

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via teleconference
May 17, 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

George Mihalyi
Karl Groom – via phone
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ABSENT

Robb Cardimen

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent – via phone
Drew Null – Authority Engineer – via phone
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 Deanna Kwiecinski from 827 Summit Street stating that there was an issue with an outdoor waterline causing a leak and has since been turned off.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Deanna Kwiecinski of 827 Summit Street. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022, Authority Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for May 2022 in the amount of \$76,233.46. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for May 2022 in the amount of \$50,054.59. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for May 2022 in the amount of \$14,330.49. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-102 to apply for a Flood Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the Centre Street Flood Pump Improvements.

Mr. Drew Null said this is to file for the generator at the Centre Street site and this generator also supports the plant as an emergency backup.

Mr. McCutcheon said is there a match for this?

Mr. Null said there is a match of 15% that puts us at \$45,000.00 on the match.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-102 to apply for a Flood Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the Centre Street Flood Pump Improvements. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Mihalyi Yes

Mr. Groom Yes

Mr. Harris Yes

Mr. Schombert Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 to Jet Jack in the amount of \$225,909.00 for the Lead Joint Waterline Replacement project.

Mr. Drew Null said we are just about done on Main Street; still cleaning up connections and doing final services. We do recommend payment to Jet Jack; you do have a little more than that to request reimbursement from Pennvest and that will include engineering and you did get meters from LB Water. You have received your first request and that was relatively timely and we recommend that payment.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$225,909.00 to Jet Jack, Inc. for the Lead Joint Waterline Replacement project. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we were discussing before the meeting there is a cut on the newer concrete pavement on Main Street and I understand that was to hit a house that had a lead service line. I just want to confirm that it will be repaved again with concrete in that patch.

Mr. Null said that was to connect to the existing line and for the requirements of this contract they will put in asphalt and the Borough's contract will be covering in concrete and it will connect.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said we did get the \$135,000.00 from Pennvest, but that isn't showing yet. The Water Financials show we are unfavorable about \$43,000.00, but that is because we have \$88,000.00 in capital spending for the line replacement, but I don't see the positive side of it.

Mr. McCutcheon said the revenues are at 34.5% so that is a good number for a third of the way through the year. It is the same with sewage, we are 36% on rentals and we did get the payment from Robinson and Moon and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are almost at 80% on Stormwater Fees.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are still working with the Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer. They did pay the water tap fee, but have not paid the sewer tap fee and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said I believe everyone has been through the MS4 presentation before and continued with the Annual MS4 Update.

Mr. Null said we are coming upon a renewal year and things that have changed since the five-year cycle is we used to have to file a notice of intent every year, but that is now an automatic renewal.

Mr. Null said the PRP's were required for this round, but the DEP has not given us an update of what their new requirements may be.

Mr. Null said it is status quo as far as the MCM's are concerned and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the big project this year is the PRP Brook Street Stream Restoration Project and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said on the Waterline Project; I did have a field meeting today and talked through several complaints on the general condition of the road and within the next couple of weeks they'll get the hot asphalt in. Now they are moving the Ridge section and will be cleaning up here temporarily for the Memorial Day Parade

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; the Cyrus Rice water corrosion comparison is underway and is still working to build a baseline and start to compare the two and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said LSA Grants; there were some comments with the Borough and it looks like CFA may take action in November.

Mr. Drew Null said Main Street Road Reconstruction; the Borough is looking to open bids and award at their regular meeting in June. This scope includes Chestnut Street for waterline replacement and also concrete roadway.

Mr. Null said Mr. Deems has asked for a quote proposal from Jet Jack on televising the sewers on Main Street and it came in at about \$4,000.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to accept the proposal from Jet Jack, Inc for CCTV not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2022 Road Program; the contract was awarded by the Borough so we will be looking for this in the coming months.

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; they have an approval from the County, but there are still a couple of milestones in the process. They have to have a public hearing and accept final application so nothing has changed for the Authority. There are still outstanding response and comments for water and sewer service and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Mill Street Station; they have decided against doing a sewer extension on Neville Avenue and are now doing individual services. They are still looking to do the road so the Authority will be involved with discussions there as far as stormwater and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said since they haven't had water or sewage there in decades do they have to pay a tap fee?

Mr. Null said it depends on how it was handled in the past, some other Authorities state if there is already a tap to the site and someone has already paid the price for that capacity then it is usually looked upon favorably and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, Comprehensive Monitoring Plan; we did get the revised plan to the DEP and they did come back with some comments which are relatively minor and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Well No. 2 Emergency Repair; we do need to coordinate back with Moody.

Mr. Drew Null said Long Term Control Plan, we are working on developing that work plan and there was a green infrastructure put on so we are rehashing those and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street; there are still punchlist items outstanding so we are working with the contractor.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, MS4 Compliance; we did the training this evening and we have interns in the office now and I believe they have been out doing the 20% outfall sampling.

Mr. McCutcheon said how many catch basins are we talking about putting in with the Pine Alley Paving Project?

Mr. Null said a catch basin to catch the eastern parking lot and continued to explain.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for April 2022 was 9.9M gallons. We did not purchase any water from Moon last month. The average daily system demand was 340,000 gallons per day. The water purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 102,100 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said we cut and capped a 4" service to 845 4th Avenue, this was picked up by our leak loggers and we had American Leak Detection correlate it and confirmed there was a leak. Rather than dig up the road to fix a leak on something that is going to be abandoned we just went ahead and abandoned it.

Mr. Deems said we have started the spring flushing program and we have only done the cemetery area at this point. It has been slow going due to limited manpower.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Deems said after a big storm a couple of weeks ago we found a regulator structure that was bypassing well after 24 hours from the storm. The cause was there was a large amount of gravel at the regulator structure, so we removed a portion of it and followed up with Tri-State to remove the rest of it as well as the first segment of the interceptor. They also televised the first segment of the trunk line coming into the regulator and found a large hole and this will have to be fixed before they pave the road and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said this week during the routine inspections it was found that Pump #2 at the Montour Run pump station was leaking pretty bad and had developed a hole in the casing, so it was taken apart and a patch was put on it yesterday.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Authority guys have been helping the Public Works Department with patching on Woodlawn and Vine Street.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said I have nothing to report. I took care of the PFAS litigation so they filed that and the issue with the grievance was taken care of.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said we have not paid the Borough for our portion of the Wood Street Project. Mr. Null sent me information on it, so we'll probably approve and the invoice for this next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said we stay open until 4:30 and we get customers sometimes right at 4:30. I was wondering if we can shift Danielle's shift by 15 minutes so she would work 8:15 – 4:45.

Mr. Schombert said I don't see a problem with it, but that would be a management decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED