

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting via Teleconference
December 19, 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

ABSENT

Charles Spencer

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

There were no Audience Remarks.

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

Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for December 2023 in the amount of \$53,428.40. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for December 2023 in the amount of \$62,420.85, which includes the Riverview Sanitary Authority charges of \$39,383.65. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for December 2023 in the amount of \$10,681.78. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon directed everyone to the Water Budget that he handed out and said the total amount is \$1,862,500.00 and that with no increase.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the 2024 Water Budget in the amount of \$1,862,500.00, which does not include an increase. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Budget in the amount of \$1,207,000.00.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is 6-7 years that sewer has not increased and that is because we created the Stormwater Fee and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Sewer Budget in the amount of \$1,207,000.00, which doesn't include an increase. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said our Reserve for Stormwater is fairly significant partially due to a \$125,000.00 grant and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater Budget in the amount of \$433,000.00. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to request reimbursement from PENNVEST, Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$16,450.00.

Mr. Null said this is for the legal fees and the engineering fees for the past couple of months for the Main Street Project.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to request reimbursement from PENNVEST, Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$16,450.00. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said with the Water Budget we have revenues of \$1.4M. The rentals are about 89% which is a little lower than what you expect at this time for the budget, but we are in decent shape. Expenditures are \$1.5M, with a major portion going towards the Chestnut Street waterline and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said the Sewer Rentals are at 85.5% of the budget which also slightly below. Expenditures are only at 80%, we've only done \$23,000.00 in Capital which is \$125,000.00 less than what I budgeted for, so we are favorable by \$62,000.00 and he continued to explain.

Mr. Schombert said what do we anticipate in the Long-Term Control Plan next year?

Mr. Null said I think getting with PENNVEST and doing the application. Given where we are at this point in time in permits, that is probably later in the year. They want to see permits in hand by the time you file an application. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater we have taken in 95.5% of the fees and had the grant fund for \$125,000.00. Expenditures are \$582,000.00 and \$414,00.00 of that is Capital, which is mostly the McCabe Run Project and we also did some catch basin work and he continued to explain.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said Water System Needs Assessment: We talked about the Corrosion Study last month and are still working through the next steps with the Committee.

Mr. Schombert said I spoke with John Riley and he needs to move forward on his permits for corrosion control. He is looking for a commitment from us that we are going to be part of his system and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications; the CFA met today and unfortunately the applications that were filed here did not get awarded.

Mr. Null said we haven't heard anything back, but do have an Army Corp letter of intent for the Long Term Control Plan so that is still pending.

Mr. Drew Null said you had the request for reimbursement from the PENNVEST Project that you approved earlier this evening and we are looking to close that out soon.

Mr. Drew Null said you did authorize the tank inspections and they are to proceed; the Contractor is projecting toward warmer weather due to the concern of freezing in the tank.

Mr. Drew Null said Neely Heights Road Waterline and Sanitary Sewer; the design is being worked on.

Mr. Drew Null said Lead Service Inventory; we'll be meeting with the Authority Staff to talk through the process and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items; the Long Term Control Plan, the Act 537 Study. The resolution is pending from Moon and Borough Council did approve the resolution.

Mr. Drew Null said State Avenue Emergency Repair, this was completed last month, but we do not have an invoice for this evening. We did get the post TV footage uploaded to TRAISR.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for November 2023 was 7.6M gallons. We purchased 1.9M gallons from MTMA from School Street. The average system daily demand was 326,000 gallons per day.

Water System

Mr. Rich Deems said we did collect the last UCMR5 sample for School Street. The check sample that we collected last month came back. They were specifically looking at PFOS and PFOA and one was nondetectable and one was 2.5 which is probably, legally nondetectable.

Mr. Rich Deems said we repaired a leaking copper service to 1300 McCabe Ave.

Mr. Rich Deems said we repaired a leaking 4" main on Chess Street near 7th Avenue, the line had a 10" split on it. This is probably the fourth leak we have had in that short block so we should get this on the list.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Rich Deems said Robinson Pipe Cleaning conducted some CCTV Inspections on Neely, Cornell St., and State Ave. from Cornell to Robert. This was reviewed and there are no emergencies that need to be taken care of right now, but there are problems there.

Mr. Rich Deems said the engine coolant heater for the Montour Run generator stopped and the new one was installed by Authority workers this month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Tucceri said there are no changes with the PFAS matter.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said there are no changes with the Stormwater Management challenge.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said we met with staff concerning personnel and rules and regulations and we decided meet in the new year to discuss it further.

Mr. Vince Tucceri said regarding the Capp matter we have discussed that situation and have submitted the claim to the Carrier of which they rejected. It is my recommendation, as legal counsel I do not believe it is in the interest of the Authority to go above the Carrier's head and he continued to explain.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schombert said I would like to see us explore auto-pay.

Mr. McCutcheon said I will speak to the bank and a discussion pursued.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Mihaly seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Mihaly seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a 5% wage increase for Rich Deems. Mr. Mihaly seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a 3% wage increase for Darlene Falkowski. Mr. Mihaly seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihaly made a motion to approve a 4% wage increase for Danielle D'Antonio. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve a rate increase for Raymond McCutcheon in the amount of \$2,500.00 per year.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mihaly seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED