

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Meeting  
May 16, 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  
John Schombert

**ABSENT**

Robb Cardimen  
Mike Harris

**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 Dave Kettles of 621 Watson Street explaining his excessive use due to a broken pipe.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Dave Kettles of 621 Watson Street.

Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we received a letter from Ian Chronister of 10 McKinley Square stating his excessive use was caused by a leaking toilet.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Ian Chronister of 10 McKinley Square. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 Authority Meeting. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for May 2023 in the amount of \$65,002.77.

Mr. McCutcheon said we did purchase water from Moon in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for May 2023 in the amount of \$65,002.77. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for May 2023 in the amount of \$60,435.19 which includes the Riverview charge of \$40,101.05. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for May 2023 in the amount of \$43,082.95 which includes patch repair for \$22,000.00, what is that?

Mr. McCutcheon said there is patch repair on each of them.

Mr. Deems said this is the Borough reimbursement for the inlets for last year's road contract. This shouldn't be listed as patches and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi said what is the invoice for Jordan Tax Service?

Mr. McCutcheon said Jordan did a bunch of liens for people who haven't paid and there is a charge for them to do the service for us. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for May 2023 in the amount of \$43,082.95. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said the Water Financials, Rentals are at 32% and that's about where you should be for the end of April. We did have a large miscellaneous income this month for \$8,300.00 and \$7,900.00 was a payment from Moon and it says it's for a corrosion study.

Mr. McCutcheon said on the expenditure side, we paid Cyrus Rice \$42,000.00 and we may get reimbursed for half of that if we decide to go with Moon.

Mr. McCutcheon said Total Revenues 30%, Expenditures 29% and we've done very little capital to date.

Mr. McCutcheon said Sewer Financial Rentals are at 31%, RSA is at 33%, which is exactly where you would expect. On the total revenues and expenditures, they are both right around 29% so we are in good shape.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Financials, the fees are \$305,000.00 to date and that is 74.5%. For the expenditures we did pay the PRP for the Capital Project in the amount of \$218,000.00. Both revenues and expenditures are close to 50% for the year.

Mr. McCutcheon said a letter was brought to the office for Mr. Schombert from Michael Harris and it reads:

*Dear Mr. Schombert it is with regret that I tender my resignation from the CWSA Board effective immediately. I am grateful for having the opportunity to serve on the Board and offer best wishes for its continued success.*

Mr. McCutcheon said we cannot accept his resignation, so I will take this to the next Borough Meeting and we'll be graciously accepting his resignation.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said the Water and Sewer System Needs Assessment; the pipe deposit study that we talked about last month with Cyrus is underway and they are finishing it within the next week or two. They are finalizing the report and are looking into the requirements of the DEP and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2023 Road Program; bids were received by Council and authorized contingent upon the Authority sharing in three alternates which are Wood Street, Hiland Avenue and Neely Heights. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said this work (Neely Hts Ave) will all be covered under stormwater and we have the funds available for it and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said the correct amount for the three Alternates is \$89,520.00 for the Authority's share.

Mr. McCutcheon said Wood St. and Hiland Ave. are both water related.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; there is no change.

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

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, there are still outstanding items with the water contract (Main Street). We will try to reach out to them and try to have it resolved within the next month.

Mr. Drew Null said concerning the Long Term Control Plan, the draft Act 537 study has been provided to Moon and Robinson Authorities for review and comment and we've asked for their input by the middle of June. Afterwards we will come back to the Board and discuss moving forward and start the official advertising period and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said MS4 Compliance, part of your annual permit requires you to review PCSM structures in the Borough and those were reviewed and no items were noted for repair or issues.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP); they did complete the plantings this past week, so we'll have a walkthrough next week and expect final payment next month and a discussion pursued. Mr. Deems said when we had an inspection a couple of years ago the DEP said we had to keep the knotweed out of it, how do you do that? And a discussion pursued. Mr. Drew Null said the Chestnut Project, the waterline is done and that contractor filed a pay request. They missed the deadline for Council's consideration this month but will be on Council's agenda next month in the amount of \$51,050.00.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve reimbursement to the Coraopolis Borough for the work done on Chestnut Street in the amount of \$51,050.00. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said should we make a motion for the Alternates since it is \$89,000.00? I know we talked about Wood Street and Hiland Avenue, but we haven't said we would reimburse the Borough for Neely Heights yet.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to reimburse the Borough \$89,520.00 for Alternates 1, 2 and 3 of the 2023 Road Repair Project. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vince Tucceri said the PFAS Litigation test trials will begin in June. Our amicus brief case on the Stormwater Management Fee case is due in court June 13<sup>th</sup>, so we'll be filing that.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said we met at the property for the vacation of Chestnut and there was discussion as to if we needed to vacate the entire length behind the homes in that area. I have reached out to Rich Start and he is evaluating that and he continued to explain.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for April 2023 was 6.3M gallons. We did purchase 2.6M gallons from Moon. The daily average demand for the system was up a little at 320,000 gallons per day for the month. The number of gallons purchased for Euclid Ave. and Grace St. registered 15,700 gallons.

### **Water System**

Mr. Rich Deems said because that 320,000 was a little higher, we were out looking for a leak and found one at 920 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This was a service line that was leaking in the middle of the street. We dug it up on a Sunday afternoon and it got so late that we terminated the service to stop the leak for the night and came back the following day. Due to the granulated slag every time we tried to pull a new line, we were breaking the line, so we had to dig the whole 2/3 of the street to that side. We did run a

temporary service on Monday so the residence did have water because it took us until Wednesday to finish.

Mr. Rich Deems said while isolating Chestnut Street we broke an 8" waterline on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue so we had Niando Construction change that valve and they are in the process of road restoration now.

Mr. McCutcheon said is that through the Borough Contract?

Mr. Deems said yes.

Mr. McCutcheon said that will add on to the \$51,000.00 and asked Mr. Null if it would be asked for reimbursement next month.

Mr. Null said they haven't submitted anything to us but I assume they will and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Rich Deems said we began restoration of brick streets and sidewalks. We currently did several between 1500 and 1700 block of Vance and one on the 1600 block of Ridge and he continued to explain.

Mr. Rich Deems said we started the Spring Flushing Program about a week ago.

Mr. Rich Deems said we replaced a leaking corporation stop with a saddle to 1209 Vance Avenue. The resident was having sewer work done in their street and their plumber disrupted the line which caused the corporation to leak. The line is lead so I agreed that if they excavated the whole line we would replace it with copper.

### **Sanitary Sewage System**

Mr. Rich Deems said Robinson Pipe Cleaning was here last week to inspect a few lines and during the inspection it was discovered that our main is collapsed at 1808 Ridge Avenue and causing water to back up in the main. I spoke with Niando and they are supposed to repair it tomorrow.

Mr. Rich Deems said a time of sale dye test was completed in the area tributary to Montour Run Station at 1924 Cliff Street. A driveway drain was found to be connected and is scheduled to be remediated this week before the transfer.

### **Storm System**

Mr. Rich Deems said we completed the replacement of the inlet behind the thrift store on Pine Way.

Mr. Rich Deems said Tri-State has been here for the past couple weeks cleaning catch basins.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**