

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Reorganization Meeting via teleconference
January 18, 2022
6:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order by the Authority Manager, Raymond McCutcheon.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

PRESENT

Robb Cardimen 6:01 Arrival
George Mihalyi
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ABSENT

Karl Groom

ALSO, PRESENT

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

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

Mr. McCutcheon asked for a motion to approve the slate of Officers; John Schombert – Authority President, Robb Cardimen – Vice-president and George Mihalyi – Secretary.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the slate of Officers; John Schombert – Authority President, Robb Cardimen – Vice-president and George Mihalyi – Secretary. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Mr. McCutcheon said I can now turn the meeting over to Authority President Mr. Schombert.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the slate of Professional Services; Authority Solicitor – Gaintens, Tucceri and Nicholas, Authority Engineers – Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Auditor – Mark Turnley C.P.A., Depository – First National Bank and Publication – Beaver County Times.

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UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to set the Authority Meeting for the third Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm at the Coraopolis Municipal Building. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Carried.

Public Comments

Mr. George Douglas of 1100 5th Avenue Apt. # 5 said something happened with the quarter ending November 9th because the water consumption was almost double. I went to each unit in the building looking for leaks and I did find some leaks and problems so I was able to make some repairs, but I don't think any of these leaks created the magnitude of loss that the meter showed and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert explained the Excessive Use Policy.

Mr. Rich Deems said I asked for an order to go out tomorrow to get an MXU reading.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy to encompass the whole event for George Douglas of 1100 5th Avenue Apt. # 5. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Christa Lewis of 1503 Fernhurst Avenue explaining that she had a failed hot water tank and is asking for some credit.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy to encompass the whole event for Christa Lewis of 1503 Fernhurst Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said I have a letter from Lisa Kletz for her property at 1532 Hiland Avenue stating that there was unusually high usage.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Lisa and John Kletz for 1532 Hiland Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed from the December 21, 2021, Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for January 2022 in the amount of \$81,872.45. Mr. Mihalyi said what is the utility relocation agreement on here?
Mr. McCutcheon said that is Arch Street, the total is \$27,000.00. Most of that is water and some was sewage, but they sent us \$17,000.00 so the net was somewhere around \$10,000.00 to get that work done on Arch Street. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.
Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for January 2022 in the amount of \$81,872.45. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for January 2022 in the amount of \$62,669.77, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,695.41 and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for January 2022 in the amount of \$62,669.77, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,695.41. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for January 2022 in the amount of \$6,970.18. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion Carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the year-end report; Water Rentals came in at 101%, Penalties were a little higher than what we would expect at 174%. Miscellaneous Revenues are \$23,000.00 and the bigger items there are the \$17,000.00 for the PennDOT Arch Street and the \$3,000.00 for Metamesh. The Expenditures came in at 95%.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Sewer Rentals were at 100%, the Miscellaneous Revenues were \$112,000.00 and that is the reimbursement for Howard Street and Expenditures are also at 95%.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Fees are 103% and Expenditures were only 41.5% and that's just because we haven't really started on McCabe Run yet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project; bids were open and we do have a PENNVEST call scheduled for January 24, 2022 to talk about what you need for closing. The closing is scheduled for March, 17, 2022 so there are some items that PENNVEST will need before that and it looks like that deadline will be February 24, 2022. We will take a look at the bid results and assuming that you make award this evening we'll have several items for you next month for approval and get those over to PENNVEST.

Mr. Null said bids were opened last week and Jet Jack is the apparent low-bidder at \$984,100.00 and directed everyone to Attachment A and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said one thing that PENNVEST did accept as part of this project is the replacement of meters for all building structures regardless, if the service line is lead or not and he directed everyone to Attachment B and continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to award with Change Order No. 1 to remove bid item No. 45 in the amount of \$90,000.00 making total award \$894,100.00 contingent upon DEP and PENNVEST approval of the Change Order and the Contractor would have to complete all of the required forms with PENNVEST for their approval. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve LB Water for meters at a cost of \$7,660.80 contingent upon PENNVEST and DEP approval. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we did have a Committee Meeting last week and discussed schedule related to the alternatives we've been talking about with Moon. After that meeting I spoke with DEP about the Authority staying in compliance and directed everyone to the attached notes. The Water Allocation Permit expires in February, so the DEP did recommend getting that resubmission in, so at this point we are working on getting the renewal together.

Mr. Null said another item that was discussed was the CMP we filed an interim plan to try to dial back what would be required on sampling and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we do have a proposal from Cyrus Rice in the amount of \$26,240.00 and that is a determination of corrosion in the CWSA in comparison to the Moon System and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the corrosion control study by Cyrus Rice in the amount of \$26,240.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Mr. Schombert said no matter what decision we make, we want to make sure that the water systems are compatible and not create a problem with all of the lead service lines and connections that we have in the system.

Mr. Drew Null said the Montour Soccer Complex; there has been a lot of activity over the past month, the Contractor has started the relocation of the waterline, which has brought up some questions in

regards to depth. It looks like they installed the line a little bit deeper. We have been advised that PennDOT is installing a rock toe for a portion of the widening of their road, which is the reason that we are being told that the waterline is deeper and he continued to explain. Mr. Null said we have had several meetings with this group and have told them many times that they need to order the water meters due to the wait time it takes to get them in. They are now requesting to have the water turned on without a meter. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued. Mr. Null said the sewer relocation has not been done yet, but that will be next.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts; we did get a resubmission, but that doesn't have County approval yet, so we'll respond to what we have.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; this work has been completed and did include catch basins and that amount related to storm sewers for the benefit of the Authority was \$43,860.00. The restoration on 5th Avenue due to a water line break that was repaired by the Authority is \$6,625.00 and this work has not been completed yet.

Mr. Drew Null said the 2021 Borough Road Program; there are punchlist items, the majority being valve boxes and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street Station; the pre application meeting was held and the Borough did receive submission, but as far as a utility plan we can make comments at this point. He continued to explain and a discussion pursue.

Mr. Drew Null said Main Street Roadway Reconstruction; the Borough did obtain grant funding to reconstruct Main Street. The gas line has been done, we're going to do the water line and that leaves the sanitary sewer and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, we talked about Long Term Control Plan, a model has been validated, but our focus has really been with the water right now so we'll want to get back with the Committee and discuss the data. We're seeing that there is a small decrease, but not a large one as in the initial feeling. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer and Waterline; work has been completed here, but two things have happened over the past month; one being a resident who had a sewer lateral that was backing up and this was before the road was paved and he was advised to call a plumber. The plumber came and didn't notify the Authority until the road was paved and he continued to explain. Mr. Null said there was a waterline leak that was found in the past week due to a joint failure and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said we did get the annual questionnaire for the Chapter 94 Report so we're working on that.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, the Pollution Reduction Plan permit application has been filed.

Mr. Drew Null said the CDBG 2020 (Year 46) Grant Cycle; this is the catch basin project and we did get a Partial Payment Request from the Contractor in order to close the contract but we do have some questions for the punchlist items with how they finalized the inlet grates and he continued to explain. Mr. Null said COG is looking to close these out, but from a grant funding perspective we can either ask for an extension or if it's the Board's pleasure we can make an approval contingent upon addressing these items to the Authority's satisfaction. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued. The Board decided to table the approval for now.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for December 2021 was 9.8M gallons. We did purchase 1.3M gallons over Christmas time to give the plant operator a break. The daily average demand for the system was 349,000 gallons per day. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 105,000 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said we did have 540 Technology conduct a training for the data loggers that we purchased last month. Our demand has been up for almost a week, so we deployed them this afternoon so hopefully they pick up something for us.

Mr. Deems said as Mr. Null already reported there was a leak in tier 2 and we traced it to Wood Street. It has been repaired and the demand for that area is now back down to normal.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 4" main near 1106 Vance Avenue this past weekend and I want to thank Mr. McCutcheon and the Borough for lending us help from the Street Department.

Sanitary Sewer System

Mr. Deems said we conducted one more time of sale dye tests in the Arch Street area and no violation was found.

Mr. Deems said we followed up on a sewer backup complaint near McCabe Avenue and had that line televised and the inspection revealed that right where their tap is the top portion of our line has collapsed and the lateral is falling down into the main so that needs repaired. We were trying to get Jet Jack to give us a quote, but they have not given us one. We met with Ed Arnold with Arnold Excavating and took him to the site and he said that he would attempt to do it, but we will have to help him. Once the weather breaks and the snow melts, we will attempt this. The customer is not currently backed up so we do have a little time.

Storm System

Mr. Deems said there are no updates for the Storm System.

Mr. McCutcheon said I don't see an invoice for Gold's, was he paid for the tree work?

Mr. Deems said no, this is for part of the Chestnut Street Project that I was just talking about. We had to have a couple of large trees cut down where the excavation was going to be and he cut those down for us.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve payment to Gold's Tree service in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the removal of two trees. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said I do not have anything to report outside of Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said I want to recognize Nate Spaniol, he came out at 1:00 am on Monday and worked until 3:00 pm plowing the roads. He really comes through when you need him. A discussion pursued.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Mihalyi 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