Library. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the 2024 annual contribution to the Valley Ambulance Authority in the amount of \$600.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise a Request for Proposal for the Coraopolis Memorial Library Asbestos Abatement Project. Mr. Flasco seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Bolea	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Ms. Marine	Yes
Mr. Flasco	Yes
Ms. Haskins	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Szabat	Yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Harris made a motion to sell the 2007 Dodge Charger police vehicle to We Buy Any Car. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. McCutcheon said we got a Blue Book value and it's around \$1,000.00.

Mr. Szabat made a motion to approve the contract with Golds Tree Service to remove ten trees on Sylvan Alley at School Street at a price of \$2,700.00, which does not include stump grinding. Mr. Flasco seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said the neighbor had a new roof installed and there are two trees that hang over the roof, so that is why she brought it to our attention. It is a little bit of a hillside side here so that is why he is not grinding the stumps so they can back that hillside.

Upon Roll Call

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Bolea	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Ms. Marine	Yes
Mr. Flasco	Yes
Ms. Haskins	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Szabat	Yes

Motion Carried

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said to address some of the questions that were just done at the hearing I reached out to Jack Cairns and he is going to see if we can do a townhall at the VFW.

Mayor Dixon said another comment concerning the status of the Steel Shaker; the information that I have received is that they do not plan to reopen.

Mayor Dixon said I had the pleasure of participating in the CCDC Chili Cook Off this weekend which was very well attended and he continued to explain.

Mayor Dixon said I just spoke with Randon and the Coraopolis Business Group Meeting is going to take place on Sunday, February 25th at 6:00 PM at Snappy's Tap House. Anyone who owns a business or has a vested interest in Coraopolis is welcome to attend.

Public Works Foreman's Report

Mr. Larry Tollis said in the month of January we had three call outs for snow removal. We began patching on 5th and Mulberry St, Grace Street, Maple Street, Orchard Street, State Avenue and Southern Avenue. We also cold patched from the top of School Street down to McCabe Way.

Mr. Larry Tollis said with the nice weather that we've had for the past couple of days we began road sign replacement throughout town and have replaced 38 signs to date.

Mr. Larry Tollis said we are going to start the removal of the parking meters and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris said our Main and Hiland Street sign is missing.

Mr. Tollis said I have a list of signs that we need to purchase right now and don't believe we have a Hiland sign down there right now and he continued to explain.

Committee Reports / Comments from Council

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

Mr. Mihalyi said I want to bring up parking on Chess Street. On the right side going up the hill (what is considered the west side) we would like to have a No Parking on that side of the road. This would be from 4th or 5th Avenue all the way up. I have talked with the Chief about this and he agrees. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Marine said thank you Mr. Cardimen for your efforts in reorganizing the committee assignments. I will be on the Shade Tree Commission and am looking forward to it.

Ms. Marine said the Parking Committee; thanks again to Public Works for removing the meter posts. We do have some punchlist items that we want to address and she continued to explain. We finalized the study with our consultant Trans Associates and have the document for anyone who may want to read it and she continued to explain.

Ms. Marine said Parks and Recreation; I was in contact with Randon at the CCDC as we have collaborated together for furnishings for the Mid-Town Square (the former gazebo area) and she continued to explain. Ms. Marine said we will also be regrouping as a committee to talk about Riverfront Park and moving forward with summer planning, permits and how we utilize that space and she continued to explain.

Ms. Haskins said I don't have a lot at this time, but next month I will. I am going to be joining the Shade Tree Committee, the Library Board, the Community Outreach with Ms. Marine and I am looking forward to it.

Mr. Szabat said there is nothing new on my end to report, hopefully it is a productive year for the Borough and for Council.

Mr. Harris said I have been assigned to the Parking Committee and the Building, Public Works and Infrastructure Committees.

Mr. Harris said there is one thing I want to bring up with parking and Ms. Marine; there are a lot of broken-down cars that we need to get together with Ordinance Officers or Zoning or someone to get those cars cleared out and open up some parking for the residents.

Mr. Harris said as far as infrastructure, is it a good idea for the thought of State Avenue being one way from Montour to Main? It might help alleviate traffic down the hills, the parking issue, the width of the street.

Mr. Cardimen said it is something we could consider, but there are several sections in that run that you're talking about that belong to the State and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Cardimen said the Civil Service Commission met and we elected our new officers. The Chairman is Richard Thomas, Secretary is Karl Groom and myself as the Treasurer. I would like to ask Council to make a motion that we adopt the Allegheny County Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations again for 2024.

Mr. Harris made a motion to adopt the Allegheny County Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations again for 2024. Ms. Marine seconded the motion.

Mr. Cardimen said we do this every year to keep it updated and he continued to explain.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said we have received some event applications; one is for the Summer Jam on June 29th – 30th and the other is for the National Day of Prayer by Dana Watkins on May 2nd from 6 PM – 8 PM at the Town Square Parking Lot.

Mr. McCutcheon said just a reminder that next week at 6PM is the Black History Presentation, so if everyone can get here a little early it starts right at 6PM.

Mr. Cardimen said late this afternoon I received a letter from Jeff Simonetti resigning from the Coraopolis Shade Tree Commission as President and Commissioner and asked for a motion to accept his resignation.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to accept the resignation from Jeff Simonetti serving as President and Commissioner of the Coraopolis Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.