

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via teleconference
June 21, 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 6:05 Arrival
George Mihalyi
Karl Groom
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent
Larry Lennon, Jr. – 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. Schombert said we have a name of someone who was going to come to the meeting, but they haven't shown up.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022, Authority Meeting. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$109,399.56.

Mr. McCutcheon said we are paying the Borough for the work on Wood Street in the amount of \$49,006.35 for the water portion.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$109,399.56. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$71,543.21.

Mr. McCutcheon said this includes Riverview charges of \$36,695.41 and Wood Street \$17,218.45.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$71,543.21. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said while working through the Riverview budget, for the first time in ten years there will be a rate increase of 10% and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$47,980.91.

Mr. McCutcheon and that includes a payment to the Borough in the amount of \$34,950.00 for catch basins.

Mr. Nate Boring said that litigation we are waiting on from the school challenge, we were waiting on the court to decide a case between West Chester College and the Borough on a tax versus fee challenge and the Commonwealth Court decided it was not a tax so that was good news and he continued to explain.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for June 2022 in the amount of \$47,980.91. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said water rentals are at 42% which is in line with a five-month budget. Our expenditures are a little high due to the work we have done with the Pennvest waterline so we have been spending money there, but are being reimbursed by them. We have already received two reimbursements for a total over \$300,000.00.

Mr. McCutcheon said operations are slightly up and that is mostly because of fuel cost.

Mr. McCutcheon said capital is over \$300,000.00 and that is the waterline and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said sewer rentals are at 43.5% which is in line. We have already received money from Moon and Robinson for transportation. Sewer expenditures are 37% so we are very good after five months.

Mr. McCutcheon said I budgeted \$110,000.00 for capital on sewer line so that will help us when we decide on the Main Street line work.

Mr. McCutcheon said stormwater fees are at 85% and expenditures are still minimal and we should get going on McCabe Run very soon. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Devanté Miles said the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project: Work is almost completed on Main Street and the contractor has moved to Ridge Avenue. They have submitted a pay request for \$121,833.00 and directed everyone to Attachment A of the Engineer Report.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Partial Payment #3 to Jet Jack in the amount \$121,833.00. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Devanté Miles directed everyone to the Pennvest Payment Request reimbursement breakdown and said for June 2022 there is a total amount of \$140,424.09 and that will be submitted upon approval from you.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Pennvest Reimbursement Request No. 3 in the amount of \$140,424.09. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we received some preliminary results back from Cyrus Rice for the water corrosion study analysis on the Coraopolis and Moon water system. We will set up a Committee Meeting shortly to discuss these results and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Chess Street; we still have punchlist items on this project and we are also building a list for Main and Wood Streets. Jet Jack is still in town so we'll have them address those.

Mr. Larry Lennon, Jr. said there is another leak on Wood Street and it is on the bell of the pipe. This pipe passed the pressure test so they're going to talk to the manufacture because this might be a defect issue at this point and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Devanté Miles said 2022 CFA LSA Grant; this is still under review.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Main Street Road Reconstruction; the contract was awarded to Avelli Construction for road reconstruction between 6th Avenue and Neely Heights. We recently preformed CCTV inspection on that section and we just got the reports back and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said would it benefit us to have the CCTV go into all of the laterals as well so we do not have a collapse once the road it done? Because once the road is completed, I don't want anyone disrupting that street and he continued to explain.

Mr. Devanté Miles directed everyone to Attachment B and said this is a memo for those repairs to discuss tonight and a total length repair complete lining from manhole to manhole would run just under \$165,000.00 and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to advertise to bid for a sewer lining on Main Street. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the Montour Soccer Complex; outstanding items do remain and as of yet the contractor and developer have not submitted a request for a bond reduction.

Mr. Schombert said did they pay their tap in fee?

Mr. McCutcheon said yes.

Mr. Devanté Miles said O'Reilly Auto Parts; the final application was filed with the County and the public hearing was held earlier this month. Outstanding items do remain regarding the water and sewer items.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Mill Street Station; no change this month.

Mr. Devanté Miles said Water System Items, Comprehensive Monitoring Plan; we did submit a response to the DEP. They had comments on the revised Comprehensive Monitoring Plan that was sent earlier this year,

Mr. Devanté Miles said Well No. 2 Emergency Repair; we are asking for an update from Moody and to provide a schedule. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Devanté Miles said the application for the Flood Mitigation Program was submitted earlier this month.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for May 2022 was 11.1M gallons. The average daily system demand was 353,000 gallons per day. The water purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 111,900 gallons for the month.

Water System

Mr. Deems said we started the spring flushing program in April and got through all of Tier 3, the center part of Tier 2 and below the tracks on Tier 1 and a couple other miscellaneous areas, but we haven't been able to complete it so at this point we are going to hold off and do the whole system in the fall.

Mr. Deems said the Low-Pressure wells mag-meter failed at the plant due to an electrical outage. Based on previous experiences it will not be able to be repaired because they no longer make the parts.

Mr. Schombert said is it a high cost?

Mr. Deems said probably \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

Mr. Cardimen said if we need it, then let's get it.

Mr. Deems said the hydraulic actuator for Filter #4 came apart and we weren't able to operate the waste valve for that filter so we were able to get it clamped to the hydraulic cylinder that is working. It is still leaking so in the long term that will need replaced as well.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 4" main near 1343 State Avenue.

Mr. Deems said the property owner had a leaking service repaired at 812 4th Avenue.

Mr. Deems said we replaced a leaking lead service line at 1533 Vance and connected to copper.

Mr. Deems said two leaking pipe joints were replaced by Jet Jack in the 700 block of Wood Street.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a service connection for 506 Mt. Vernon with a saddle. The old corp became dislodged from the main and came out and the service was copper. Note, this is the 2nd corporation in this block that has come out of the main and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said we replaced a leaking lead line for 1616 Vance and connected to lead on customer side and we notified the customer that their line was lead and we recommend replacement.

Mr. Deems said we repaired fire hydrant on Montour at Ferree Street that was struck by a car.

Mr. Deems said we did replace the hot water tank at the plant.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Deems said after the last storm from we had a couple weeks ago we did find a large amount of gravel at the regulator again, so I have a call in to Tri-State for them to clean that portion of the interceptor and that trunk line.

Storm System

Mr. Deems said we made a sweep of 4th and 5th Avenues and some of the up and down streets after the last storm to clean inlet grates because they were severely plugged after the storm.

Mr. Cardimen said I noticed that all of these repairs that we've made in all of these locations and when the Authority is doing the repairs do you get street permits to open the street?

Mr. Deems said we are not filling out a paper, but there is a record of it.

Mr. Cardimen said do you realize there is a Bourgh Ordinance that requires this?

Mr. Deems said I do realize that and we can start doing this and a discussion pursued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said I already mentioned the stormwater and we are waiting on the other opinion.
Mr. Nate Boring said 1222 Vance has reached out to me again and I directed them back because I explained to them what needed done a year ago. I advised them to get a street opening permit and re emailed him a copy of the original request and he continued to explain.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

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