

Borough of Coraopolis  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference  
April 10, 2024  
6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Coraopolis was called to order by Council Vice-President George Mihalyi.

Police Chief Denbow led the gathering in the Pledge to the Flag.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

**Present**

Rudy Bolea

George Mihalyi

Allison Marine Via Teleconference

Gary Flasco

Kim Haskins

Mike Harris

Joe Szabat

Michael Dixon, Mayor

**Absent**

Robb Cardimen

Mr. Mihalyi said Mr. Cardimen and Mr. Spencer will not be in attendance this evening due to participating in a disaster drill today at the airport.

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

Mr. Mihalyi said we have a presentation for Officer John Haring.

Police Chief Denbow said I would like to recognize and commend Officer John Haring for the work he has done for the past fifteen years on the Borough Ordinances as our Ordinance Officer while also performing his regular patrol duties and investigations.

Mayor Dixon presented Officer Haring with the Outstanding Community Service Award.

Officer Haring said thank you all, I appreciate it and he continued to explain.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2024, Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for April 2024 in the amount of \$201,397.77. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Alison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Kim Haskins	Yes
Mike Harris	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes

Motion carried.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$133,264.87. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Alison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Kim Haskins	Yes
Mike Harris	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes

Motion carried.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1824 amending Ordinance 1249 prohibiting parking on the west side of Chess Street from the southern side of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the northern side of Hiland Avenue. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Alison Marine	Yes
Gary Flasco	Yes
Kim Haskins	Yes
Mike Harris	Yes
Joe Szabat	Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 (Final) to decrease the contract amount by \$22,335.25 for the Riverfront Park Improvement project with C.H. & D. Enterprises, Inc. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea	Yes
George Mihalyi	Yes
Alison Marine	Yes

Gary Flasco            Yes  
Kim Haskins            Yes  
Mike Harris            Yes  
Joe Szabat            Yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Bolea asked for an explanation.

Mr. McCutcheon said the original contract was hundreds of thousands of dollars and this is decreasing it.

Mr. Null said this is to reconcile final quantities and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize LSSE to prepare Bid Documents for the Montour Street Roadway Improvement Project. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve the purchase of 8 Light Fixtures for the Town Square Parking Lot from Sternburg not to exceed \$18,000.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea            Yes  
George Mihalyi        Yes  
Alison Marine        Yes  
Gary Flasco            Yes  
Kim Haskins            Yes  
Mike Harris            Yes  
Joe Szabat            Yes

Motion carried.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve the purchase of three 8-foot Rectangle Perforated Steel Tables, one 8-foot Portable ADA Rectangle Perforated Steel Table and two 46-inch Square Perforated Steel Tables for \$10,023.93 for the Riverfront Park from Snider Recreation, Inc. COSTAR # 014-e22-255. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote

Rudy Bolea            No  
George Mihalyi        Yes  
Alison Marine        Yes  
Gary Flasco            Yes  
Kim Haskins            Yes  
Mike Harris            Yes  
Joe Szabat            Yes

Motion carried.

Ms. Haskins made a motion approve the use of Shelley Jones Memorial Park on Sunday, August 18, 2024, for the CFW Cancer Support Group Church event and the closure of Mill Street from the northernly corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the Water Plant Building from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mr. Bolea seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve a handicap sign for Verna Lyles of 507 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Richard Start said the parties have submitted their briefs on the zoning appeal case for Mr. Shallenberger's Riverhounds Facility and the decision is pending in front of the Judge. I do not have a timeline, so it can be any day or a long time from now, but as soon as I do know I will report it.

### **Police Chief's Report**

Chief Denbow gave the Police Department Report for the month of March 2024.

Chief Denbow said the National Drug Take Back from the DEA will be April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 2 pm. We have a drop box in the front room for unused prescriptions. Do not bring any needles as they will not be accepted.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Drew Null said Riverfront Park; you have the change order that was acted upon this evening. We do not have a pay request and some minor punchlist items are outstanding, but they are being worked on.

Mr. Null said the grant application update for the third and next phase includes the DCNR application was made earlier this month. The resolution was taken care of last month for the Greenways Trails Program, so we're working on finalizing it.

Mr. Drew Null said the Ridge Avenue Tot Lot; the COSTARS proposal for the surface was approved last month. I did get an update from the contractor on the playground equipment. I am planning on a field meeting next week, and be in shortly after that, so start the prep work.

Mr. Drew Null said the Mill Street Roadway Improvements; conceptual plans are being worked on to bring it back to Council.

Mr. Drew Null said Neely Heights Roadway and Waterline and Sewer Improvements; I anticipate having this out to bid for consideration for next month's meeting.

Mr. Drew Null said Montour Street was out for motion this evening funding in the amount of \$456,516.00 was awarded through the Commonwealth Finance Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund. This is below the request of \$565,000.00 for the project, but still substantial.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; there are a number of grant applications listed. There isn't a response on the COG and PennDOT Multimodal. You have until the end of May if you want to look at the Flood Mitigation Program. Eligible projects include engineering studies required for levy certification.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dixon said I would like to extend my extreme thanks for the condolences that my family and I received from the community and Council Members in regards to the passing of my father.

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

Mr. Flasco said the Personnel Committee has a second meeting scheduled with the Police regarding their contract. This is scheduled for the end of the month.

Mr. Bolea said I have nothing this evening.

Ms. Marine said I have nothing to report this evening.

Ms. Haskins said I have nothing to report.

Mr. Szabat said the Library Board met last week and I advised them that there would be a motion at the Workshop Meeting regarding the asbestos abatement contract. The low bidder was BLT Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$37,255.00. Mid Atlantic Environmental Consultants will oversee the abatement project at a rate of \$400.00 for every eight hours of work and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris said I have a comment on Ms. Barb Williams who is looking for a longer payment process with delinquent tax payments. Mr. Cardimen and I had a call with Tucker Arensberg and eventually an extension would be on the Borough and asked about fees that the Borough would incur due to penalties and administrative work. These fees would eventually be passed back onto the resident and he continued to explain. Mr. Harris said there are personal choices that can be made with the property owner, if they so choose. That is the best that we can do, I was hoping Ms. Williams would be here to hear this information, but I will make sure that she does get it.

## **Managers' Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said I received a request today from the CCDC and they want to close the section of Pine Alley from Broadway to the back of their property. Their event is not until May 11<sup>th</sup>, so it can be added to the Workshop agenda and it can be approved at the Workshop Meeting next month.

Mr. McCutcheon said if you haven't heard, the Sewickley Bridge will close completely starting on the evening of Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and will be closed for ten days. There will be some extra traffic in Coraopolis, so we will have Officers at 5<sup>th</sup> and Montour, Ridge and 5<sup>th</sup> and Ferree and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Civil Service Test was administered last night and it is my understanding that it went well.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have a parade meeting scheduled with the VFW for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are having some more issues with the Riverhounds, they were playing music with the doors closed and people on Cornell Street were hearing the bass. We also had an officer on the Montour Trail and he said he could hear the bass as well. We are not getting anywhere negotiating with them so it will go before a judge and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we do need to pick a date for the Grand Opening of Riverfront Park. Do we want to do that before Memorial Day and maybe have a cook out with hot dogs? A discussion pursued and Mr. McCutcheon said let me know what everyone wants to do.

Mayor Dixon said let me know when you pick a date and I will get the hot dogs for you.

Mr. McCutcheon said a Riverfront Park was mentioned on television which made me think that there are many Riverfront Parks along the Ohio River, so maybe we should refer to it as the Coraopolis Riverfront Park and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Cardimen and I were looking at the Tot Lot and there are quite a few trees on the west side of the playground area. Rick came out and he will remove about 20 trees for \$4,080.00. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said there are two other trees along the walkway (if you know where the steps going down to the YMCA were) there are two trees there that he said he will remove for \$1,800.00.

Mr. McCutcheon said Ms. Marine and I met with the STS representative for the cameras and he was happy to hear those trees were coming down, so two cameras will cover everything and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said Ms. Marine got a quote for the cameras at Riverfront Park in the amount of \$10,717.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I talked with Dennis (our IT person) and explained we would be using the internet from the CWSA and he was shocked of how old the system is and advised us to contact Verizon to upgrade and a discussion pursued.

Mayor Dixon said if you want me to look over any of that just let me know, I am happy to give my professional opinion.

Mr. McCutcheon said I'd be happy to.

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

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

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

Motion Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting Adjourned.