

Borough of Coraopolis  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Council Meeting via teleconference  
September 11, 2024  
6:30 PM

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

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

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

**Absent**

Michael Dixon, Mayor

Mr. Cardimen asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001 and the lives lost.

Mr. Cardimen said are there any questions on the agenda from Borough Council? Are there visitor requests and comments regarding agenda items? Being none the meeting continued.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve minutes of the September 4, 2024 Council Workshop Meeting. Mr. Szabat seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve the Invoices for September 2024 in the amount of \$335,045.36.

Mr. McCutcheon said on the last page you will see the Bank of New York in the amount of \$165,850.00 and that is the principal and interest payment for this period for the debt service on the building.

Mr. Bolea made a motion to approve the Invoices for September 2024, in the amount of \$335,045.36. 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.

Ms. Haskins made a motion to approve the Payroll for the month of August 2024, in the amount of \$143,996.88. Mr. Bolea 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. Harris made a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$476,549.27 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for the Neely Heights Avenue Roadway and Utility Improvement Project. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion. Mr. McCutcheon said we look to get reimbursed by the Authority and by Columbia Gas.

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. Harris made a motion to approve the funding of the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the year 2025 in the amount of \$111,596.00 for the Police Pension Plan and Non-uniform Employees' Pension Plan does not need funded. Mr. Szabat 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. Harris made a motion to approve Concurring Resolution No. 24-421 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program requesting \$29,700.00 in funding for demolition of 607 Chess Street. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made motion to approve Concurring Resolution No. 24-422 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program requesting \$31,900.00 in funding for demolition of 1013 Montour Street Extension. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Concurring Resolution No. 24-423 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program requesting \$31,900.00 in funding for demolition of 1110 Montour Street Extension. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Concurring Resolution No. 24-424 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program requesting \$27,500.00 in funding for demolition of 735 6th Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Concurring Resolution No. 24-425 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program requesting \$33,000.00 in funding for demolition of 817 6th Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Slum & Blight Resolution 24-426 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program for demolition of 607 Chess Street. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Slum & Blight Resolution 24-427 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program for demolition of 1013 Montour Street Extension. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Slum & Blight Resolution 24-428 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program for demolition of 1110 Montour Street Extension. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Slum & Blight Resolution 24-429 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program for demolition of 735 6th Avenue. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Slum & Blight Resolution 24-430 to apply for Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) Act 152 Blight Removal Program for demolition of 817 6th Avenue. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Richard Start said I have nothing to report.

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

Chief Stewart gave the Police Department Report for the month of August 2024.

### **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Spencer said in August 2024 the Coraopolis Volunteer Fire Department answered 18 calls; 11 mutual aid calls, 1 carbon monoxide call, 2 smoke detector calls, 2 elevator entrapments, 1 false alarm and 1 water emergency.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the monthly report and said Riverfront Park; we met with the DCNR in the past month and are working toward closing out and requesting final grant funding through them. We will get a meeting scheduled to talk conceptual plan updates for future phases.

Mr. Drew Null said Neely Heights Roadway and Waterline and Sewer Improvements; the pay request was on the agenda this evening. This is not the final, we are still holding 5% retainage which is about \$35,000.00. The majority of work was completed this week and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Montour Street Roadway Improvements; we had a preconstruction meeting with the Contractor and their tentative schedule is to start in the next two weeks.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; you had a number of resolutions this evening for demolition projects.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; there is a new subdivision plan that came through in the past month. The County provided their review and we completed our review and a revised plan was returned this week.

Mr. Drew Null said Water and Sewer Authority; and directed everyone to the handout for the Annual MS4 Update as he continued with training for the Borough Council.

Mr. Mihalyi said is there a plan for Montour Street? I know there was a meeting yesterday.

Mr. McCutcheon said traffic control was discussed and we are going to try to at least get the trucks to go to Broadway, so they can cross at the traffic signal and a discussion pursued.

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

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

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

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

Ms. Marine said the Tot Lot Playground on the 1000 block of Ridge Avenue has opened. This was a renovation that has done over the course of this year. The playground is opened from dawn to dusk and we have surveillance cameras operating. We have worked with State Manor and have parking spots available near the playground and she continued to explain.

Ms. Marine said regarding the Shade Tree Commission, I want to thank the volunteers who helped mulch new trees over the last month as well as our Board Member Tom who installed brick borders at the Town Square. We are working with the CCDC for a Cory Cleanup Day, scheduled for Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am and will be focusing on the parks and the Central Business District.

Ms. Haskins said I have nothing this evening.

Mr. Szabat said I had a resident mention to me that when they walk dogs on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues there are dogs that charge out at them and I advised them to call the police right away.

Mr. Szabat said regarding the library, the asbestos has been removed and the County has tested the air quality and have given it an all clear. When some shelving that was bolted to the ceiling was removed a bow developed and a structural engineer will be there tomorrow so we will wait for his assessments and recommendations and he continued to explain.

Mr. Szabat said the Coraopolis Historical Society has a space in the library basement to hold their artifacts and there isn't a lot of activity going on there and Ms. Hampe has a high degree of use for that space. The CCDC has agreed to take the artifacts and keep them in their care and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said the historical value of some of these artifact's date back to the inspection of this town, what is the lineage and the care if the CCDC goes out of business in five years? He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said we may want to put an agreement together stating that Council would get control of these items if the CCDC should close and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Harris said I met with Chief Stewart and the number of ordinance violation letters that went out is welcoming. That, along with the work of Mr. McCutcheon filing for the funding for the demolition projects throughout town is really great news for our Borough

## **Borough Manager's Report**

Mr. McCutcheon said I have a meeting coming up with PennDOT where they will discuss the slide on Montour Street Extension and the bidding will probably start in the fall of 2025. We are getting numerous calls from people saying this isn't safe and we do try to explain that it is a state issue and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we had a meeting with Chase Schemm, he's with GSRC Development and they would like to start a conservatorship in Coraopolis. They look at properties that are not being taken care of or have back taxes, so we have asked them to come to the Workshop Meeting next month and give a presentation of their plans. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

### **Comments from the Public**

Ms. Tracy Baker Serba of 1818 Devonshire Road said I was here for the Workshop Meeting last week and I learned a lot. During the meeting you talked about the grass cutting ordinance and the height of the grass being six inches. Someone mentioned that some elderly people may not be able to keep their grass cut. I did some research and in Iowa, students at this high school can earn PE credits by doing yard work for older and disabled community members and she continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I can talk with Dr. Thomas.

Catherine Cocco from 820 Chestnut Street said I am on the school board at Cornell and I love this idea and will bring it up to the School Board the next time we have our meeting.

Mr. Szabat made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Haskins seconded the motion.

Motion approved by Unanimous Voice Vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**