

CITY OF CORRY

CHAMBERS/ZOOM - ONLINE

7:00 PM

APRIL 17, 2023

Mayor Baker opened the meeting followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call found Council members Fike, Lindstrom, Roche and Sproveri present, along with City Solicitor Caparosa, City Administrator Smith, Public Works Manager Leofsky, Police Chief Cherry, Police Lt. Kitchen, Fire Chief Hodak, City Treasurer Kelly and City Engineer Maas by Zoom.

(1) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(2) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023 Special Meeting; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(3) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 CDBG Public Hearing; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Hearing of the Public: None

(4) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file a petition requesting a prominently marked crosswalk to enable safe passage for pedestrians between the current ramps located near Great Lakes Graphics and Hiram's Marketplace on North Center St. The petition has 25 signatures; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Leofsky offered discussion - reading requirements from Penn Dot that had been provided to a previous request. It was discussed that we can request the crosswalk and see what kind of a response we get.

(5) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file letter from David Bean resigning from employment with the Public Works Department; Mayor Baker seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(6) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion approve resignation from David Bean with his final day of employment being April 21, 2023; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(7) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file letter dated March 14, 2023 from Benjamin Kafferlin resigning from the Airport Authority; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(8) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve resignation from Benjamin Kafferlin from the Airport Authority; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(9) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 11, 2023 from the Airport Authority recommending Tina Freeman to fill the vacancy on the Airport Authority; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(10) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 11, 2023 from the Airport Authority requesting review and approval of the Business Plan, Strategic Plan and Services Agreement; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(11) Mrs. Lindstrom made a motion to receive and file email dated April 11, 2023 from Jeff Zupanc resigning as the City's delegate on the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(12) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to appoint Mayor Mike Baker as the City's voting delegate on the Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the year of 2023; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously with Mayor Baker abstaining from the vote.

ROLL CALL

**APPROVE 3/20/2023
REGULAR MTG MINUTES**

**APPROVE 3/24/2023
SPECIAL MTG MINUTES**

**APPROVE 4/6/2023 CDBG
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

CROSSWALK PETITION

D BEAN RESIGNATION LTR

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**B KAFFERLIN AIRPORT
AUTH. RESIGNATION LTR**

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AUTH. RESIGNATION**

**AIRPORT AUTH
RECOMMENDATION LTR
T FREEMAN**

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST LTR**

**J ZUPANC MPO
RESIGNATION LTR**

**MAYOR BAKER VOTING
DELEGATE MPO**

(13) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file notification dated April 14, 2023. From Charter Communications/Spectrum regarding an upcoming fee change; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(14) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 Code Compliance Report; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(15) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 Fire Report; Mayor Baker seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(16) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 Police Report; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(17) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 Public Works Report; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(18) Mr. Roche made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 Community Center Report; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(19) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 North Hills Golf Course Report; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(20) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file the 1st quarter 2023 Budgets vs Actual Report; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(21) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve Resolution 23-05 authorizing the filing and acceptance of the Enterprise Zone Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(22) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve Resolution 23-06 authorizing the submission of a loan application to the Erie County Redevelopment Authority to borrow up to \$500,000 from the Municipal Revolving Loan Fund to be used for the purpose of resurfacing and/or paving public streets within the City of Corry. Also, authorizing the City Administrator to prepare and execute the loan application; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(23) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the following properties for consideration by the Erie County Lan Bank:

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| - 26 Franklin Street | - 538 Grand Street | - 415 Liberty Street |
| - 505 West Smith Street | - 363 South Center Street | - 19 West Park Place |
| - 64 East Pleasant Street | - 550 East South Street | |

Mayor Baker opened discussion by saying that 505 W Smith St is a double lot that he'd hate to see Erie County Land Bank in control of when it's viable for development. He stated he believed he spoke with someone interested in looking at 64 E Pleasant St and 550 E South St who have rehabilitated some houses in town and that we don't need to lose houses if someone is interested in rehabilitating them. Mayor Baker said he'd like to see those properties taken off the list for now so a private individual has the opportunity to look at them.

Mr. Sproveri asked Mayor Baker if we would just wait for someone to purchase the property at 505 W Smith St— Mayor Baker stated there is a tax lien on it and it's a bare lot and 3 apartments that could be cleaned up and developed into several uses.

Mr. Fike stated these have all been vacant and left to go for a long time and is concerned we are backing the train up for something that's been left to go for years in some cases – Mayor Baker said this person asked if there where houses in Corry to buy and she's interested in them. Mr. Sproveri stated he'd like to meet with this individual and hear the plans for the property.

Tina Freeman spoke as a member of CNI who has had great discussion over these properties – CNI doesn't

**CHARTER COMM
/SPECTRUM FEE CHANGE**

**1ST QTR REPORT – CODE
COMPLIANCE**

1ST QTR REPORT – FIRE

1ST QTR REPORT – POLICE

**1ST QTR REPORT – PUBLIC
WORKS**

**1ST QTR REPORT –
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**1ST QTR REPORT – NORTH
HILLS GOLF COURSE**

**1ST QTR BUDGETS VS
ACTUAL REPORTS**

**RES 23-05
ENTERPRISE ZONE APP**

**RES 23-06 ERIE COUNTY
RDA LOAN APPLICATION**

ERIE COUNTY LAND BANK

move on these properties until there are bad things happening and asks that we don't go more than 6 months or even a month to decide on these properties and let them sit and become more of a hazard.

Mr. Fike seconded the motion which was voted down unanimously.

(24) Mr. Roche made a motion to table all of the properties for consideration by the Erie County Land Bank; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion.

(25) Mr. Roche made a motion to deny the request for the repository sale of 06-021-015.0-011.00, Sciota Street, due to the applicant not abiding to the City's Repository Sale Policy; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(26) Mr. Roche made a motion for the creation of a Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee for the time period needed for the creation of the new Zoning Ordinance. Appointing the following members of the committee:

- Phil Conklin, Zoning Officer
- Scott Johnson, Planning Commission Member
- William "Buzz" Hammond, City Controller
- Joanne Smith, City Administrator

The committee will dissolve after the new Zoning Ordinance has been enacted; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(27) Mr. Sproveri made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the Water Works Field on Sciota Road with the Corry Soccer Association for a term of 10 years; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(28) Mr. Sproveri made a motion for the elimination of the City of Corry's Per Capita Tax and authorizing the City Administrator to complete any necessary documents to eliminate the tax; Mr. Fike seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(29) Mr. Fike made a motion to table the purchase of a new 2023 Ford SUV cruiser for the amount not to exceed \$40,000 utilizing a CoStars vendor to be able to look at other vendors; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(30) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 13, 2023 from the City of Corry Redevelopment Authority requesting the reversal of the recent address change for the property associated with tax parcel 07-026-085.0-014.00 the land between North 1st Avenue and North Center Street. The location of the RDA's office. The address change was due to a subdivision of the property. The request is due to undue hardship the change of address will cause; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(31) Mr. Fike made a motion to receive and file letter dated April 13, 2023 from Phil Conklin, Zoning Officer, explaining the details of the subdivision and the requirement of the address change from 9 N Center Street to 10 North 1st Avenue; Mrs. Lindstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(32) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the removal of the condition of the address change for the subdivision of 07-026-085.0-014.00. Motion also approves the reversal of the address back to 9 North Center Street; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(33) Mayor Baker made a motion to approve the bill list when the monies are available and the vouchers are signed; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(34) Mr. Fike made a motion to approve the restriction of funds in the amount of the following:

- Water: \$110,000
- Sewer: \$200,000
- Golf: \$ 30,000
- General: \$265,000

Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**ERIE COUNTY LAND
BANK – TABLE**

**REPOSITORY SALE
06-021-015.0-011.00
SCIOTA ST**

**ZONING ORDINANCE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WATER WORKS FIELD /
CORY SOCCER ASSOC
LEASE AGRMT**

**PER CAPITA TAX
ELIMINATION**

2023 FORD SUC CRUISER

**RDA SUBDIVISION
ADDRESS CHANGE LTR
07-026-085.0-014.00**

**ZONING LTR – RDA
SUBDIVISION ADDRESS
CHANGE**

**RDA ADDRESS CHANGE
REVERSAL 07-026-085.0-
014.00**

BILL LIST

RESTRICTED FUNDS

(35) Mr. Sproveri led discussion of the RACP and the Fire Station – he stated that the City received a \$500,000 grant under the last administration with original plans to encompass part of the City garage as the fire station. Once it had been approved, talks about the Sewer Plant started and it was realized there would not be enough room. It was put in for a change of address on the grant to possibly add on to station #2. After talking to RDA – we feel it is better to refuse the grant in order to figure out where to build a fire station – it has to happen, vehicles barely fit at the fire stations and we need to get a definite plan.

**RACP/FIRE STATION
GRANT DISCUSSION**

Mr. Fike stated that the original grant was specific to the City garage location – we went through several attempts to change that and it would be better to deny that grant and move forward with planning. Mr. Roche agreed.

Mr. Sproveri suggested we put a committee together to work on plans with fire, Council, admin and involve the RDA.

(36) Mayor Baker made a motion to form a committee with RDA, Council, public and fire to formulate a plan for where and how to apply for the funding; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**FIRE STATION GRANT
COMMITTEE**

(37) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the two sewer pipe repairs at the Waste Water Treatment Plant by T.S. Elliott Contracting LC in the amount not to exceed \$24,612; Mr. Roche seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**WWTP SEWER PIPE
REPAIRS – T.S. ELLIOT**

Bids received:

- T.S. Elliot Contracting LLC \$24,612
- Wm. T. Spaeder \$28,900
- Chivers Construction \$48,000

(38) Mr. Fike announced the following items:

- Spring Brush and Bagged Yard Waste is scheduled for April 17 – 28 and must be at the curb by April 14th.
- Spring Hydrant Flushing is scheduled for the week of May 1st (Ward 1 – Monday, Ward 2 – Tuesday, Ward 3 – Wednesday, Ward 4 – Thursday, Columbus & Wayne Twp. – Friday)

**SPRING BRUSH /
BAGGED YARD WASTE
& SPRING HYDRANT
FLUSHING**

(39) Mr. Roche made a motion to approve the following event requests; Mr. Sproveri seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Sausage Guy, every Thursday and Friday during the Summer
- Corry Lawrence Airport Drag Races – July 15th and September 17th, pending receipt of liability ins. and approval of the BOA.
- Thursdays in the Park – June 22nd through August 31st
- Running to Win 5K – June 17th, event organizer to contact Mead Park Assoc. regarding use of amphitheater.

**EVENT REQUESTS:
SAUSAGE GUY
AIRPORT DRAG RACES
THURSDAYS IN THE PARK
RUNNING TO WIN 5K**

(40) City Engineer Gus Maas said they are working on the design of the Storm Sewer Separation project on Spring Street and will have that ready to bid this summer. Also discussing with Mark – future areas for separation projects for next year.

**CITY ENGINEER UPDATE
– STORM SEWER
SEPARATION PROJECT**

Hearing of the Public: Corry Citizen, S Center St, asked if we had a pothole hotline. Mrs. Smith advised that we do and provided the phone numbers.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Rex Messenger stated he likes the square potholes better than the round potholes and the square potholes are holding up pretty good. He also stated the toters are growing on him but we didn't have too much snow with them this year. A concern about the toters is that when people move out, trash is laying all over and it shouldn't be the landlord's problem. He is also concerned about Penn State coming in to test our water and he's concerned about the poison being dumped in our water in Bear Lake and asks for the City to join in their protest.

Mayor Baker advised the new testing regulations relate to the product they make Teflon out of – if you scrape that, you need to stop because it will leach into our water. It is an industrial waste, chances of it being in Corry are slim to none. Mr. Messenger also asked how the handicap stuff he’s talked about before is going. Mr. Fike stated what is approved for resurfacing and repairs this year, we have 34 ramps that will have to be adjusted for repairs and resurfacing.

Sheri Taylor asked if there may be a better quality of paint to use for the crosswalks so they’d last longer – Mr. Leofsky discussed other options that are available.

Andrew Sproveri advised he will be doing a write in campaign and hopes to stay on Council.

Rod Whitehead, 1081 Rte. 426, spoke in regards to an article that had been in the Corry Journal – crimes that he was accused of. Mr. Whitehead added there is more to the story than what the City of Corry Police released to the Corry Journal. He stated he was assaulted outside his friend’s house, inside his vehicle with property damage to the vehicle. Mr. Whitehead asked to force the police department to examine his vehicle for evidence of the crimes that had been committed because the police department previously refused to do so and told him to get a private investigator. Cassandra Gonzalez, 43311 Rt 6, said Mr. Whitehead left the scene because he was being attacked and couldn’t physically stay there. Chief Cherry responded with their account of the events and stated that it was discussed with Mr. Whitehead’s attorney and it was decided it would be in the best interest to have him hire a private investigator to process his vehicle – his attorney agreed. Mayor Baker suggested that Mr. Whitehead chase down witnesses of the assault from that night to make statements and to get his vehicle checked out.

(41) Announcement of meetings:

- a. Thursday, May 4th, Work Session, 5:15 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom
- b. Monday, May 8th, Work Session regarding PlanCorry Project (Asset Study), 4 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom
- c. Thursday, May 11th, Work Session regarding PlanCorry Projects (Comp Plan and Zoning Ordinance), 5:15 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom
- d. Monday, May 15th, regular meeting, 7 pm in Council Chambers or by Zoom

MEETING SCHEDULE

(42) The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted:

Laura L. Thomas
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 City Clerk

