

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Meeting via Teleconference  
June 20, 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  
John Schombert

**ALSO, PRESENT**

Rich Deems – Superintendent Via telephone  
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 the Bumbling's and I think it's incomplete.

Mr. McCutcheon said we should wait until Mr. Deems calls in.

Mr. Cardimen said let's just hold it until the meeting next month.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023, Authority Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2023, Special Authority Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for June 2023 in the amount of \$57,213.85. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for June 2023 in the amount of \$55,628.05. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for June 2023 in the amount of \$41,833.68.

Mr. Cardimen said for the Neely Heights project we added 400 linear feet of pipe and added an extra catch basin and it came in \$2,300.00 under his initial bid and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for June 2023 in the amount of \$41,833.68. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. McCutcheon said with regards to the Water Financials, Rentals are at 39.5% and that's a little under where you would expect to be for five months, you would expect to be just over 40%. Expenditures are under 35%.

Mr. McCutcheon said Sewer Financials; Rentals are at 38%, and the total revenues and expenditures, are just over 35%, so both are right in line.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Financials, we are almost at 80% on fees we have done quite a bit on capital \$21,700.00 plus the work that has been done on McCabe Run

Mr. McCutcheon said we have a meeting tomorrow with the contractor for Verizon where they are digging around telephone poles using jackhammers. They are busting up the concrete in places and some of it is relatively new and they have done a lousy job of patching.

Mr. Cardimen said Osmose is the name of Contractor company for Verizon. About two weeks ago as I was traveling down State Avenue, I witnessed them throwing dry concrete into our storm sewer. I asked them what they were doing and explained that they are in violation of the EPA laws etc. A supervisor called me immediately and while I was on the phone with him, they had the grates lifted and were removing the concrete. Mr. Deems has followed up on them throughout town and there are other places that they have done this, so I plan on being at that meeting tomorrow to address those issues 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; Corrosion Determination; Cyrus Rice did provide a report on the pipe deposit analysis and an update that they are working on a leaching study to determine how those potential deposits and the time frame of which it will leach into the system. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2023 Road Program; we did have a preconstruction meeting last week, so Youngblood is looking to start at the end of July.

Mr. Drew Null said Chestnut Street Roadway and Waterline; this work has been completed and the CWSA share for the waterline portion is \$51,050.00. The second piece that we didn't have the cost for last month for a valve replacement in isolating Chestnut for the shut down and emergency sewer repair along Ridge Avenue for a total of \$21,457.91.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to reimburse the Borough \$51,050.00 for waterline replacement on Chestnut Street and \$21,457.91 for the valve replacement and the emergency sewer work on Ridge Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; we were notified by COG the CD Grants filed for West End and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue waterline replacement were not awarded funding.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; there are a couple of items that need addressed with O'Reilly's, in particular their disconnection. There is a 6 and a 4-inch line on the site that they didn't use and we're looking for them to disconnect the 6-inch line, the 4 had recently broke before they started the work and the Authority disconnected it so we are looking for them to disconnect that as well.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, 2021 Lead Joint Waterline Replacement Project; we've been requesting a schedule from Jet Jack, the Authority Staff heard a leak near Hiland Avenue and we have requested for them to pull a pressure test because we are confident there is a leak here. There is a pay request in the amount of \$28,336.00 for the release of retainage, but LSSE does not recommend payment and to hold pending them addressing this issue.

Mr. Drew Null said Water Allocation Renewal; This was filed about a year ago and the DEP did get to it and are just now commenting. It was filed for 2.2MG of allocation and the DEP said your usage is trending down and they feel that 1MG is more representative of your usage and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said concerning the Long Term Control Plan, the Act 537 Study was circulated to Moon and Robinson and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said MS4 Compliance, the interns are in and doing outfall sampling this past month.

Mr. Drew Null said Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP); we did a final walk through and that work is complete and directed everyone to Attachment B for Partial Payment No.2 in the amount of \$89,862.50.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve Partial Payment No.2 in the amount of \$89,862.50 to Meadville Land Services, Inc. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Null said with that we'll get the final request processed.

Mr. Schombert said since that is Brook Street, we should invite Moon to look and he continued to explain.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Rich Deems was unable to attend the meeting in person, but did join via telephone and directed everyone to his monthly report and asked, if there were any questions.

Mr. McCutcheon said 1027 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, we did not make a motion for the credit for the Blumbling property and asked Mr. Deems to explain so that the Board can decide on leak credit.

Mr. Deems said I just received information on this yesterday, so I haven't a chance to review fully, but basically, they requested the water to be turned off, but the curb stop didn't 100% turn off and water was seeping through it. We shouldn't charge for part of the bill because they did request it to be turned off. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said let's leave this until next month, so Mr. Deems has more time to review.

Mr. Schombert said the property on Marion Drive, right by Woodlawn; are they going to have to dig their lateral across the road?

Mr. Deems said from the information on the One Call I think they are saying only three to four feet into the road.

Mr. Cardimen said can we lean on them to get that done?

Mr. Deems said the County has cited them and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen said there was a private plumber on Devonshire and I know that Larry Tollis was handling the street opening permit. Do you know anything about why they opened the street there?

Mr. Deems said their sewer lateral was collapsed and the resident was experiencing back up.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vince Tucceri said I have four matters that I would like to discuss with you in Executive Session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was not Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cardimen said I would like for the Board to consider next year putting up a \$100,000.00 bond issue to the Borough to start fixing some of the places that we've neglected over the years and he continued to explain.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**