

CORAOPOLIS WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting via teleconference

March 21, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Roll Call

Questions on the Agenda

Audience Remarks

Shawn Duffy – 851 ½ 6th Avenue – e-mail

G & C Realty– 1704 Orchard Way – letter (owner)

Mary Merryman – 835 7th Avenue – e-mail

Phelps Holdings – 1127 Hiland Ave – letter

VFW – John Radcliff – 412 Mulberry – coming to meeting

Rebekah Pickens – 719 Wood St – letter

Approve Minutes from the February 21, 2023 Authority Meeting

Approve Water invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$53,901.50

Approve Sewer invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$62,893.95

Approve Stormwater invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$8,441.00

Manager's Report

Engineer's Report (Any motion contemplated by the Engineer)

Superintendent's Report

Solicitor's Report (Any motion contemplated by the Solicitor)

Old Business

New Business

Correspondence

Adjournment

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

The Meeting was called to order by the Authority President John Schombert.

A Roll Call of Members was then taken.

PRESENT

George Mihalyi
Karl Groom
Mike Harris
John Schombert

ABSENT

Robb Cardimen

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. John Radcliff from the VFW at 412 Mulberry Street said the average over the past seven years has been between 17,000 and 20,000 gallons. Water was heard running on January 15th and it was discovered that the freeze plate was broken so we had that fixed. On February 7th it busted again and we aren't sure how long it was running and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said there is a meter pit here so we can credit the sewer amount as well.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for John Radcliff on behalf of the VFW at 412 Mulberry Street. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we received a letter from Shawn Duffy of 851 ½ 6th Avenue. Mr. Duffy claims this was caused from a tenant who wouldn't give up possession, and turned off the heat causing the waterline to break. It has since been fixed.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Shawn Duffy at 851 ½ 6th Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

Mr. McCutcheon said their usage is less than the minimum, so they should still have to pay the minimum. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we received a letter from G&C Realty who has a rental property at 1704 Orchard Way. The excessive use was caused by a leaking toilet in the basement that has been repaired.

Mr. Mihalyi said this is someone who rents, do we usually issue credit for this?

Mr. McCutcheon said we go by the owner of the address. If this happens again at the same address and it is the same property owner then they do not receive another credit.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for G&C Realty at 1704 Orchard Way.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Mary Merryman of 835 7th Avenue asking for credit for a leaking toilet in the basement. The parts have been replaced.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for the Mary Merryman of 835 7th Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Phelps Holdings of 1127 Hiland Avenue requesting credit for a waterline break and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Phelps Holdings of 1127 Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Rebekah Pickens of 719 Wood Street for a leaking toilet. The toilet has been replaced.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Rebekah Pickens of 719 Wood Street.

Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 Authority Meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$53,901.50. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$62,893.95 which includes the Riverview charge of \$40,101.05.

Mr. McCutcheon said what did Robinson Pipe do for \$6,400.00?

Mr. Deems said they did cleaning and televising mostly along State Avenue.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$62,893.95 which includes the Riverview charge of \$40,101.05. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for March 2023 in the amount of \$8,441.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said we are early in the year, but the Water Financials look good, we are favorable by about \$16,000.00 year to date. For Sewer we are favorable about \$8,000.00 year to date. Stormwater fees are at 9% through February and the first deadline is March 31st, so we should see a significant number next month. Even with those low revenues we are still \$16,000.00 to the good on Stormwater.

Mr. McCutcheon said we will be seeing our first invoice for McCabe Run. We are going to wait until we pay the invoice in full before we request the \$125,000.00 grant that we were awarded.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Borough did approve the Chestnut Street Road Repair and Waterline Project. Mr. Null will be giving us a number of what the portion of the waterline will be for the Authority with his report.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Borough was awarded grant money for Mill Street and will be looking to do a project there next year. We need to figure out, if we want to do a waterline along with the street and sidewalks. Mr. McCutcheon said this will probably be a 2024 project and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert said do you have a cost for that?

Mr. Null said I would expect it to be around \$50,000.00, which is like what we see for Chestnut Street. A discussion pursued.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; we have an update for the corrosion determination. Cyrus Rice did advise

they completed the sampling portion of the studies. We have a meeting scheduled for this Thursday to discuss status and that would be the corrosion chemicals. They looked at three different corrosion chemicals and what might be the best fit right now.

Mr. Deems said did they do another corrosion or flow study here because their water use has been high?

Mr. Null said they did Moon water specifically.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2023 Road Program; the bid opening was held for Chestnut Street and the Borough did authorize the contract to Niando Construction. The water portion of that project totals \$51,050.00 and it would be appropriate for the Board to authorize a share.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approved funding to participate with the Borough Chestnut Street Project at an estimated total of \$51,050.00. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Null said for the remainder of the Borough Road Program we talked about considering repairs to Wood Street and Hiland Avenue and I think the logic is to include those in the Borough Road Program and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve participating with the Borough 2023 Road Program for repairs to Wood Street and Hiland Avenue including asphaltting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; the Army Corp reached out to us and let us know that they would be accepting letters of intent. There is a considerable amount of funding available for water and sewer type projects. That was due last week and directed everyone to the letter of intent to request funding for the Long-Term Control Plan. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said the LSA Grants; the CFA Board did meet last week, but their projects have not been listed.

Mr. Null said the Borough and Representative DeLuzio did submit a joint application for reconstruction of School Street and the waterline. That would be a long-term physical year 2024 appropriation.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; we did get a resubmission for the Chestnut Street Roadway Vacation and have a couple of questions are being reviewed with the solicitor and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, we still have some minor punchlist items outstanding for the Lead Joint Waterline Project. The CWSA staff observed a potential leak so we have been working with the contractor.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer Items; Long Term Control Plan, the Act 537 Study was circulated and we expect to get the timeline started and drafted copies out to respective Moon and Robinson. We will require formal adoption by resolution and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert said did you put a time limit for response?

Mr. Null said yes, it will be 30 – 45 days and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said the 2022 Chapter 94 Report has been completed.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items; Concerning MS4, the DEP extended the permit date two years, which will be 2025 with the same conditions and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan; the Brook Street Project, we do have Payment Request No. 1 received for consideration in the amount of \$217,912.50. That reflects a good bit of completion including the grading, earthwork and what is left is the landscape and planting and he continued to explain.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Partial Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$217,912.50 to Meadville Land Service, Inc. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for February 2023 was 8.5M gallons. The daily average demand for the system was 300,000 gallons per day. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. was 53,000 gallons. The Grace Street meter is still not reading properly so that is lower than it should be.

Water System

Mr. Rich Deems we repaired a small leak on a service line to 853 Neely Heights.

Mr. Rich Deems said we replaced a lead service at 1027 3rd Avenue and reconnected to lead on the customer side.

Mr. Rich Deems said we picked up leak noise on Main Street and we're still working on that.

Mr. Rich Deems said we replaced an air release valve on the transmission line between Fleming and School Street tanks.

Mr. Rich Deems said currently we're working on excavating a broken curb stop for 1029 5th Avenue. It's all hand work due to the gas line, electric line and Verizon all in the six-foot sidewalk so it is taking a while. Unfortunately, the T-head has rotted off flat on the curb stop so we will have to do something.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Rich Deems said 1222 Vance Avenue has been on my report for a few years. I drove by a few weeks ago and the bricks had been put back into the street. No one notified us of it and supposedly it was

fixed on a week end. I will remove it from my report, but cannot verify if it was done properly and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Schombert said we need to send them a letter asking them to document the repair.

Mr. Rich Deems said for the Watt Street Pump Station; we were able to rebuild the Flowmatcher variable control load cell that was leaking and is back in service. We moved on to pump No. 2 and in the future we'll do pump No. 1 as time permits.

Storm System

Mr. Rich Deems said I had Bolea Oil remove all the fuel from the American Bridge fuel tank that I reported on last month and they can reuse it for a different purpose so there was no charge and we'll deal with getting rid of the tank in the future.

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 load.

Mr. Mihalyi said regarding the leak that was detected on Main Street, could that be stormwater running down?

Mr. Deems said according to the leak detector technician no. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Nate Boring said there is an update on the PFAS litigation one of the cases for Stuart Florida is going to go forward as the first trial plaintiff before they can go into the bellwether process and he continued to explain.

Mr. Nate Boring said on a personal/professional note; I will be moving on from GTN at the end of the month. I appreciate the opportunity to be here for the past five years and working with everyone here. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said the parking lane on the southern side of Neely Heights has buckled and we have talked about installing a couple of catch basins and a french drain type of pipe.

Mr. Null said I think the intent would be to extend a storm drain. The contractor for Main Street did stub to the point where the concrete apron ended and they'd be available to connect there. Sinking a base and potentially an underdrain basin and I think we want to get the infrastructure up that way. There is a portion of waterline there that you may want to consider if the road is being done. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

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