

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 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**

Robb Cardimen

George Mihalyi

Karl Groom

Mike Harris

John Schombert

**ALSO, PRESENT**

Rich Deems – Superintendent

Drew Null – Authority Engineer

Devanté Miles – Authority Engineer

Vince Tucceri – 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 received a letter from Tunisa Manning of 806 Montour Street that states the water leak ran down through the basement and didn't go into the sewer.

Mr. Deems said this house is on a cliff, so it probably did skip the sewer and run right to the stream and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy (including excess of sewer) for Tunisa Manning of 802 Montour Street. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we received a letter from Neelam Real Estate of 924 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and this is for a broken waterline that has been repaired.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Neelam Real Estate of 924 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we received a letter from Melissa Pikul of 1630 State Avenue. This was due to a frozen pipe over the winter and has since been repaired.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Melissa Pikul of 1630 State Avenue. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Lisa Wilson of 914 Watson Street is asking for credit for a toilet issue. Mr. Schombert asked Mr. Deems if there has been a meter reading since the request in order to capture the whole event.

Mr. Deems said it looks like there was a reading on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy, encompassing the entire event for Lisa Wilson of 914 Watson Street. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from John Lee from 523 West End Avenue requesting credit due to a leaking faucet along with some other repairs and is now back to normal.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for 523 West End Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from David Kettles from 621 Watson St. and the issue has been resolved.

Mr. McCutcheon said this gentleman brought his request in at 4:00 this afternoon.

Mr. Cardimen said are these requests flagged so that we don't have repeat requests?

Mr. McCutcheon said yes, there is a file kept for them and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for David Kettles from 621 Watson Street. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2023 Authority Meeting as distributed. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for April 2023 in the amount of \$40,839.13. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for April 2023 in the amount of \$57,939.15 which includes the Riverview charge of \$40,101.05. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for April 2023 in the amount of \$6,262.08. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said the Water and Sewer Revenues are right around 23% in the first quarter, which is a little lower than expected, but still right in line. The Expenditures on both are under 25% so what we would expect for the end of March.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Revenues are at 33% and Expenditures are at 40% because of the \$218,000.00 Capital for the McCabe Run Project. We have built up the reserve on Stormwater plus we have the \$125,000.00 grant money that we are going to go after. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said we met with an electric supplier and the cost is almost doubling from the previous rate. Mr. Deems asked if it was for the Borough or the Authority. A discussion continue about current electric rates.

## **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 get through the remaining study concerning the corrosion chemical study to verify the best fit. Over the past month they did submit two invoices, one in the amount of \$26,240.00 for the first corrosion determination and comparison which was completed around July of last year. The second invoice for \$15,790.00 was for the corrosion chemical study and directed everyone to Attachments A and B. Mr. Null said to note that the invoices are made out to LSSE but said they should revise them to address the Authority. Barring that change if it's the Boards pleasure to authorize payment of those. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve invoices to Cyrus Rice Water Consultants, Inc. in the amounts of \$26,240.00 and \$15,790.00 upon recommendation of the Engineer. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said can you ask them to email the revised copies of these invoices?

Mr. Null said yes, we will get those over to you.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2023 Road Program; the update on Chestnut Street, that waterline was installed and testing was completed last week. Additional testing was requested by Council so the contractor bumped the test up to 300 psi which is well above the operating pressure and pretty close to the rate of pressure. It did a two-hour test at 300 and it did pass. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; there is nothing new to report, but will note that the Flood Mitigation Program was reopened and we have filed for this in the past. We will talk to see if there is any interest in the resubmission.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; there is nothing to update on developments.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, we are still waiting on punchlist items for the PENNVEST Waterline Project.

Mr. Drew Null said work is underway for Brook Street and with warmer weather coming they will have the plantings to address.

Mr. Schombert said concerning the Long Term Control Plan, did we send a draft out to Moon?  
Mr. Null said we have very minor adjustments that will be done this week so we'll have it sent to them then.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for March 2023 was 9.3M gallons. We did purchase 100,000 gallons from Moon School Street. The daily average demand for the system was 292,000 gallons per day for the month. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. registered 15,000 gallons, but the Grace Street did not record anything for that meter.

Mr. Schombert said is that our meter or Moon's?

Mr. Deems it is their meter and based on the invoices you approved it looks like they estimated.

### **Water System**

Mr. Rich Deems we did excavate a curb stop for 1029 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue because it had a broken T-Head. We did engage Myers Plumbing to assist in replacing it so we could avoid shutting down water in the Business District.

Mr. Rich Deems said the Consumer Confidence Report was completed and is posted on our website.

Mr. Rich Deems said we purchased a small amount of water which was mentioned above from School Street and that was to facilitate collection of the UCMR5 samples in March.

### **Sanitary Sewage System**

Mr. Rich Deems said there is nothing to report for the Sanitary System.

### **Storm System**

Mr. Rich Deems said we are in the process of replacing the inlet behind the thrift store on Pine Way with Authority workers.

Mr. Rich Deems said a large amount of time recently has gone towards PA One calls. Verizon is doing reinforcement on their telephone poles so we have probably had 200 calls within the last couple of weeks.

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

Mr. Vince Tucceri said concerning the PFAS, the last information you received would have been in March. We are anticipating the first of the trials to occur in June and he continued to explain.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said as you are aware on the Stormwater Management Fees there was a challenge made in the Borough of Westchester where it was determined to be a tax which means not for profits would be exempt. We are following this and he continued to explain.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said regarding the Karen Romasco property on Chestnut and the vacation of a portion of that road. I represent Karen and can assure you that she is willing to do whatever it takes to get it done and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert said the School District paid their first year of Stormwater Fee and hasn't paid since. Mr. McCutcheon said yes, since the Monroeville update and a discussion pursued.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Cardimen said the initial repair for Neely Heights is going to fall upon the Authority. Rico Giandrea has given us a quote to install 800 feet of pipe and two catch basins and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to authorize emergency repair of 800 feet of Neely Heights and two catch basins not to exceed \$50,000.00. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**