

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via Teleconference
August 17, 2021
6:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order by the Authority President John Schombert.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

PRESENT

Robb Cardimen
George Mihalyi
Karl Groom
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent
Drew Null – Authority Engineer
Nate Boring – Solicitor
Raymond McCutcheon – Manager

Mr. Schombert asked if there were any questions on the Agenda, being none, the meeting continued.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed from the July 20, 2021, Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we need a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for August 2021 in the amount of \$42,272.21 and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Harris said what are all of the refunds?

Mr. McCutcheon said this is for anyone who is moving and we charge them a little more than normal and after they are final billed, we send them a refund.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for August 2021 in the amount of \$42,272.21. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Groom	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Schombert	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for August 2021 in the amount of \$51,155.05 which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,516.16. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Groom	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Schombert	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Schombert said a portion of the Stormwater invoices are the activities beginning with the Brook Street project.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for August 2021 in the amount of \$14,977.55. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Groom	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Schombert	Yes

Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said the audit that I gave every Board Member was finalized and there were no issues. I will send it out again for everyone to look over.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project; we have the grant in the amount of \$1,117,000.00 for the Main Street waterline service replacement and also includes Ridge Avenue. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Schombert said this is a significant grant for this project and we need to make sure that we get this information out to our customers.

Mr. Null said we do have a conference call set up with PENNVEST for August 27th to discuss the closing process and moving forward with a timeline. The last update we had from them, they were looking at a closing sometime in December and we will confirm that date with the conference call and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said we'll have our survey crew there next week to get some final shots for the project.

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we did have the Committee Meeting and we discussed potential agreement with Moon. We need to discuss the next steps moving forward and we also had a call with the DEP to discuss requirements and permitting. The Comprehensive Monitoring Plan and the burden that it has become and trying to push DEP for an interim plan.

Mr. Null said regarding proposed funding sources, we've really been on hold with USDA and they seem to have changed the terms at times so I think it would be wise to get a conference call set up with them and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we have talked within the past month of getting with Council to get a schedule if this Board wants to explain the options to Council of findings and alternatives. This all will hinge on the agreement and getting back with USDA because they are going to want to see a copy of the agreement. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said the Montour Soccer Complex; there is no change this month and we still want to check on the status of the tap fee and the bond for that work. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said PennDOT Route 51, 4th Avenue Culvert Replacement; we'll get the reimbursement request to PennDOT and we'll get that finalized with the Manager.

Mr. Drew Null said CDBG 2022 (Year 48) Grant Cycle; the County has released an update and preapplications are due September 3rd. Talking with the Superintendent it looks like we are working towards a potential lining project and a final application will be due in the first couple of weeks in November and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said where are you talking about lining?

Mr. Deems said mainly the Orchard, Wellesley and a little bit of the State Avenue area.

Mr. Null said with this program the County does require you to qualify water and sewer projects with household income surveys so we'll get a list of impacted residents together and draft a letter to get out to them.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts; the Borough did receive submission for proposed development at 845 4th Avenue and that will be reviewed for proposed water and sanitary service.

Mr. Deems said there is an issue here, especially the sewer. I do not know where the lateral goes to, they will more than likely have to go out into 4th Avenue and connect with the manhole. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; the Borough is moving forward with reconstruction to Chess Street due to damage from a heavy storm event that worked its way under the brick. This scope will include some catch basin repairs and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough Road Program; the contract will be out at the end of the month for paving improvements and the Borough did authorize a change to include Vance Avenue and Pine Alley and there will be limited storm sewer work throughout those areas and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said Vance Avenue is the 1400 block from the McCabe Run area up 30 feet, it isn't the whole way up.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received a complaint on Pine Alley about a catch basin.

Mr. Deems said it looks like a catch basin on Mill Street and a manhole complaint which is actually Verizon and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Comprehensive Monitoring Plan, last month we talked about the emergency response plan and getting through the Risk and Resilience Assessment there's an update to your emergency response plan. I will get with Mr. Deems and we'll take a look at what is required and we have until the end of the year.

Mr. Drew Null said FY22 Community Project Funding Request; there is no update, from the awards that were made it does not look like the Main Street Project made the listing.

Mr. Drew Null said Long Term Control Plan; we have been talking about the Montour Lift Station Pilot Program and extending to those remaining properties.

Mr. Null said Act 537 Plan Special Study; this is the next step in the process and once this is completed, we can move into design. At this point the start of that has been hinging on the flow monitoring and the Howard Street Project and trying to get a last reduction through there. We have pulled the meters and are processing that data so pending authorization by the Board we can move forward. As a reminder you did receive a grant that was with the CFA with a 50% match which is about a \$35,000.00 project with \$17,000.00 in grant money received.

Mr. Schombert said we approved the 537 Study when we submitted the grant is there action needed at this point?

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said if we are okay to proceed you can give us a separate authorization to start the engineering and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the engineer to continue the Act 537 Special Study to completion. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Howard Street Sanitary Sewer, this is in close out and we did get an update last week and they are processing the last final comments.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer; this is out to bid and the bid opening is scheduled for August 31st.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, MS4 Compliance; the sampling memo's reviews were completed and were attached to the report last month. Over the past month the DEP did come in for their five-year term inspection and there were no violations noted and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; we're getting that permit package ready and I think that I do have some signature pages for those applications.

Mr. Drew Null said the CDBG Year 46 Grant Cycle; this is the catch basin project with A. Folino and they do have some punchlist items outstanding so we'll try to get those addressed in the next month.

Mr. Drew Null said the Flood Mitigation grant programs, there is no response at this point.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for July 2021 was 11M gallons. The daily average demand for the system was 355,000 gallons per day. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 109,000 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan is kind of on hold. I will plan to collect Nitrate/Nitrite and VOC samples in the coming weeks, but the SOC's and Radiologicals are on hold until we figure something out.

Sanitary Sewer System

Mr. Deems said on Watt Street we were working on replacing some of the controls and diaphragms. The bubbler check valves the factory finally got back to us on and said what we have is outdated and they don't have parts for that. When the time comes, we'll have to replace the whole check valve rather than trying to get the parts.

Mr. Deems said we tore down and rebuilt Pump #1 at Watt Street for preventive maintenance and it also had some bearing noise to it and it is back in service now.

Mr. Deems said Allegheny County came in and conducted a CSO system inspection last Thursday, we haven't received the report yet, but it seemed to go well and they did not note any concerns.

Storm System

Mr. Deems said there is nothing new to report for the Storm System.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring directed everyone to the MTMA Water Purchase Agreement and said I had some additional comments after our meeting that I emailed on July 29th. I will ultimately share it with MTMA or meet with them to discuss it once we're ready to start the negotiating and he continued to explain. Mr. Schombert said we need to set up a Committee Meeting with you because I think some of the Board is seeing your comments for the first time.

Mr. Nate Boring said I made some changes to the application for dye testing inspection sheet and sent to Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. Deems so if there is anything on it that you want changed let me know and we can get that finalized.

Mr. Schombert said can you send me a copy as well?

Mr. Boring said I will forward that right now.

Mr. Schombert said on a side issue, Alcosan Communities will be approached shortly with a final agreement for the combined sewer systems and the separate sewer systems and a longer-term agreement with moving forward with source reduction. These are the kind of things we need to watch because what they are pushing with Alcosan we need to be considering with our action plan and he continued to explain.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said at some point we need to get back with the Union to talk about the contract, because we have now gone eight months without a contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Harris said I went to the Second Saturday Event last Saturday and I was approached by a resident who has the bollards on Kable Way that we have talked about and the possibility moving them. I'm not sure where we ended up with that. This is really restricting the parking on Main Street.

Mr. Deems said we are definitely going to move them a little.

Mr. Harris said another resident came up to me and said they were on vacation and received a disconnect notice for their bill being two days past their due date. They were very aggravated and thought the letter was excessive.

Mr. McCutcheon said that is the process. When a bill goes past the due date the delinquent notice is sent out. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said I spoke with Mr. Schombert before the meeting and we are looking at this water supply agreement with MTMA and at this point in our juncture if we do this, we are taking away any source of revenue that you have for this Authority. The Board may want to consider asking Moon what the cost would be to take it all. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED