

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via teleconference
April 19, 2022
6:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order by the Authority Secretary, George Mihalyi.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

PRESENT

George Mihalyi

Karl Groom

Mike Harris

John Schombert late arrival

ABSENT

Robb Cardimen

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent

Drew Null – Authority Engineer

Devanté Miles – Authority Engineer

Nate Boring – Solicitor

Raymond McCutcheon – Manager

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

Public Comments

Mr. Mihalyi said we have a letter from Noah Landried of 1227-1229 State Avenue asking for credit due to a leaking toilet and they have since replaced the guts.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Noah Landried of 1227-1229 State Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received a letter from Gemma Mariani of 1616 Ridge Avenue stating that she had a leak and has asked for credit.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Gemma Mariani of 1616 Ridge Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received a letter from NIRA on 5th Avenue asking for credit due to a bad leak that caused their excessive use.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for NIRA Consultants at 950 5th Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said we received a letter from Ruth Revis of 929 1st Avenue asking for credit due to a leaking toilet that has since been repaired.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Ruth Revis of 929 1st Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said we had requests for credit from Christopher Sennett of 1135 Hiland Avenue and Jason Simoni of 1020 1st Avenue, but neither have sent a letter so we will put those aside for now.

Mr. McCutcheon said Tom Toomey of 906 Kable Way has a bill with high usage, but I think that he is living out of town right now and renting his house out.

Mr. Deems said with someone new staying here we don't have an accurate history to determine average usage. I suggest to approve the request contingent upon getting a baseline usage and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Groom said the letter doesn't really say that the leak is fixed so I think we should hold off on approving until we know for sure that the problem has been fixed.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15th 2022, Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for April 2022 in the amount of \$105,285.33. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for April 2022 in the amount of \$76,868.49. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for April 2022 in the amount of \$12,986.46. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said we need to discuss fees for delinquent payments. There is quite a bit of work that goes into notices concerning delinquent accounts and we were considering administrative fees for the extra work that goes into chronic delinquent accounts.

Mr. Nate Boring said, if you put this into your fee resolution you can provide costs for these fees. I can send you an example that has this language and a discussion pursued.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said looking at water and sewer, rentals are right at 26% and 27% which is where we'd expect to be for a quarter of the year.

Mr. McCutcheon said the expenditures are 24% and 27%, so that looks good.

Mr. McCutcheon said we've taken in 53% of our Stormwater Fees and our expenditures are only 8%. We have a nice reserve in this account and the capital project is what we have to get started on and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Borough is getting Chief Denbow a new vehicle and have talked about giving or for a small fee selling us his old vehicle, so that Mike can use it when he reads meters. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said next month on May 17th, we have the Authority Meeting, but it is also Election Day so we need to discuss where to have it.

Mr. McCutcheon said we can hold it in my office and also send out a GoToMeeting.

Mr. McCutcheon said I sent a note out to everyone about the passing of Darlene's twin sister, I do not have all the details yet, but will pass them on to you once I do.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project; They have started and are just about done with the mainline replacement along Main Street and will then go to Ridge Avenue. They have located six lead services for the total area and agreements have been sent to the property owners who have all signed and they are moving forward. I do have a payment request Number 1 to PENNVEST so you would consider authorizing that payment and a request from PENNVEST for reimbursement. Mr. Null said the total amount is \$135,164.62 and directed everyone to the summary of Attachment A which includes first payment from the contractor, Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$73,170.00. We did receive a partial order from L/B Water on meters in the amount of \$3,404.80 and the invoices with LSSE for \$58,589.82 to make up for design and submission of the applications. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve payment to Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$73,170.00 and to request a reimbursement from PENNVEST in the amount of \$135,164.62. 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 the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we had a committee meeting on March 25th. The corrosion study did meet with Cyrus about locations and initially we were talking with your Plant and Moon's Plant and Moon did object to using their plant site for testing. Ultimately, we're in their Municipal Building and in Coraopolis you're at the Cyrus Building, so both are reflective in the distribution system. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; there is no change this month.

Mr. Drew Null said Main Street Road Reconstruction; the Borough did get grant funding and once the waterline is done the Borough will do the road reconstruction with concrete along Main Street. We have requested proposals to televise the sewer line so you may want to look at lining the sewers and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the Borough is also considering Chestnut Street as a part of this project. We have talked to the Committee about replacing that waterline at Chestnut Street from 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue which would be done in concrete and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems asked Mr. McCutcheon if it is possible to call his contact from the gas company to see, if they have existing CCTV footage from Main Street. I know when they did their project, they televised at least some of it.

Mr. Schombert said did they give you footage from Summit and St. Clair?

Mr. Deems said they have not

Mr. McCutcheon asked for the location of the footage.

Mr. Deems said Main Street from 6th Avenue to Neely.

Mr. Schombert said can you ask for Summit Street and St. Clair at the same time?

Mr. Deems said while you're at it, yes. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2022 Road Program; resurfacing improvements to include Pine Alley from basically Main St. to Ferree Street. There are four to five catch basin replacements in this area too and this bid is in early May. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said the Montour Soccer Complex; we did get a punch list out to the developer and there are several that are outstanding. I don't believe the water is on at this point and we are waiting on a sewer tap fee and several minor items related to the meter pit. You are still holding a full bond and they haven't submitted a request yet so we have requested that they provide a schedule in two weeks.

Mr. Drew Null said O'Reilly Auto Parts; the update from the County was received stating they released preliminary approval and he continued explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street Station; we have recent submission for this development and they are looking to do a sewer extension from Mill Street to take care of the combined sewer with Snow Polaris and it looks like they are planning to get out of that to do an individual service. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, Comprehensive Monitoring Plan; we will be submitting a revised plan this week. Since the last discussion with DEP the Authority is gone to one blend and with request to put Well #7 on reserve status you are at one constant well combination where before we were at several different combinations and the DEP was requiring each individual well to be sampled and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Well No. 2 Emergency Repair; we still have the temporary pump in and will be getting a response over. Submittals are being reviewed and the DEP has requested additional information.

Mr. Drew Null said Long Term Control Plan, we are moving forward with the Act 537 Plan Special Study and other items such as volume of CSO's and looking to move on a parallel track so anticipate getting an engineer agreement to the Board next month. Once we get the 537 Study done, we'll want to meet with Moon and engage Robinson. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street; there is no change this month, we'll follow up with the contractor.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, MS4 Compliance; our interns will be out to do the 20% sampling. Your five-year permit will expire this year and is different from the last rounds, this is an automatic renewal and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; the permit was filed and the DEP did come back with some comments and is deemed administratively complete.

Mr. Drew Null said CFA 2020 Flood Mitigation Grant Program; we are working on preparation of that grant and will have a resolution for your consideration next month and is due May 31st.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for March 2022 was 10.4M gallons. We did not purchase any water from Moon last month. The average daily system demand was 331,000 gallons per day which is good news. The water purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 109,000 gallons for the month.

Mr. Schombert said is the reduction in demand due to the leak detection?

Mr. Deems said yes.

Water System

Mr. Deems said we repaired a split 4" pipe near 913 Ridge Avenue

Mr. Deems said we excavated and shut off a leaking service in front of 913 Hiland that was not in use.

Mr. Deems said we replaced a leaking lead service for 912 Fleming Street, the customer's side was copper.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 4" water main to RSA.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Deems said the work was complete on the lateral off of McCabe Avenue and a new Y was installed by Jet Jack and they reconnected the lateral.

Mr. Deems said Tri-State cleaned about 900 feet of sanitary line along State Avenue near Roberts Street. During various inspections we noticed that some of the manholes had sediment in them. There was also a complaint in the area so we took the opportunity to clean it out.

Mr. Deems said Tri-State cleaned all of the inlet's tributary to the combined sewer system.

Mr. Deems said during the inspection for the storm system we did notice that the inlet in Pine Way behind 621 5th Avenue is in very poor shape and needs replaced and hopefully we'll be able to do that inhouse.

Mr. Groom said the one on Alder Alley is messed up too and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said I will take a look at it.

Mr. Mihalyi said I went by when you did that Tri-State cleaning on State Avenue, do we have any signs saying Stop, Slow Down or anything to help with directing traffic?

Mr. Deems said we do have a couple and unfortunately, we were not expecting that to take as long as it did and a discussion pursued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said we have the grievance settlement agreement to be approved. It basically is settling the agreements in leu of the employee's payment of his health and dental premiums for the months of October, November, December, January and February. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Groom made a motion to authorize the Grievance Settlement Agreement. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked about the Authority being involved with the purchase of new parking meters.

Mr. Nate Boring said technically you can do it; it would be a little out of the ordinary, but you would just have to go through the process of amending the articles of incorporation.

Mr. Schombert said my belief was we didn't amend the articles of incorporation when we became an operating authority from Coraopolis Municipal Sewer Authority and then when we took on stormwater.

Mr. Boring said you did when you took on stormwater in 2006 and then in 2007 you extended the life for 50 years. A discussion pursued.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mihalyi said I got the same grass cutting company as last year for the Borough and the Water Authority and there will be an increase of about \$20.00 per cut, per area.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to hire AJ Landscaping to cut the grass at the Authority Properties. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED