

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via Teleconference
December 21, 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 6:01 Arrival
George Mihalyi
Karl Groom via phone
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent
Larry Lennon, Jr. – Authority Engineer via phone
Devanté Miles – Authority Engineer via phone
Nate Boring – Solicitor via phone
Raymond McCutcheon – Manager

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

Public Comments

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Barbara Estridge of 913 6th Avenue explaining that her main line under her sink broke which caused Excessive Use.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Barbara Estridge of 913 6th Avenue.

Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed from the November 16, 2021, Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for December 2021 in the amount of \$58,455.29. 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. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for December 2021 in the amount of \$57,534.60, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,695.41. 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. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for December 2021 in the amount of \$13,814.46. 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. McCutcheon said we still have an average reserve on the books, so I tried to work it to make sure that we didn't have to raise rates this year. The estimate for water was figured as a six-month purchase at a price from Moon even though we know that it hasn't been settled. Some of the operating costs were reduced and we are down one employee from retirement. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the 2022 Water Budget in the amount of \$1,606,760.00 with no rate increase. 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.

Mr. McCutcheon said concerning the Sewer Budget, the only big item is RSA and there isn't an increase with that. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the 2022 Sewer Budget in the amount of \$1,117,000.00 with no rate increase. 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.

Mr. McCutcheon said the revenue is still around \$400,000.00, the grant that we were awarded is \$125,000.00 and we have built up a nice reserve on Stormwater, so I have us spending the \$350,000.00 on a PRP Capital Project and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater Budget in the amount of \$600,000.00. Mr. Cardimen 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 asked Mr. Boring to explain the 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local Union No. 1058.

Mr. Nate Boring said the contract is ready to go and the last changes we had were the life insurance policy where they are able to buy after they retire at their sole expense. The scheduling of vacation and if they don't do it ahead of time, they have to submit it in writing to Mr. Deems and in advance and it can't leave us short-staffed. Other than that, nothing has been changed since the last version was circulated.

The Union has accepted everything and it is ready to execute tonight.

Mr. McCutcheon said I did send the contract out to all of the Board Members. It was a freeze in 2021, \$1.50 next year and .75¢ in year 3 and .75¢ in year 4 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the 2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local Union No. 1058. 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. Schombert said we will take a break from the Agenda for a moment for an Audience Remark. Mary Quarles from 1121 Birch Way said I received a high water bill and found that it was due to a toilet running and she continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert explained the Excessive Use Policy and said we have to make sure we capture the last meter reading that happened after the repairs were made.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Mary Quarles of 1121 Birch Way encompassing the entire event pending the final reading. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Non-NPDES Review fee in the amount of \$1,900.00 made payable to the Allegheny County Conservation District asked if this is related to the PRP. Mr. McCutcheon said this is related to the PA Chapter 105.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Non-NPDES Review fee in the amount of \$1,900.00 made payable to the Allegheny County Conservation District. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to authorize the Manager to sign PA Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and Department of Environment Protection General Information Form – Authorization Application and Mr. Mihalyi asked for an explanation.

Mr. Lennon, Jr. said this is for the McCabe Run Stream Restoration and these permits are for a joint application with the DEP so that the restoration can be done and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize the Manager to sign PA Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and Department of Environment Protection General Information Form – Authorization Application. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said I have been working on the budgets, so I will go over the financials during Old Business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Devanté Miles directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project; you have an upcoming call with PENNVEST on December 27th and a bid opening is scheduled for January 12th 2022.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we had a conference call July of 2021 and have an update conference call with the DEP to be scheduled during January 2022 and he proceeded to list the available dates.

Mr. Schombert said please send those dates via email.

Mr. Miles said I will resend the email with the dates; they were originally sent last week.

Mr. Devanté Miles said we have begun revisions to the PER and the Emergency Report and the preliminary engineers report. We have also contacted Cyrus Rice consulting to perform demonstration testing for both the CWSA and MTMA systems. This demonstration testing will provide a better analysis on corrosion control between the two systems and their water quality.

Mr. Schombert said we decided to go ahead with this analysis even though we are not moving forward on the Moon agreement. We may have times where we will have to buy water from them and we want to understand the water quality aspects and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the Montour Soccer Complex; the developer advised that they will be starting construction tomorrow installing the waterline and we will have a representative on site.

Mr. Devanté Miles said O'Reilly Auto Parts; we are going to schedule a meeting with the Authority and Solicitor to discuss any additional options regarding their previous submission.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; this work was completed on December 20th and we are going to prepare a punchlist to issue to the contractor.

Mr. McCutcheon said did they do the work on 5th Avenue?

Mr. Deems said no, that is outstanding and I think that they forgot about it.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Allegheny County GEDTF; application was filed in November and we are still waiting on a notice from County with the results.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the 2021 Borough Road Program; work was completed the week of November 22nd and punchlist items do remain so we will reach out to the contractor on that.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Mill Street Station; the formal submission is outstanding and the last transmission was in early November regarding your request from the CCDC. They were looking for a street vacation on a portion of Neville Avenue and they were to revise their submission.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Water System Items, Comprehensive Monitoring Plan; the interim CMP was submitted to the DEP for consideration.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Emergency Response Plan; this is nearly completed and the only remaining item is to review with the Authority which will be done within the next couple of days so that it can be submitted.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Sanitary Sewer System Items, the Long-Term Control Plan; we will prepare documents for the Montour Lift Station Pilot Program and review them with the Committee in the near future.

Mr. Mr. Devanté Miles said the Act 537 Plan Special Study; we have initiated post construction flow data analysis and model update. We will also schedule a meeting with the Committee to discuss the project update and the next steps moving forward.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer and Waterline; this work was completed the week of December 6th. We will prepare a punchlist for the Contractor for any work that remains.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Storm Sewer System Items, we have already gone over the Pollution Reduction Plan this evening and the permit was prepared for submission and the application was sent to the Authority for execution.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the CDBG 2020 (Year 46) Grant Cycle; Change Order No. 1 (Final) is being prepared and will be issued to the contractor for execution. We are finalizing the quantities so that is why there is not a price on this report. It is a credit, but we just have to finalize the amount.

Mr. Schombert said what project is the CDBG?

Mr. McCutcheon said that is for the catch basins.

Mr. Mihalyi said is there a sewer problem on Wood Street?

Mr. Miles said there was a sewer problem and Mr. Null is more involved with the situation and he is aware of it.

Mr. Deems said a resident complained previous to it being paved and we advised for them to get a plumber. They said they had a plumber because they have a warranty contract so we told them if there is an issue in the street to let us know. The street has been paved and on Monday their plumber showed up and dug up their whole front yard and says there is an issue in the street. We have called the contractor and they came out and found that the lateral must have been pushed down during the work and they did not deliberately clip it, it was below their excavation zone and the soil is not stable soil and unfortunately it settled down in. The contractor did fix that and the homeowner took care of everything else. A discussion pursued.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for November 2021 was 10M gallons. The daily average demand for the system was 347,000 gallons per day, which is down about 10,000 gallons per day from the previous month. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 105,000 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said 1211 Birch had a plumber repair their water service. What they found was there was an iron nipple attached to their copper line between that and the curb stop. Since the repair it is all copper now.

Mr. Deems said we worked with the Street Contractor who was doing Chess Street to repair water service to 531 West End Avenue. There was a small portion from the main to the center of the road that was lead and that lead was removed. There was also a leaking nipple near their curb stop where it must have been a duplex in the past so we eliminated that extra curb stop.

Mr. Deems said we did collect the 4th quarter Nitrate/Nitrite samples today and we plan to collect 4th quarter VOC samples tomorrow.

Mr. Schombert said are we keeping a record of the lead from wherever we take it out?

Mr. Deems said yes, we are trying to keep an inventory. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Deems said I want to note that we did not pull a sample from Well No. 7 since it has not been operated during the whole quarter.

Sanitary Sewer System

Mr. Deems said we conducted two more time of sale dye tests in the Montour Run area and they both passed. The addresses are 609 Cornell Street and 2445 Stratford Avenue.

Mr. Deems said we worked with a customer at 912 Ridge Avenue to get a portion of their lateral fixed in the street which was damaged during gas work. Most of it was fixed today and it is getting inspected and back filled tomorrow.

Mr. Deems said we are also working on a sewer complaint on Edgewood Avenue in the rear of the house where there is raw sewage by the Ferree Street Steps. We are working with this customer to help them to get this corrected.

Storm System

Mr. Deems said there are no new items for the Storm System.

Mr. McCutcheon asked Mr. Deems to give a review of the new tool that you purchased for water leaks.

Mr. Deems said we did purchase leak loggers in a quantity of eight. They work by dropping them down on valves so basically every block you drop one down and then pick them up the following day and they will be able to tell you if there is a leak. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said I do not have anything to report unless there is anything that you want to discuss on the water service agreement or any of those issues.

Mr. Schombert said we have attempted to negotiate some changes with MTMA on the water agreement and at this time we are not going to pursue that agreement until we can do more strategic planning. The concern was rate stabilization going forward in the long term. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said this is only through November, water rentals were at 93% which is a little higher than where we would expect to be so we are in good shape on the revenue side. Expenditures were at 85% so there is nothing significant there.

Mr. McCutcheon said sewer rentals are 93%, we did get \$112,000.00 for the Howard Street Project and he continued to explain. Expenditures were under 90% so we are in good shape there too.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater is at 95% and I don't think that Cornell is paying us yet. For our expenditures, we have not spent much on our PRP project so that is why we are under 40% of the budgeted number.

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. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED