

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Reorganization Meeting  
January 17, 2023  
6:00 PM

The Meeting was called to order by the Authority Manager Ray McCutcheon.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

**PRESENT**

Robb Cardimen  
George Mihalyi  
Karl Groom  
Mike Harris  
John Schombert

**ALSO, PRESENT**

Drew Null – Authority Engineer  
Devanté Miles – Authority Engineer  
Nate Boring – Solicitor  
Raymond McCutcheon – Manager

Mr. McCutcheon asked if there were any questions on the Agenda, being none, the meeting continued.

Mr. McCutcheon asked for a motion to approve the slate of Officers; John Schombert – Authority President, Robb Cardimen – Vice-president and George Mihalyi – Secretary.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the slate of Officers; John Schombert – Authority President, Robb Cardimen – Vice-president and George Mihalyi – Secretary. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE**

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Groom	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Schombert	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. McCutcheon said I can now turn the meeting over to Authority President Mr. Schombert.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the slate of Professional Services; Authority Solicitor – Gaintens, Tucceri and Nicholas, Authority Engineers – Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Auditor – Mark Turnley C.P.A., Depository – First National Bank and Publication – Beaver County Times.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the slate of Professional Services; Authority Solicitor – Gaintens, Tucceri and Nicholas, Authority Engineers – Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Auditor – Mark Turnley C.P.A., Depository – First National Bank and Publication – Beaver County Times. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Groom	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Schombert	Yes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to set the Authority Meeting for the third Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm at the Coraopolis Municipal Building. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Cardimen	Yes
Mr. Mihalyi	Yes
Mr. Groom	Yes
Mr. Harris	Yes
Mr. Schombert	Yes

Motion Carried.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Schombert said I have a letter from Janey Taylor of 1340 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue explaining excessive use due to a toilet leak and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy to encompass the whole event for Janey Taylor of 1340 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022, Authority Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for January 2023 in the amount of \$77,334.03.

Mr. McCutcheon said there are a couple of odd items in the invoices, one if for Moody and Associates for work that they did back in February totaling \$11,500.00. The other is when they split the Jet Jack Wood Street repair 50/50 for a cost of \$11,258.00. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for January 2023 in the amount of \$77,334.03. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for January 2023 in the amount of \$67,617.11, which includes the treatment charges for the Riverview Sanitary Authority of \$40,101.00. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for January 2023 in the amount of \$7,934.13. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said this is the year-end report; Water Rentals came in at \$30,000.00 under budget based on usage. In Misc. Income we have a \$22,000.00 reimbursement for engineering fees from the soccer fields and AHN. We also had a \$28,000.00 tap fee for the soccer fields and the Pennvest proceeds of \$700,000.00 offset the work that we did on Main Street and Ridge Avenue for the lead line replacement. We did have a \$33,000.00 deficit for the year, but we still have some reimbursement coming from Pennvest.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Sewer Rentals came in at about \$20,000.00 over budget, we had a tap fee at the soccer complex of \$47,250.00. Sewer also had a \$22,000.00 reimbursement for engineering for expenses at the soccer complex. With Borough collaboration on the Main Street sewer lining replacement project, we were reimbursed \$104,000.00. Expenditures came in at \$140,000.00 over budget and that included the lining on the emergency work done on Wood Street and we were positive \$106,000.00.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Fees came in at 7% over budget and I think Jordan Tax Service has gone back to collect delinquencies. Expenditures are minimal because we really haven't done much on McCabe Run yet, but will be starting on that soon and he continued to explain.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; with Moon raising their rate we are going to dust off the bulk water analysis to update for the rate and take another look at that usage. Once that is updated, we will discuss at the next Committee Meeting.

Mr. Schombert said can we look further into the PFOA article that I read this morning? That impacts what happens here and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we will take a look at it.

Mr. Null said there is nothing to report on the Corrosion Study, they are still working through it and the 90 days will take them through February and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Chess Street Roadway Improvements; we did a field review and there are some minor items related to storm sewer work. Final in-place quantities did reflect spot repair to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the contractor has filed a pay request to be considered at the next Borough Meeting in the amount of \$4,700.00. It would be appropriate for the Board to authorize reimbursement to the Borough. Mr. McCutcheon said there may be other reimbursements to the Borough so let's combine them onto one.

Mr. Drew Null said the 2022 Borough Road Program; work has been completed for spot repair and directed everyone to Attachment A for the breakdown on costs. The final quantity amount results in \$19,682.10 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to Attachment B and said there is \$22,000.00 associated with catch basin replacements along Pine Alley. The total reimbursement to the Borough for both projects is \$41,682.10.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve authorization of payment of \$46,382.10 to the Coraopolis Borough for the work on Chess Street in the amount of \$4,700.00, patchwork done throughout town in the amount of \$19,682.10 and \$22,000.00 for catch basin replacements by El Grande. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said 2023 Road Program; we have a preliminary list that the Borough is working through some options to consider for paving this year and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said we're looking to re-bid Chestnut Street early this year and that includes waterline replacement and the previous bid numbers were in the \$70,000.00 to \$100,000.00 range and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the Borough is looking into installing a storm drain on the southern side of Neely Heights Avenue due to road failure. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; we filed applications in December and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; we hold a bond for the soccer complex and at this point have a request for a bond reduction and directed everyone to Attachment C. Mr. Null said we do recommend holding some funding so it would go from \$304,013.00 to \$38,638.00.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to reduce the Shallenberger Construction bond by \$265,375.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Paine Garage; this is a personal garage along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and has had a pre application meeting and this is an item that would go through the County's process and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, we talked about Long Term Control Plan, a model has been validated, but our focus has really been with the water right now so we'll want to get back with the Committee and discuss the data. We're seeing that there is a small decrease, but not a large one as in the initial feeling. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Wood Street Sanitary Sewer and Waterline; for the Main Street, Ridge Avenue Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project we did get a payment request from the Contractor they did request final release and we responded that there are several outstanding punchlist items so we have returned that request and asked for a schedule for completion.

Mr. Drew Null said Water Treatment Plant Meter Replacement; the permit was issued by PaDEP on January 4, 2023.

Mr. Drew Null said Tank Mixing Improvements; I will get with the Superintendent and review proposed improvements. We'll be looking for quotes on tank inspections and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System; we did get the request for the annual Wasteload Report so we will be getting that together.

Mr. Drew Null said the emergency repair by Jet Jack for sanitary sewer along Wood Street has been completed and directed everyone to Attachment E.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$22,516.00 to Jet Jack, Inc. for emergency repair related to sanitary sewer along Wood Street. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items, we need to schedule a pre-construction meeting for the PRP Project and we just received executed documents back from the Contractor. Once we get that last right of way figured out, we will get that meeting scheduled.

Mr. McCutcheon said what is going on with the O'Reilly Development?

Mr. Null said there is nothing to report on them, administratively they have requested an extension for final determination from the County. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Harris said when the clean-up work was being done by Avelli on Main Street I noticed that the street sign of Main and Hiland was knocked over and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I will ask Public Works to take a look at it.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon stated the total water produced for December 2022 was 7.1M gallons and 3.6M gallons were purchased from MTMA. The daily average demand for the system was 342,000 gallons per day. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 108,500 gallons for the month.

Mr. McCutcheon directed everyone to the Monthly Superintendent's Report and said since Mr. Deems is not here this evening, I can email him with any of your questions.

Mr. Null said Mr. Deems has been working with the outpatient center and a transfer of property is underway and that was identified as a lot of flow coming through there so dye testing was done and the lateral had a make shift sump that was taking on water and ultimately going into the sanitary so he has been working with them to take that out. We are hopeful for some reduction at the Arch Street Ejector Station and he continued to explain.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Nate Boring said the Stormwater Fee litigation that we've been waiting on from Eastern PA is in a holding pattern until the appeal period passes or if it goes to the Supreme Court and then the Supreme Court makes the decision whether or not they have a case.

Mr. Null said regarding the closing out of Pennvest, once we get the final payment in, we will want to add Mr. Boring's invoices in and a discussion pursued.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Schombert said is the Borough going to recognize anything for Orlando?

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Cardimen read something at the public meeting and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said I don't think we need an Executive Session, but we haven't started the interview process yet and we need to do that soon.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**