

Borough of Coraopolis
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Council Workshop Meeting by teleconference
April 3, 2024
6:30 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 asked if there were any questions on the Agenda by Council Members. Being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. Szabat made a motion to approve BLT Contracting, Inc. for the asbestos abatement per the survey prepared by Mid-Atlantic Environmental Consultants for an amount of \$37,255.00 to be reimbursed by the Coraopolis Memorial Library Board. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Kim Haskins	Yes
Mike Harris	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Encroachment Agreement with Frank Bryan, Inc. (Riverside Concrete & Supply) at 889 Pennsylvania Avenue, Coraopolis to build a 9-foot cement wall that runs parallel to Pennsylvania Avenue. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen said we have a Special Event Application from the CFW Cancer Support Group requesting to use Shelley Jones Pavilion and close 1st Avenue between Mill Street and Mulberry Street.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is scheduled for August 18th from 8am – 4pm. Last year, they had a similar request and we asked them if they could move it to Mill Street between the Plant and 1st Avenue because there a quite a few houses on 1st Avenue to have it closed for that long of a period and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said I will reach out to Dana.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dixon said I want to send a sincere thank you to you all who reached out regarding the passing of my dad, my family and I appreciate it so much.

Mayor Dixon said over the last month I have had lots of meetings, some police work, I met with Mr. Willard a couple of times to talk about the events for this summer. Today, I received a phone call from the Pittsburgh Air National Guard Base explaining how they want to conduct a survey for their Community Involvement Plan and he continued to explain.

Public Works Foreman's Report

Mr. Larry Tollis said this past month we cold patched 5th Avenue and Kendall, 5th Avenue and Main, helped the Authority cold patch on Southern Avenue where they had a leak and also on Mill Street.

Mr. Larry Tollis said we finished removing parking meters from the Town Square and the Jailhouse Parking Lot and all of 4th Avenue.

Mr. Tollis said we placed barricades at Town Square to keep people from driving through and parking.

Mr. Tollis said we took care of some branches and a couple of dead trees on Southern Avenue and removed a dead tree and shrub from the Tot Lot on Ridge Avenue. We also removed all equipment and remaining concrete so everything at the park has been cleared and is ready to go for the new park. We also placed a couple of new signs here.

Mr. Tollis said we are getting an early start on keeping the knotweed back, we cut down on Main Street, Southern Avenue and Brook Street.

Mr. Tollis said we replaced a pully belt for the zero turn so it is ready to go as well as getting the skid steer up and running.

Mr. Tollis said we received and unloaded all of the new tables for Town Square and the new park.

Mr. Tollis said we got our first grass cut in.

Mr. McCutcheon said the day that 4th Avenue flooded, I drove around that evening and you couldn't tell that anything had even happened on 4th Avenue.

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 received a picture of the picnic tables, are we going to be discussing this shortly?

Ms. Marine said I will discuss it in my report.

Ms. Marine directed everyone to the engineered drawing created by Mr. Mihalyi and said this is an outline of the footprint of the new pavilion at Riverfront Park. Based on the measurements and ensuring that we have good flow and movement the recommendation is to order six picnic tables. She continued to explain and a discussion pursued specifically regarding the size, shapes and mobility of the tables.

Ms. Marine said the net point to discuss is what our policies will be for usage of our park. We should look into what kind of deposit we will require concerning liability and insurance, if alcohol will be permitted, the cost and rates, if pets will be permitted and how the noise ordinance will factor in. She continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Marine said with all that has been said, and given the sense of urgency to summer, would you all be open to starting down a path of calling it a pet free park and alcohol free at least to start with?

Mr. Bolea said I just went on line and saw that Moon Park does allow alcohol in some of their event areas as long as you have an ABC Permit.

Ms. Marine said for purposes of progressing towards the summer kick off we're going to go with no pets, no alcohol advertised across the Borough Parks for now and always open to revisit the conversation and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said we need to act upon the purchase of the tables and we can do that next week at our Regular Meeting.

Ms. Marine said we also discussed ordering the tables in green as it goes with nature and other accessories of the park.

Ms. Marine said lastly for Parks and Recreation; Mr. Tollis mentioned the surface, and starting to prep the space at the Tot Lot and directed everyone to the materials that will be used for the ground surface and she continued to explain.

Ms. Marine said I have an update from the Shade Tree Commission; we are having our Tree Planting Event on Saturday, April 20th, which is part of our grant program with Tree Vitalize. It starts at 8:00 am and we are meeting in the lot between the Jailhouse and Steel City Scuba. She continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Ms. Marine said we are working on anniversarying the Flower Pot Program in the Business District; it was beautiful last year, but we had a very lean group of volunteers who kept it up. I have been working with Mr. Willard and he provided me with eight business owners/community groups who are looking to adopt a pot and she continued to explain. The goal is to get the flowers in the pots before Memorial Day and we are in need of 5-6 committed volunteers and she continued to explain.

Ms. Haskins said I don't have anything this evening.

Mr. Szabat said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Harris said I saw that we are removing some of the meter heads and I was wondering what the plans are for the poles.

Mr. Tollis said this will be more of a summer time project, once the heads are off, we'll go back and start the pole removal and concrete those areas. This is an ongoing project for us.

Mr. Harris said Mr. Cardimen and I met last week to discuss the road opening permit program with opening any kind of utility access into our Coraopolis Borough streets. We talked about getting a retainer from the CWSA to keep them.

Mr. McCutcheon said I can speak a little on behalf of the Authority. The past couple of years when the Borough did roads the CWSA may want to add a couple add alternates where they do some areas.

Mr. Harris said I know we have emergencies in the middle of the night, just so we get proper documentation of all the spots and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said I will not be in attendance next week due to attending a tri-annual disaster drill at Pittsburgh International Airport.

Mr. Cardimen said I have reached out to our previous contractor Greg Kiernan, he has done seal work in our Borough parking lots and this lot and then paints the lines. I am waiting for a response from him to give me a price. We can also ask him if he is interested in painting the lines throughout town since he has the equipment to do so.

Mr. Cardimen said the Coraopolis Fire Department has purchased new gear extractor. We do need the 30amp circuit stretched out of our box and H & L Electric gave us a quote of \$2,600.00 and I am asking if the Borough could pay to have that installed for us.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve H & L Electric to install a 30amp circuit for the new gear extractor for the Coraopolis Fire Department. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Robb Cardimen	Yes
Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Allison Marine	Yes

Gary Flasco Yes
Kim Haskins Yes
Mike Harris Yes
Joe Szabat Yes
Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Mr. McCutcheon said we were awarded a \$465,000.00 grant to do Montour Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. Mr. Null will probably bring this up next week and we can make a motion to have them prepare the specs and we can get started as soon as possible. This grant also includes the sidewalks and curbing.

Mr. McCutcheon said the gentleman who used to do our meter inspections is willing to offer \$5.00 per single headed meter which he claims is more than what we could get for scrap price. I am not sure what the scrap price is and I don't know how much work is involved in separating the heads.

Mr. Tollis said I can take some to the scrap yard and see how much they offer and then we can make a determination on which option to go with.

Mr. McCutcheon said the people we did the easement on down on Pennsylvania Avenue make a 3x3 foot blocks that are 6 feet long. I think we can get some from them for a good price and then we can look into buying the cover, like Fratangelo has on 4th Avenue.

Mr. Cardimen said if we do something like this, I would want it three sides of block and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said someone called about the mulch at the KaBoom Playground.

Mr. Tollis said I do have a number for the woman who said she wants to volunteer and bring some of the mulch.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have to figure how much mulch, what kind of mulch and how to get it in there.

Mr. Harris said the water for the baseball field, I don't know when it is turned on, someone asked me.

Mr. McCutcheon said it is turned on.

Mr. Harris said because they said something about a baseball tournament coming up.

Mr. McCutcheon said you can't put that water on until it isn't going to freeze and he continued to explain.

Mr. Szabat made a motion to go into Executive Session. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to Adjourn. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.