

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023
6:00 PM

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

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

PRESENT

Robb Cardimen 6:04 Arrival
George Mihalyi
Karl Groom
Mike Harris

ABSENT

John Schombert

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 received a letter from Sally Kirkpatrick of 1304 Ridge Avenue requesting credit for one quarter of excessive use due to a faulty pressure relief valve which has since been replaced.

Mr. McCutcheon said they had a credit issued here in August of 2022, but this building has four units and has four different meters. Our Policy reads as per meter, not as per address. I spoke with Mr. Schombert about this and he agrees that it is fair to issue credit per meter.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Sally Kirkpatrick of 1304 Ridge Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi said we received a letter from Christa Miles of 729 6th Avenue.

Mr. Deems said I can verify that this was a leaky toilet and based on the check reading it does appear to be fixed. This spanned two quarters and we usually credit for the whole event.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy encompassing the entire event for Christa Miles of 729 6th Avenue. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi said with the arrival of the Board Vice-President, I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Cardimen.

Mr. Cardimen said we have a letter from Kenneth Salters of 1212 4th Avenue requesting credit from the Excessive Use Policy.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Kenneth Salters of 1212 4th Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen said we have a letter from Randolph Bolea (tenant Lia Veres) for 746 5th Avenue for a leaking toilet valve which has since been repaired.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for the entire event for Randolph Bolea (tenant Lia Veres) for 746 5th Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen said we have a letter from Dominic Crivelli of 853 4th Avenue requesting credit through the Excessive Use Policy. Mr. Deems said I can verify that this was fixed. During Christmas it froze and was blowing nonstop. It was turned off and fixed.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Domenic Crivelli of 853 4th Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Authority Meeting. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$96,630.22.

Mr. McCutcheon said there are a couple of larger items on here; the \$10,000.00 permit for the DEP, we purchased a little over \$15,000.00 from MTMA for water and we also paid the liability insurance to Select Insurance for \$23,000.00.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$96,630.22. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$85,399.70.

Mr. McCutcheon said it is a little higher this month because of the portion of the Select Insurance Premium being \$11,000.00, the portion of the LSSE invoice for the Act 537 is \$12,000.00 and the Riverview payment that went up to \$40,101.00.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$85,399.70. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$9,798.84. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said there isn't that much to report on the financials so far. We did receive a transportation payment from MTMA of \$16,000.00. They have started on McCabe Run, but we haven't seen invoices for it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said I have nothing to report. Inaudible.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we did get an update on the corrosion study with GLS, the physical portion was completed this week and the analysis portion is being worked on and we anticipate having results shortly which we will provide when it becomes available.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2023 Road Program; we went over the list of roads that are being considered at last months meeting.

Mr. Drew Null said Chestnut Street is out to bid and includes replacement of the waterline on 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue. Based on the bids received last time it's an approximate \$100,000.00 budget for replacement of the waterline and we should see bids by the March meeting.

Mr. McCutcheon said are we talking about that one spot on Hiland Avenue where the DiNardo driveway comes down? And we also talked about Wood Street between 6th Avenue and the alley going up towards 7th Avenue. Will we add these to the street list?

Mr. Null said yes, we can if the Board is interested in that.

Mr. Cardimen said I think this Board should consider doing whatever road repairs to make things right. The 1000 Block of Hiland Avenue has a dip in it. Is that just settling?

Mr. Deems said there was a large split, the waterline would heave the road up and that's why it didn't settle, it just moved the sand around underneath it. I am confident that it's stable and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to include the paving of Hiland Avenue and Wood Street into the 2023 Borough Road Program where the CWSA will reimburse the Borough.

Mr. Deems said there are probably a few more spots, nowhere near that big that we can add as they come up and a discussion pursued. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; we did get some feedback and the PA Small Water and Sewer Program and the H2O Program. The information for the Small Water and Sewer has been sent to them. The H2O PA Program is a 50/50 matching project for a portion of the Long Term Control Plan. We are reviewing that with the CFA, but they are pushing for a hard commitment on that match. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, we still have some minor punchlist items for the Main Street Waterline, so we are waiting on the Contractor.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer and Waterline; Mr. McCutcheon mentioned the Act 537 Study and we did get a draft over and the next steps will be talking how we will engage with Moon and Robinson if they would be party to the study and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said we will have the Chapter 94 Report will be addressed shortly.

Mr. Drew Null said Brook Street was mentioned and we had the preconstruction meeting and the Contractor is moving forward.

Mr. McCutcheon asked for information on the inspection of the tanks.

Mr. Null said we received some quotes and Mr. Deems has some questions on the scope so we will get those answered by next month.

Mr. McCutcheon said do you remember the last time they were inspected?

Mr. Deems said I would have to look back and see and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi said what about the mixers?

Mr. Null said we have reached out to vendors for more information and I feel this is a biddable project. We can report back next month.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for January 2023 was 8.4M gallons and 854,000 gallons were purchased from MTMA for the first couple of days of January. The daily average demand for the system was 306,000 gallons per day. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 53,000 gallons for the month however the Grace Street meter isn't reading correctly so that's low. This meter does belong to Moon so it is their responsibility to change and I have made them aware that their meter has stopped.

Water System

Mr. Rich Deems we did have the low-pressure mag-meter installed at the Plant. Gary Doyle installed it with Moon loaning him two of their workers. After the installation it is evident that the well production is down overall by about 70 GPM compared to last May. We also noticed that Well 5, seems to have an intermittent problem with starting.

Mr. Rich Deems said the owner of 1414 Vance replaced a galvanized service with copper and reconnected to copper at the curb stop.

Mr. Rich Deems said we replaced a lead service for 861 6th Avenue after the homeowner brought a new copper line to the sidewalk and exposed lead on our side.

Mr. Rich Deems said we replaced a 4" meter chamber for the towers because of the low battery alarm in the register.

Mr. Rich Deems said the Annual Water Supply Report was completed for last year and submitted to DEP. The unaccounted part for water last year was 18.3% of the average daily amount of 340,000 gallons/day. That is down from the previous year of 23.2% of an average 359,000 gallons/day.

Mr. Rich Deems said I began working on our Consumer Confidence Report and after doing so, I noticed a discrepancy in lab reporting to the DEP, particularly the VOC results. They were supposed to sample twenty regulated VOC's and it looks like they left five of them off, so I did contact that lab today and they think they have the ability to go into those data bases and check the boxes to report them. It would not be a non-report, but a late reporting violation and he continued to explain.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Rich Deems said for the Watt Street Pump Station, we did have that Pump #1 tore down and rebuilt with Authority Staff which was needed due to vibration and noise issues.

Mr. Deems said for Pump #3 the Flowmatcher variable speed controller failed, so that pump is now out of service. We did tear it apart to repair leaking seals, but hopefully we'll be able to get that put back in service because there is no support for that system anymore because it's so outdated. This is something that we identified to put into the Long-Term Control Plan.

Mr. Rich Deems said a time of sale dye test was done for 1213 State Avenue and two downspouts failed, but were remediated a couple of days later.

Mr. Rich Deems said remediation of failed dye test that was completed late 2021 was finished this month for 1305 State Avenue.

Mr. Rich Deems said Robinson Pipe Cleaning was back late January to finish the Cleaning/CCTV work on State Avenue. A segment between Montour and Ferree was identified last year as needing cleaned so I brought them back so they could finish that. They cleaned that all the way to the regulator at Pine Alley and cleaned the interceptor down to Arch Street to remove any remaining sediment that was left over from that manhole collapse

last year. You have to note that there is one spot on State Avenue between George and Ferree that when they televised, they saw a plumber snake stuck in the line. Rather than excavate that they think they can get a robotic truck in to cut it out and they will get back to me.

Storm System

Mr. Rich Deems said there is no change to the American Bridge generators site, but I would like to solicit quotes for removal of the storage tank that is there. It is a single wall tank and is a liability and is not being used and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Rich Deems said I ordered a Fabco inlet insert for Montour and State. This is a combined sewer inlet and is used to reduce sediment going into the combined sewer because of what we saw in that segment.

Mr. Cardimen said is Well No. 5 one of our better producing Wells?

Mr. Deems said no, it's down to about 44 gallons per minute.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Harris made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Harris made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to hire Jacob Pendred on March 6, 2023 upon passing a physical. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED