

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via Teleconference
October 19, 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

George Mihalyi
Karl Groom
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ABSENT

Robb Cardimen

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent
Drew Null – Authority Engineer
Devanté Miles – 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

Mr. Anthony Iorio of 1025 Vance Avenue said I was doing house renovations and once the water was shut off there was an old tub downstairs that continued to leak and it came down from a hose so you couldn't hear any drips, but I fixed it right away. He continued to explain and Mr. Schombert explained the Excessive Use Policy.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Anthony Iorio of 1025 Vance Avenue.

Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021, Authority Meeting.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for October 2021 in the amount of \$39,343.31. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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 October 2021 in the amount of \$50,397.40, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,516.16. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes
Mr. Groom Yes
Mr. Harris Yes
Mr. Schombert Yes
Motion Carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said do we know when we will get the revision from RSA?

Mr. Deems said we will likely vote on it on Thursday and they will approve it after that.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for October 2021 in the amount of \$7,464.72.

Mr. Mihalyi said what are the two invoices for Jordan Tax Service?

Mr. McCutcheon said they do the professional collection services for us and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for October 2021 in the amount of \$7,464.72. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes
Mr. Groom Yes
Mr. Harris Yes
Mr. Schombert Yes
Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Deems and I had an opportunity to meet with the Moon Township Municipal Authority and went over the calculations for wholesale water purchases. It was very enlightening and the calculation made a lot of sense and they only charge for the portion coming to where we would buy from and he continued to explain. Mr. McCutcheon said they did offer to take us on a tour.

Mr. Schombert said I suggest that we do that.

Mr. McCutcheon said with regards to the financials, water is around 75% on the rentals and 71% on expenditures which is where you would expect it. Sewer is 74% on rentals and 75% on expenditures and Stormwater is at 91% and I think that is the highest that we've ever had of what I budgeted, but we are still not getting the school's money because that's tied up.

Mr. Boring said not too long ago I checked with the Commonwealth Court and they haven't moved and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I think they paid us the first year, but haven't paid since so that leaves around \$40,000.00 that we haven't collected.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for September 2021 was 10.3M gallons. The daily average demand for the system was 341,000 gallons per day, which is about 10,000.00 gallons less than last month. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 114,000 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said we had to replace the HMI touchscreen in the Fleming Street pump station for the SCADA RTU. Fortunately, we were able to do this inhouse without calling in an outside company. The company that we previously used was D² and we called them and they led me in the right direction.

Mr. Deems said we had to recollect the 3rd quarter VOC samples because the laboratory that we sent the samples to actually analyzed the wrong contaminants. They did send us new bottles at no charge, and it didn't fix their mistake and unfortunately it was one day after the 3rd quarter.

Mr. Schombert said is that creating a monitoring violation for us?

Mr. Deems said it is kind of a gray area, that requirement has never actually hit our calendar officially, so I'm not sure how the DEP will look at it.

Mr. Schombert said have you collected them now?

Mr. Deems said they have been collected and analyzed.

Mr. Deems said we began the fall flushing for this year.

Sanitary Sewer System

Mr. Deems said the Kappe Associates field service tech was in and completed the annual maintenance for the Montour Comminutor. He did note that the cutting components that are due to be replaced next year would be at an estimated cost of \$5,400.00 for the parts.

Mr. Deems said conducted three time-of-sale dye tests in the separate sewer areas. Two in the Montour Run area passed and one in the Arch Street Ejector area failed and will require some work.

Storm System

Mr. Deems said we purchased a frame/grate that needs replaced in the 700 block of Pine Way and plan to do that inhouse as time permits.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did receive a letter of credit for \$10,000.00 for the failed dye test at the church and I think that it is good for a year and a discussion pursued.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project; we are getting the bid documents finalized and ready to get out. The Pennvest the next meeting will be November 16th and the discussion with them was to have the bids opened so that we can discuss results at that time.

Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize the solicitation of bids for the Pennvest Lead Line Replacement. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Null said I do have a draft letter ready for Authority letterhead so I will circulate a word file if anyone wants to look at this in more detail and we will get this out to the impacted residents to inform them that the project is coming, and that we are receiving grant funding and let them know what will and will not be replaced in a service. If you don't have lead then your service will not be replaced and he continued to explain.

Mr. Boring said will this be temporary construction easements?

Mr. Null said correct.

Mr. Boring said you may want that clear in the letter.

Mr. Null said we will update that letter with that.

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; this is the USDA and we are working through the PER and ER updates and the last discussion we had with the committee was to revisit the list of waterline projects. We will meet with the Superintendent in the next couple of weeks and see if there are any updates there.

Mr. Null said there are comments from the Solicitors Office regarding the Bulk Water Agreement and one of the items there was to preform water quality analysis to check the two between Moon and Coraopolis and we will have those results shortly.

Mr. Drew Null said the Montour Soccer Complex; there was a conference call with the developer to talk through the next steps, there is still the tap fee, the bond is outstanding, they did get some materials delivered to the site and they did provide some shop drawings and we did get those reviewed. The schedule is still not clear and there are still some paperwork items we have going back and forth with them. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said CDBG 2022 (Year 48) Grant Cycle; we did get a response from the County and the preapplication was approved and is moving forward. You will need to do Household Income Surveys to qualify the application. The final application does also require a concurring resolution.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Concurring Resolution 21-95 requesting funding in the amount of \$91,000.00 for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Schombert Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts; the Borough did receive a response from the County as part of the land development application submitted for this site that was returned looking like it was administratively incomplete and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said there is a floodplain issue there, so they had to rework it some to get it out of there.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; the Borough did award this contract to Independent Enterprises and the project does include reconstruction of the road and installation of stormwater facilities along Chess Street.

Mr. Schombert said is our responsibility only the stormwater portion?

Mr. Null said correct, the stormwater portion of installing catch basins and is a round figure of \$48,000 in budget and it does also include an alternate for restoration of areas on 5th Avenue following Authority repairs.

Mr. Drew Null said Allegheny County GEDTF; you do have two applications here so there are two resolutions for this evening.

Mr. Null said the first application is for the Pollutant Reduction Plan and is an MS4 requirement for the Brook Street Stream Restoration Project. The opinion of probably cost is \$350,000.00 and note that you did get \$125,000.00 in funding from the State so this is an attempt to ask for the remaining amount of the project.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 21-96 for GEDTF grant funding in the amount of \$225,000.00 for the Brook Street Stream Restoration Project. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Schombert Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Null said with all of your waterlines and in consideration with USDA the second application is for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. The application request is for a GEDTF Grant in the amount of \$470,000.00 for this project.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Resolution 21-97 for GEDTF grant funding in the amount of \$470,000.00 for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Schombert Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Drew Null said Comprehensive Monitoring Plan, we prepared the interim CMP following discussions with DEP and outlook moving forward with potential to transfer to Moon did get that draft over to the Superintendent for comment. We will be revising some minor comments and get it submitted to the DEP.

Mr. Drew Null said Emergency Response Plan; with the completion of the Risk and Resilience Assessment earlier in the year the Authority has to certify that you have updated the Emergency Response Plan and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items, the Long Term Control Plan; update with the Act 537 Plan Special Study we are processing the flow data and look to have an update at the next Committee Meeting and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer and Waterline; this is the joint project with the Borough and we did have a preconstruction meeting and a notice to proceed was issued to the contractor. Over the past week we have been reviewing some shop drawings and they are looking to get started in the next week.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, MS4 Compliance; the annual report was filed.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; we are moving forward with the project with grant funding that was already secured by the Authority. Easements are required and we'll get those over to the Authority.

Mr. Null said we did get feedback today stating that the DEP may not require permits.

Mr. Drew Null said the CDBG Year 46 Grant Cycle; this is the inlet repair project and some punchlist items still remain with A. Folino and there is not a payment request for this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said there is an update on the PFAS litigation and the first round of discovery is over, but it is still far in the future before we will see an outcome from this.

Mr. McCutcheon said this has been mentioned a couple of times, if we were to go with Moon would that have any effect on this?

Mr. Boring said it would change our damages and the whole point of the litigation is to pay for our remediation costs. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Groom made a motion to give a 4% increase for the Superintendent, \$1.50 increase for the Office Clerk and a .50 increase for the Administrative Assistant. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Schombert Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to give a 4% increase for the Authority Manager. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Schombert Yes

Motion Carried.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED