

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Meeting via teleconference  
March 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  
George Mihalyi  
Mike Harris  
John Schombert

**ABSENT**

Karl Groom

**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. George Douglas said when I was here in January to talk about the excess water usage, I said we had taken some action mostly by replacing toilets. I want to thank Mr. Deems for providing very valuable information and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert asked if there was a reading since the repairs were made so that the whole event is captured.

Mr. Deems said you can tell from the report that the problem has been solved.

Mr. Douglas said how do I go about applying the Excessive Use Policy?

Mr. Schombert said we did that the last time you were here we credit the wholesale rate on water and sewage and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said call tomorrow for the amount of credit that will be issued.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Neighborhood Homes at 701 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. McCutcheon said they replaced one flapper and one toilet and it looks like their reading has been high for a couple of quarters.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Neighborhood Homes at 701 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue contingent upon a reading so that it includes the entire event. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from West Hills Holdings for 1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the garage that was the limousine place and they were averaging 13,000 gallons before these two readings.

Mr. Cardimen said according to the notes this has been vacant for a year.

Mr. Deems said if it is vacant probably the whole reading is a leak.

Mr. McCutcheon said Nate has shut the water off, but I don't know if it has been fixed.

Mr. Cardimen said per the account notes it states that the toilet was leaking.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for West Hills Holdings contingent upon a new reading and the repairs completed. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Stella Wright of 932 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue stating that she had a leak in an upstairs toilet and it has been fixed.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Stella Wright of 932 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to include the entire event. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, Authority Meeting.

Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for March 2022 in the amount of \$43,009.67. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for March 2022 in the amount of \$42,440.54, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$36,695.41.

Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for March 2022 in the amount of \$4,029.60. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said we are early in the year, so I do not have very much to report. I did give everyone a copy of a letter that I received from Robinson Township regarding bulk water purchase from them so I am sure that we will discuss it at a later date.

Mr. McCutcheon said for our meeting on Thursday with PENNVEST we need to make sure that Mr. Schombert and Mr. Mihalyi are signed on by 10:00 am because both need to sign electronically.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the PENNVEST closing is on Thursday and after that we are good to move forward with the pre-construction meeting which is set for Friday. We see Jet Jack getting in here quickly.

Mr. McCutcheon said when is the drilling they are doing to see if the lines are lead?

Mr. Null said we will ask them for their schedule on Friday, the first step is the soft dig to verify the service and if it is lead that starts the agreement process to replace it. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; Concerning the Plant discussion update, I haven't heard from Cyrus Rice Consulting within the past month, but he did indicate he wanted to do a field review. We are getting to the point where we want to get started with this so expect this to happen within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; there are still some outstanding punchlist items and now that the weather is getting warmer, we'll get with Jet Jack since they will already be in town.

Mr. Drew Null said the CFA LSA Grants; these were filed this month and there isn't an update yet.

Mr. Drew Null said the Montour Soccer Complex; water and sewer relocation service lines are constructed, but we do have several outstanding punchlist items so we will be getting a list out to them.

Mr. McCutcheon said I do not think that they have paid us the sewer tap fee yet.

Mr. Nate Boring said did you do the escrow account for them yet, because you can send that along with the escrow account letter and I can send you to template for that.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts; there is nothing to report this month.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street Station; they are wavering back and forth between extending the common service versus private service and they have been talking on whether to extend the main. We do have some outstanding items to address with them. It appears that they are through the County process and the next process is to get through the Borough since they are replacing the road so we will wait for their proposal and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, Comprehensive Monitoring Plan; Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. is reviewing and updating with some DEP comments and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Water Allocation Permit; the renewal was submitted and received a minor comment from the DEP so that is being looked into.

Mr. Drew Null said Well No. 2 Emergency Repair; we still have the temporary pump in service and have submittals from contractors that are being reviewed. The feedback that we did get back from the DEP is that they are now looking to permit during the cleansing process and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Long Term Control Plan, the Act 537 Plan Special Study; we do need to set up a meeting with the Committee before our next meeting so we can discuss strategy with how we want to approach Robinson with their share in it. The recent flow monitoring and modeling we are seeing a reduction in wet well capacity, close to half from the update in recent flows and we are seeing that Robinson does have a large impact so we want to talk strategy with that as well. The funding that you did receive as a grant agreement has been extended until next June. We also need to speak with the Committee is feedback that the Authority did get back from the Health Department with a recent review and Chapter 94 Reports, they are now wanting them as an annual DEP template and an annual CSO Status Report and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street; there are some outstanding punchlist items. We looked over Wood Street and Chess Street with Mr. Deems and have added some items to the punchlist

Mr. Drew Null said Chapter 94 Annual Wasteload Report, this is being filed this week.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, there is no change.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; the permit was filed and the DEP did come back with some comments and we have responded to them.

Mr. Drew Null said CFA 2020 Flood Mitigation Grant Program; we will come back to resubmit for Centre Street Station with the resolution for the Board's consideration for.

Mr. Schombert said we have been chasing this project for a while, do you think there may be a better project that is more worthwhile?

Mr. Null said flood mitigation wise I don't know that you are open to much else and he continued to explain.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for February 2022 was 9.5M gallons. We did purchase 880,000 gallons from Moon to get us through from when the well went out and we were down

operators. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 106,500 gallons for the month.

### **Water System**

Mr. Deems said we replaced a leaking hydrant valve in the hydrant at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Arch Street. There is still leak noise in the area, but we're not sure if it is a leak or the noise from a nearby gas regulator that might be transmitting noise onto a waterline. We will revisit this when it warms up and the gas demand goes down.

Mr. Deems said we replaced a lead service to 853 Neely and the customer had their leaking galvanized line replaced on their side.

Mr. Deems said we have continued the nightly leak detection scans with our noise loggers. As to date we have finished the whole lower area of Tier One which is the area below Hiland Avenue. We are now moving to the upper part of town. So far for the month of March the daily demand is 329,000 gallons per day so that is down from the 373,000 from the previous month.

Mr. Deems said Tri State was here this week for the brine make up pit at the plant and finished cleaning the top and sides.

### **Sanitary Sewage System**

Mr. Deems said Jet Jack is to mobilize tomorrow for the McCabe Avenue sewer.

Mr. Deems said Tri State was here and had some time left over after they did the brine pit so I had them clean the sewer regulator structures and flushed part of the interceptor along Arch Street that had sediment in it.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Nate Boring said I have a brief update on PFAS and personnel.

### **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. 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**