

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via teleconference
February 15, 2022
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 6:14 Arrival
Karl Groom
Mike Harris
John Schombert

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. Robert Defilippo of 1371 5th Avenue said, I had a toilet leak that caused excessive use, but it has since been fixed. Mr. Schombert explained the Excessive Use Policy and said that we would get a new reading so that it covers the entire event.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy contingent upon a new reading so that the policy will encompass the whole event for Robert Defilippo of 1371 5th Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from the Shackelford account at 502 West End Avenue that states there has been a massive leak and they are in the process of having it repaired.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy Shackelford of 502 West End Avenue contingent upon a new reading. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Joe Dickerson of 629 7th Avenue

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Joe Dickerson of 629 7th Avenue contingent upon a new reading. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter form Nicholas Rust of 2428 State Avenue stating a toilet leak that has since been fixed.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Nicholas Rust of 2428 State Avenue contingent upon a new reading. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022, Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for February 2022 in the amount of \$108,000.12. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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| Mr. Cardimen | Yes |
| Mr. Groom | Yes |
| Mr. Harris | Yes |
| Mr. Schombert | Yes |

Motion Carried.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for February 2022 in the amount of \$67,099.90, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,695.41. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

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| Mr. Cardimen | Yes |
| Mr. Groom | Yes |
| Mr. Harris | Yes |
| Mr. Schombert | Yes |

Motion Carried.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for February 2022 in the amount of \$9,477.31. 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 asked for a motion to approve Resolution 22-98 amending certain provisions of the Pension Fund and asked Mr. McCutcheon to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we've had where we pay so much per year which is the defined benefit, but now, we are moving to where new employees would go into a 457B at 3% of their pay and then we would match up to an additional 3% which is called a defined contribution

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-98 amending certain provisions of the Pension Fund. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 22-99 declaring to reimburse General Funds used to construct improvements to the public drinking water system with funds received from PENNVEST and asked Mr. Null to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said you have spent general funds on the design engineering portion of it so you would reimburse that funding with PENNVEST after the closing which is on March 17th and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-99 declaring to reimburse General Funds used to construct improvements to the public drinking water system with funds received from PENNVEST.

Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 22-100 applying for a Program Year 2022 CFA Local Share Account Grant for the Flood Pump Repairs Projects and asked Mr. Null to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said the program is open with the CFA up to a \$1M project with no match requirement and is due March 15th. The next two resolutions are two of the projects that we are submitting. The Flood Pump Repair is a \$905,000.00 request and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the second resolution is for the SCADA System and mixing at all three of your tank sites and this is a request in the amount of \$505,000.00 and this will replace the dos system currently being used at the plant.

Mr. Schombert said with what we are going through right now, is that what we want to do with the SCADA System? I know that this may take a while with making decisions.

Mr. Null this is essentially a chance at free money, there is no match requirement. We can leave this up to the Board.

Mr. Deems said we still need the SCADA System to report back for the two sewer pump stations as well as the water pump station and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 22-100 applying for a Program Year 2022 CFA Local Share Account Grant for the Flood Pump Repairs Projects. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-101 applying for a Program Year 2022 CFA Local Share Account Grant for the SCADA and Water System Storage Improvements Projects. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the project budget associated with the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project.

Mr. Null directed everyone to Attachment A and said this is the math on how you were awarded \$1,117,000.00. The impact is all of the grant money would be used up, you're not anticipating putting any local share into it and explained how the local fee schedule is broken down.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the project budget associated with the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said does this include the change order that we approved last month?

Mr. Null said yes.

Mr. Mihalyi said when will this start?

Mr. Null said the closing is scheduled for March 17th and a discussion pursued.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Null said the next two motions are Service Order Authorizations with LSSE and GTN which is a formality with PENNVEST and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize Service Order Authorization with LSSE in the amount of \$150,000.00 for engineering services related to the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project (PENNVEST). Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize Service Order Authorization with GTN Law in the amount of \$15,000.00 for legal services including PENNVEST settlement related to the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to authorize Char-West COG to make Final Payment to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$5,816.77 for the Catch Basin Replacement Project (CDBG Year 46 Grant) and asked if this is upon recommendation of the Engineer.

Mr. Null said yes, this is to close out outstanding retainage. We did get the remaining punchlist items and had a review with the contractor.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to authorize Char-West COG to make Final Payment to A. Folino Construction in the amount of \$5,816.77 for the Catch Basin Replacement Project (CDBG Year 46 Grant).

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said we did receive two grant rejections from GEDF with the County for PRP improvements and sewer lining, but we will keep trying.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did receive the \$28,000.00 for the Water Tap Fee from the Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer. We have not received the \$47,000.00 portion of it, but I did send them invoices. He continued to explain 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; the closing for the PENNVEST project is March 17, 2022, so we will get the pre-construction meeting scheduled afterwards once the money is in place.

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we did talk with Cyrus Rice Consulting concerning when the best time for that study start. They are looking at a transitional period so the end of March or early April is when they are planning and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; there are still some outstanding punchlist items and we have heard from the contractor that they will be out the first week of March.

Mr. Drew Null said the CFA LSA Grants; these are what you did the resolutions for this evening. There is one that we didn't talk about that the Borough is submitting which is the Mill Street Project. This is a joint application to include replacement of the waterline in that area and the Borough is proposing reconstruction of the road.

Mr. Drew Null said the Montour Soccer Complex; they have completed the waterline and are working on the sewer. Everything is together minus the testing and the final reconnection.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts; there was a public meeting with the County and the County did accept their application and they're process is to have a public meeting which is scheduled for 3:00pm tomorrow. We did have a resubmission and directed everyone to Attachment B and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert said is that the existing line that they are trying to tie into, a common line?

Mr. Null said it appears it would be as it crosses other properties, but we are putting that burden on them.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street Station; there was a public meeting and the County did accept that application. They are proposing a minor land development application through the County which is

moving forward, but there is another part to the project, they are looking to reconstruct Neville Avenue for the Borough and part of that would include a sewer extension. We received that set of drawings and it will be a separate review, he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, Comprehensive Monitoring Plan; we will be reviewing the revised CMP (getting away from the composite sampling) with the Superintendent

Mr. Drew Null said Water Allocation Permit; I have this drafted and will get together with Mr. Deems for review and then submitted.

Mr. Drew Null said Well No. 2 Emergency Repair; Moody was out last week and noted the pump had failed. They pulled the pump and put in a temporary pump so it is back in operation and they are looking for a comparable model. They did test the well and this was cleaned early 2020 and they are not seeing much decrease in the output so cleaning is not recommended.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items, the Act 537 Plan Special Study; getting through the calibration of the model we are seeing a little decrease and we've been talking about a 90,000 gallon storage component that is down to 40 or 50. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street; there are some outstanding punchlist items and the contractor is looking to get to that in early March.

Mr. McCutcheon said at some point we'll need the fees to reimburse the Borough.

Mr. Null said we can have that for next month.

Mr. Drew Null said Main Street Roadway Reconstruction; the Borough is going to be replacing this road so we will look ahead to see what needs to be done with the sewers.

Mr. Drew Null said Chapter 94 Annual Wasteload Report, this is drafted and we'll review it with the Superintendent and get it to RSA.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, there is no change to MS4 and the typical annual sampling should be coming up.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; the permit was submitted and the DEP did come back with some comments so we are working on getting those addressed. Three easements are required there so we did get that information over and will want to get a meeting set with the property owners.

Mr. Drew Null said CDBG 2020 Grant Cycle; the final change order and there was a decrease of \$239.70 and that still came under the \$120,000.00 that you were awarded.

Mr. Drew Null said CFA 2020 Flood Mitigation Grant Program; this is open again and it is for the Centre Street Station that you filed for before.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for January 2022 was 11.8M gallons. The daily average demand for the system was 383,000 gallons per day so that is up quite a bit from the previous month. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 97,000 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 4" main on Watson, near Ridge.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking service connection at the main for 811 Main St. This service is lead, but is part of the upcoming Pennvest project so that will be replaced.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking service for 525 Mt. Vernon and unfortunately when we replaced the washer at the corp and once we went to turn it back on the corp blew out of the line. We had to replace the corp and install that with a new saddle and a short piece of copper and reattach to the existing lead.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 6" main at 2512 State Avenue.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 4" main on Vine at Ridge

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 10" main on Thorn Street at 4th Avenue.

Mr. Deems said we shut off 1009 3rd Avenue because of burst water pipes inside a vacant building.

Mr. Deems said we crimped off a leaking service to 915 2nd Avenue. This is vacant property that has a meter pit where the water was turned off at the meter pit, but was leaking before the meter pit. We couldn't get access to the curb valve so we opted to dig on the back side of the sidewalk and access the line to crimp it off. This line is lead so they will have to replace the line if they ever do anything.

Mr. Deems said several of the leaks reported above were detected using leak loggers which put you in a 500 ft. radius of it so American Leak was contacted to bring it in closer so we knew exactly where to dig.

Mr. Deems said we had to shut off part of State Avenue for the new connections that were made made by the soccer field. Unfortunately, the shut off area had to be extended past the area that we notified so we went door to door and attempted to notify everyone in the outage area. The following day one of the valves that we turned off snapped below the packing and was leaking, so that was an emergency replacement and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said the brine make up pit at the plant plugged up this month. The main issue here is when we were getting salt deliveries it was displacing too much of the liquid and it was overflowing into the parking lot so half of that pit is now clean and we will move on to the second half once it's empty.

Mr. Deems said there is not change to the Sanitary and Storm Systems.

Mr. Deems said we did receive an inspection letter from the County in January for the inspection that was done in August. I will reply back to them with the help of Lennon Smith and a discussion pursued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen 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. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED