Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting via teleconference

August 16, 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

Karl Groom

Mike Harris

John Schombert

**ALSO, PRESENT**

Rich Deems – Superintendent

Drew Null – Authority Engineer

Devanté Miles – Authority Engineer

Nathan Boring – Solicitor via teleconference

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 been provided a summary of the heavy usage issue for Mr. August Killen of 821 Royal Avenue, has the problem been fixed?

Mr. August Killen said I filled up my swimming pool with the meter on so what I’m looking for is a reduction on the sewage portion.

Mr. Schombert said we do have a policy for filling a swimming pool.

Mr. McCutcheon said you are supposed to have us read the meter before filling the pool and then again once it is filled.

Mr. Schombert said in the future you will need to call us before filling.

Mr. Killen said I will do so.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Pool Filling Policy for August Killen of 821 Royal Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Hamilton Hope of 1529 Vance Avenue and they had a pressure regulator that was leaking behind a wall.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Hamilton Hope of 1529 Vance Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 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 August 2022 in the amount of $102,574.15. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for August 2022 in the amount of $69,208.13 which includes the RSA charges of $39,469.00.

Mr. McCutcheon asked, is the Riverview charge up $3,000.00? And is that what it will be going forward?

Mr. Deems said yes with the possibility of an annual adjustment so it might go up or down a little.

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APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for July 2022 in the amount of $8,510.39. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said water rentals are right in line. On our expenditure side chemicals are up and one of the reasons it is so bad, is that we budgeted for six months because the projection was to be with Moon by then. Mr. Deems said that caustic and salt have gone up drastically so that is a reason as well.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have done half a million dollars of work on the lead waterline so far and the reimbursements from Pennvest have been excellent and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said sewer rentals up a little bit from what was budgeted. Expenditures are right in line and we still have the capital available because the cost to do the Chestnut Street Project came in so high that it was rejected by Council and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said for stormwater we have collected 93% of the budgeted revenue from the fees fees and our expenditures are still under 25%. We do need to get started on McCabe Run, but I believe that we are still waiting for the DEP to get something to us.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Drew Null said the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project: there is a lot of activity happening on Main Street right now and the waterline contractor did finish up baring punch list items. The Borough’s Road contractor just started there this week and the Authority’s contractor, Stefanik is there and has completed a couple of repairs.

Mr. Null said we do have Partial Payment No. 5 submitted by the Contractor for consideration for this evening in the amount $74,227.50 and we do recommend that payment. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Partial Payment #5 to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount $74,227.50. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen said are they going to repair the intersection at Ridge and Vine?

Mr. Null said yes, and we have reviewed with the Contractor and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said so everything in that intersection will be new in all four directions, as far as waterlines go and once this is done, we shouldn’t have any problems. Mr. Null explained there is a bad section of waterline and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said this cost is from Jet Jack and it would be a change order so adding it to the PENNVEST Project has some issues. We have Jet Jack under contract with Wood Street and Chess Street still, so it makes more sense to do that route.

Mr. Cardimen said we can do an add alternate to the Wood Street Contract.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Borough could pay for it and the Authority will reimburse.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a change order to Jet Jack for Wood Street in the amount of $11,800.00, to replace a section of waterline at Vine Street and Ridge Avenue intersection. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said with the approval of the pay request there is another reimbursement to Pennvest in the amount of $90,706.39 for the engineering and contractor. Mr. Mihalyi made a motion approve the reimbursement to Pennvest in the amount of $90,706.39 for the engineering and contractor. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; the water system study with Cyrus is coming to an end with the three different coupon testing for 30 days and the results will be presented at the Committee Meeting.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street and Wood Street; we did have the contractor out last week to look at punch list items and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said CDBG (Year 49) Program; preapplications are due September 9th so we are working with the Superintendent to get a project together. There are two; one on West End and one on 5th Avenue. The 5th Avenue one is possibly in the Moon footprint, so we have a call into COG to see if that’s an issue.

Mr. Drew Null said the Borough 2022 Road Program; we are meeting with the contractor tomorrow and they are projecting to start at the end of the month. An extra work change order was requested to address Authority spot repairs and gave a per unit price. After talking with the Manager, I’m thinking that we can do a not to exceed $35,000.00 for the repairs. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve road repairs by El Grande that is not to exceed $35,000.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew said the Authority did some CCTV work and identified a defect in a pipe in Pine Alley so we reached out to Jet Jack and they gave us a crew cost of $10,000.00 per day with the assumption that it can be done in one day. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Jet Jack for point repairs not to exceed $20,000.00. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; not much has changed within the past month. The Train Station came to the Council Meeting last week with a presentation and they are still considering options of single service or replacing the main and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Well No. 2 Pump Replacement; I spoke with Moody, who is the Contractor that did the replacement and we’re reviewing the options with them. They do have a spare pump that they put in for now and we are waiting to get some cut sheets back from them to see, if it makes sense. It has been long enough to leave the pump in and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Well Meter Replacement; I had a conversation with the DEP and a permit is required since you are switching manufacturer.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items; the Long Term Control Plan Items are still under review with the Committee and we’ll be discussing within the next month.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items; the MS4 the post construction field reviews and the outfall samples have been completed. September 30th is when the annual report is due, so we will be working toward that.

Mr. Drew Null said Brook Street; we are still waiting on the DEP.

Mr. Drew Null said you did receive an appeal request from the property owner of 876 Pennsylvania Avenue and another property on 5th Avenue. The property on Pennsylvania Avenue has been demolished so this is eligible for no fee because there is no impervious surface.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve credit of the Stormwater Fee for 876 Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said the same property owner is requesting credit on 1403 5th Avenue because the building is located on a stream, but being close to a stream doesn’t reduce anything from going to that stream, it’s just closer in travel. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said at this time we are recommending no credit.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Deems said the total water produced for July 2022 was 9.6M gallons. The average daily system demand was 327,000 gallons per day which is down quite a bit. The water purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 112,000 gallons for the month.

Mr. Schombert said do you think the reduction is due to your leak detection work?

Mr. Deems said yes, it is definitely due to the leaks being repaired.

**Water System**

Mr. Deems said we did send a PO to Krohne for the new mag meter.

Mr. Deems said we repaired a leaking 4” main on Vine and Ridge and which is part of the area that you approved the change order for this evening.

**Sanitary Sewage System**

Mr. Deems said as Mr. Null stated, we had Robinson Pipe here and they found that hole just above the interceptor and I also had them clean the interceptor down to Arch Street while they were here.

Mr. Deems said on State Avenue from Chestnut towards Maple Street I had Robinson clean this again and televise it. They had to make several passes to clean it because there was a lot of sediment there. There were no defects other than the lamp pole at the very end of the line so I’m not sure where the gravel came from, but other than the lamp pole it’s okay.

Mr. Deems said Robinson conducted a CCTV inspection for the sanitary line on Chestnut Street it is the right-of-way from McCabe Avenue down to Sylvan Way through the Paper Street. This was done because of discussions with the Borough and a resident about possibly vacating that portion of line so we wanted to go ahead and inspect to see the condition. There were a couple minor defects and cracks that may warrant a lining.

Mr. Deems said the manhole at the alley way was covered and when they televised, they got to within ten feet of it and the line is about half full of something so we’ll have to excavate that manhole, uncover it and raise it to the surface to get access to clean it out.

Mr. Deems said we did the lead and copper sampling this month and we have 16 of the 21 samples back and so far, they’re all good.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Nate Boring said there is nothing that we need to do with the PCB to get the $17,000.00 that is allocated for the stormwater issues for that contamination.

Mr. Nate Boring said we’ve been dealing with some personnel issues that have been taken care of.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. McCutcheon said the Council President called me today and he has been in contact with Gary Hutsler who is with the Army Corps of Engineers and Mr. Hutsler said they have $192M that has to be used in the West Central area of the State. I informed him that the Borough has looked at the levy and the flood pumps that we’ve never been able to get funding for and they may be able to share in waterline replacements and they will pay 75%. Mr. Hutsler said he will give us the contact information of the person in charge and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**