

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2024
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
Charles Spencer
John Schombert

ABSENT

Robb Cardimen

ALSO, PRESENT

Rich Deems – Superintendent
Drew Null – Authority Engineer
Devanté Miles – Authority Engineer
Vince Tucceri - Solicitor
Bailey Gilchrest – Solicitor
Raymond McCutcheon – Manager

Mr. Schombert asked if there were any questions on the Agenda, being none, the meeting continued.

Public Comments

Mr. Larry Walker from 724 4th Avenue said we have come for the past two months to express our concerns over the Thorn Run issue. I would be remiss if I didn't come tonight to say thank you Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. Rich Deems for the contacts that they've made over the last several weeks and for the progress that is being made. I want to thank you for your efforts in doing this.

Mr. McCutcheon said thank you. We spoke with Representative Kulik's office today and she is going to try to coordinate a meeting between PennDOT, CSX and Mr. Geisler.

Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024, Authority Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for June 2024 in the amount of \$32,399.47. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for May 2024 in the amount of \$45,182.69. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for June 2024 in the amount of \$17,656.02. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said Water Rentals are at \$671,000.00 through May, which is 42% which is in line with the budget amount. The Water Expenditures are \$622,000.00 which is 33%, but we haven't had our capital spending.

Mr. McCutcheon said Sewer Rentals are \$428,000.00 which is 43% so right where we expect. Expenditures are at \$433,000.00 which is 36%.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Financials; stormwater fees are at \$284,000.00 year to date which is 71% and we also have a little over \$13,000.00 in interest income. Expenditures are \$81,000.00 and that is 19% of the budget.

Mr. McCutcheon said Mr. Walker sent us a thank you email for getting the process started with Moon Township.

Mr. McCutcheon said I spoke with Hanah George from PENNVEST and I have to do an update in order to get the final pay request for Main Street reimbursement.

Mr. McCutcheon said I received an email from Jason Julius regarding the DuPont and 3M Settlement. Mr. Deems and I reviewed the documents and made a few corrections. Mr. Julius said the documents will be able to be signed off on tomorrow and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we met today with Local 1058 for the union workers of the Borough so I asked when we can set up a meeting with the CWSA. The Local 1058 Representative said he will set something up after he gets in touch with Mr. Thompson so hopefully, we'll get that started soon.

Mr. McCutcheon said we have looked at some applications and will call a couple of them.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said Water System Needs Assessment: Corrosion Study, we got additional guidance from the DEP and I would like to get a Committee Meeting together to discuss the impact of those. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications and Developments; there are no changes this month.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items; the PENNVEST Project has reached out with some final items and the DEP had a couple questions. We have provided that information and everything is moving forward.

Mr. Drew Null said Neely Heights; the Borough bid the Neely Heights Project and the award included \$271,250.00 of utility repairs associated with waterline replacement services, sewer line lining and repairs associated with laterals, but does not include restoration so there will be some split and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Lead Service Inventory; we are moving forward with that and supporting Mr. Deems.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items; the 537 Special Study was submitted to the DEP. We got the Moon Township Resolution afterwards and that was also submitted to the DEP for their consideration. We still do not have a response from Robinson. The CFA reached out relative to these Facilities Grant and they're not willing to entertain more extensions, so we filed a request to release that funding and he continued to explain.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items; we look to have the interns here to do the 20% outfall sampling. The annual PCSM field reviews were made and nothing in the way of maintenance was observed for those.

Mr. Drew Null said the Brook Street Project; we notified the contractor of complaints for the J hooks and they should have it addressed this week.

Mr. Drew Null said, Centre Street Generator as approved last month we notified to get moving and the cut sheets are being reviewed.

Mr. Mihalyi said is there a start date for Neely Heights?

Mr. Null said they have two weeks to return the contract documents and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said we need to notify the neighborhood there because the street is going to be closed to parking and a discussion pursued.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Rich Deems stated the total water produced for May 2024 was 9.7M gallons. The average system daily demand was 316,000 gallons per day. There was no change to the status of Euclid and Grace.

Water System

Mr. Rich Deems said we sampled each well last week because we've been experiencing higher than normal hardness chlorides and TDS in the raw water coming in. Based on sampling the wells closest to the Borough's salt storage are higher with those contaminants. Due to the increased hardness levels the efficiency of the plant has decreased and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said when we tested Well #6 we found that it needs cleaned and he continued to explain.

Mr. Deems said I don't know what the Borough's plans are for the salt storage shed, but repairs should be made and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Rich Deems said over the past month we have populated most of the service line inventory with what we know as far as materials from past water line projects. We have about 2,500 service lines and of that about 47% we have populated with no materials for the Authority side. However, we only have 13% for the customer side, so we have a lot of work to do.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. Rich Deems said we completed the quarterly inspections for the CSO regulators and greased the fittings.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Tucceri said we have a couple of legal matters that we want to discuss in Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCutcheon said the Borough did receive a grant to do Montour Street between 4th and 5th Avenues. I believe there is only a storm sewer line there and we will need to put some catch basins in there.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. McCutcheon said I mention the couple that I have been talking to and an analysis was created of all the correspondence regarding the Thorn Run Stream.

Mr. Antonio Lucci said I want to thank you for trying to help me and he continued to explain how he wants his baseboard back.

Mr. Deems said it was relayed to me that the baseboard was rotten.

Mr. Tucceri, we are not going to be able to help with any more and he continued to explain.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED