Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting via teleconference

September 20, 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 6:03 Arrival

George Mihalyi

Karl Groom

Mike Harris

John Schombert

**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. Schombert said we have a letter from Patrick Walsh regarding his property at 3 Thorn Street, Building A and the owner is Lynn Giesler. He claims there was a leak with his back flow preventer and we can authorize the use of the Excessive Use Policy provided that we notify the property owner as well and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi 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. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for September, 2022 in the amount of $58,437.49. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for September, 2022 in the amount of $75,327.17 which includes the RSA charges of $39,469.25. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for September 2022 in the amount of $9,143.91. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon asked for a motion to approve Resolution 22-103 requesting a Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund Grant in the amount of $265,000.00 for the Montour Run Sanitary Sewer Lining Project.

Mr. Null said this is 100% request with no match requirement, this is for repairs to the area tributary to Montour Lift Station and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert said is most of this terracotta?

Mr. Deems said all of it.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Resolution 22-103 requesting a Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund Grant in the amount of $265,000.00 for the Montour Run Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 to Stefanik’s Next Generation in the amount of $209,147.40 for the Main Street Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project and to invoice the Borough of Coraopolis for 50% of the invoice amount for their share of the project.

Mr. Mihalyi said they still have more work to do, correct?

Mr. Null said there are two lateral liners left and that should be squared away within the next week and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said wasn’t that total $320,00.00?

Mr. Null said there were restoration items in there to close up the road so some of that cost does come down because we don’t need them to put hot mix in the road with Avelli tearing everything up behind them. Some sidewalk comes out of that and there were two floating repairs in case something was worse than what we originally identified and right now they haven’t used those, so that should decrease the cost by about $40K.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Partial Rayment No. 1 to Stefanik’s Next Generation in the amount of $209,147.40 for the Main Street Sanitary Sewer Repairs Project and to invoice the Borough of Coraopolis for 50% of the invoice amount for their share of the project. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said I don’t have much to report tonight other than we are in good shape. We just finalized the audit and it took a little longer than normal because the Auditor’s group was busy.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Mr. Drew Null said the 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project: everything is done pending punch list items that are relatively minor. We do have a reimbursement request for PENNVEST in the amount of $18,425.84 and it would be appropriate to make a motion to approve submission of that to PENNVEST.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to request reimbursement to PENNVEST in the amount of $18,425.84. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we did have a Committee Meeting and Cyrus, the individuals doing the water system testing did provide an update. They did complete the corrosion analysis so 90-day coupons in both the CWSA and Moon Systems. There is a difference between the two systems; Coraopolis is a stable, consistent, flat leveled and limited changing water composition. Moon’s composition fluctuates and it is a little more aggressive in terms of chemistry. Mr. Null said looking forward to see what chemical would be used Cyrus said they will run another 90-day test looking at what potential corrosion prevention chemicals can be used for the CWSA System. He continued to explain and directed everyone to Attachment C.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a 90-day corrosion test with Cyrus Rice Consulting Inc. at a price of $15,790.00. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street; there are still outstanding items that the contractor has been addressing over that past two weeks and they have not asked for payment yet.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer; there are still punchlist items outstanding. The piping manufacturer reviewed the failed joints and are not seeing any issues for cause of concern so that leaves the contractor to answer the question of why they are failing and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we talked last month about a sewer repair along Pine Alley within the Borough’s Road paving scope and that was done as a change order in the amount of $14,325.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said the GEDTF application will be filed this week and that is the Resolution that you authorized this evening.

Mr. Drew Null said Main Street Roadway Construction; this is the pay request that you authorized this evening and like I said there are two lateral liners waiting there and we are still holding retainage.

Mr. Drew Null said CDBG (Year 49) Program; preapplications were filed and household income surveys are required to qualify the projects and letters have been sent out to all of the property owners. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said COG says to proceed forward as if the surveys are returned favorable, so we’ll have resolutions for this next month.

Mr. Drew Null said the Borough 2022 Road Program; we did get a proposal from the Borough’s Contractor and directed everyone to Attachment H. Mr. Null said we are still targeting the $35,000.00 number and the Contractor is looking to start next week and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said USACE Environmental Infrastructure (Section 313 Program); this is referring to the question that came up in the last meeting concerning funding available for water and sewer improvements through the Army Corp of Engineers. We have looked into it and wastewater and water supply projects are eligible and it is a 75/25 split with 25% local match. We have had some ongoing discussion with them and early in the year they did indicate one to three projects may be eligible in this region, they are looking for larger projects and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Small Water and Sewer Program; someone from our funding committee was on the CFA Board Meeting today and they provided an update that Small Water and Sewer Program is accepting applications until December 21st, so we want to review eligible projects and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Chestnut Street Roadway Vacation; the Borough did receive a request from a resident vacate an unopened portion of Chestnut Street, Sylvan Avenue to McCabe Avenue. A sanitary sewer is located in this portion of unopened roadway, so there will have to be an easement dedicated to the Authority to maintain use of that sanitary sewer. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; the Montour Soccer Complex, there are some outstanding questions on their end, so we did offer to have a field meeting in the next week and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said O’Reilly is at a point where they can move forward. We did have a call with them to discuss outstanding items and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the Borough has been meeting with the Developer of the Mill Street Station and they are again exploring the option of extending the main line sewer and vacating the road. There is nothing to be reviewed until they come back with a plan.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items; the Water Treatment Plant Meter permit has been filed and we are waiting to hear from the DEP

Mr. Drew Null said Chestnut Street Waterline Replacement; the Borough did authorize the rebidding of Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. We will look to open bids, so the Borough can make a decision for the November Meeting and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Operations Support; one of the items that came up with the Committee is our recent staff shortage. We did reach out to several companies and CWM provided a proposal to offer operational support service to fill in during a staff shortage. What we requested through CWM is someone on staff to run the plant and fill in once a week, cover vacation days, holidays and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items; we are still working on the Act 537 update and look to discuss it in the Committee Meeting that is scheduled for next week

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items; the annual MS4 Report is due September 30th, so we’re finalizing that and reviewing with the Manager and Superintendent.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; the DEP did release your permit. We have three easements that are outstanding. Letters were previously sent to the property owners, but we did not get a response, so we’ll be reaching out to them so that they can be signed. If the Board is willing to authorize to proceed with bidding, then we can look to open bids in November.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid documents for advertisement. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Deems said the total water produced for August 2022 was 10M gallons. The average daily system demand was 308,000 gallons per day. The water purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 112,500 gallons for the month.

**Water System**

Mr. Deems said we did receive the mag meter. We did order a pip spool piece and miscellaneous accessories for that installation from LB Water that should be delivered soon and Gary Doyle who is currently working for RSA will install it for us in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Deems said the lead and copper sampling was completed and all samples came back below the action level.

Mr. Deems said Well No. 6 failed today. H&L Electric came and determined the cause was the starter assembly so once we replace that we should be back in operation for that well and a discussion pursued.

**Sanitary Sewage System**

Mr. Deems said I am still chasing the problem where we’re getting a lot of sediment and gravel and sand at the CSO Regulator on Pine Alley. Independent Enterprises did fix the hole that was upstream, but that didn’t fix the problem. Mr. Deems said I had Robinson televise and directed everyone to the map handout. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Nate Boring said concerning the PFAS litigation, one of the immunity defenses got struck down and the Bellwether Cases are scheduled for April 2023, so everything is moving forward.

**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. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize the Authority Manager to advertise for a Full-time Distribution Employee. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Deems said because of our situation I did reach out to KLH who has a SCADA Team on staff that is separate from their engineering department and they gave me a proposal of $7,000.00 to give us notification for Fleming Street water levels that I would be able to view remotely. Mr. Deems said this is below the limit that we are authorized, but I just wanted to let you know.

Mr. Schombert said I don’t think there will be an objection from the Board so go right ahead.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**