

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via Teleconference
August 15, 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

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. Ed Pitassi from the 800 block of 7th Avenue introduced the President of the Shade Tree Committee, Jeff Simonetti (from the 700 block of 7th Avenue) said I was here last month and Jeff got some more information for us from Tree Vitalize.

Mr. Simonetti said I spoke with our arborist from Tree Vitalize and he specifically chooses the trees that we put in our area. The back parking lot where the Jailhouse and Magistrate are located is overgrown and in need of beautification and he has suggested Osage Orange White Shield and White Hedge Maple. The planting is scheduled for the spring and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said I think the Board will want to talk about it and get back to you.

Mr. Schombert said I am worried about the overall maintenance because we are really short of staff.

Mr. Pitassi said we do most of the maintenance and a discussion pursued.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said Water System Needs Assessment: RUS USDA sent a letter noting that the application will be withdrawn on September 15th unless they receive anything from you requesting to keep it open. A discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said the update for the Cyrus testing is all physical analysis laboratory work has been completed and we are waiting for a report.

Mr. Drew Null said Borough 2023 Road Program; this work is underway and a portion of the CWSA items for Wood Street and Hiland have been addressed.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; we expect CFA to meet in late September and make award announcements on the Small Water and Sewer Program.

Mr. Null said we do have a few grant cycles reopening; CDBG of which we submitted 5th Avenue and West End and he continued to explain. I don't know if there is any interest in finding a new project or re-submitting those. Preapplications are due September 8th so if there is a new area that you're looking into you do not need the income surveys for that deadline and a discussion pursued.

The GETDF is out and a minimum of \$150,000.00 with no match and a maximum \$500,000.00. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

The LSA Program is open and no match requirement and he continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Deems said for the GETDF I would recommend West End, because we already know it meets the criteria and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Developments; Chestnut Street Roadway Vacation; Council authorized scheduling a public hearing so that is moving forward.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items, Jet Jack was out here in the past month and Mr. Deems did go out and isolate that leak which was caused by a rolled gasket at Hiland and Main. The repair was complete and the road restoration was done within a day or two.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items, we came with the Act 537 Study and a draft letter responding to Moon last month and that response did go out. NIRA did respond on behalf of Robinson and we'll get that to you. Barring those comments, I don't see that being a hold up and think it is appropriate to make a motion to advertise. We would need to get this out for a 30-day comment period and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the ACT 537 Plan Special Study for a formal comment period. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Storm System

Mr. Rich Deems said we cleaned up gravel on Neely that washed out of the storm line ditch and capped the majority of that ditch with asphalt to prevent another washout. The Street Department did help us.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Tucceri said there is nothing new to report, we did file the amicus brief for the Stormwater Management Fee challenge.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said there is not an update in regards to the PFAS matter except for the sampling process has begun.

Mr. Deems said yes, we collected the six active Wells and sent those samples back to the lab.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said we provided a draft of proposed modification to the tapping fee and I think the Board was going to discuss what you wanted to do.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said the Borough is going to be working on Mill Street at some point and we talked about that waterline. Are we thinking about replacing that when they do that street because it will be concrete and a discussion pursued.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said tomorrow we are meeting with the company where we bought our street sweeper. We are looking for a different style and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said I had a call today from Dominic Crivelli, where they put in the O'Reilly's, I think they still have to cap something and he asked if we could eliminate the letter of credit. He said we can reduce it based off what has been done and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said a reduction of that would be an action by Council, not the CWSA and he continued to explain.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. McCutcheon said just the letter with the USDA.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED