

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
Regular Meeting  
August 20, 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. Schombert said we have a letter from Larry Walker explaining that there was a toilet leak at his 722 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue rental property which has since been fixed.

Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy, including the entire event, for Larry Walker, owner of the rental property located at 722 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Erin Vargo of 741 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue explaining there were two leaky toilets that have been repaired

Mr. Groom made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Max Smith of 900 State Avenue. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 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 August 2024 and asked Mr. McCutcheon to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said other than the purchase from MTMA everything else is standard.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for August 2024 in the amount of \$84,191.54. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked if there was any discussion concerning the sewer invoices.

Mr. McCutcheon said there was a significant increase with Riverview from last month.

Mr. Deems said it is close to a 20% increase.

Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for August 2024 in the amount of \$60,233.73, including \$46,687.00 to Riverview. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

Mr. Schombert said this is the first rate increase for Riverview in at least ten years.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for August 2024 in the amount of \$11,996.11. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Resolution 24-115 authorizing the CWSA to participate in the Class Action Settlements with Tyco Fire Products, LP and Chemguard, Inc. relating to PFAS. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 24-116 requesting a GEDTF Grant and designated an official to perform the required duties between the applicant and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and asked Mr. Null to explain.

Mr. Null said this is the lining of the Montour Run area, it is a project that we filed last year to request \$265,000.00. There is no match so we will continue to submit.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve Resolution 24-116 requesting a GEDTF Grant and designated an official to perform the required duties between the applicant and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said Water Revenues are 57.6% which is in line with the budget. It is about 60% of the budget not using the reserve fund. The reserve fund is helping cover the Neely Heights Project, which the budget is about \$300,000.00. The expenses are a little better than average, we received a \$45,000.00 reimbursement from the Pennvest grant that carried over into this year.

Mr. McCutcheon said Sewer Rentals are at 59% which is in line and we are still anticipating payments from Robinson and Moon. The Expenditures are at 51% so we are in good shape.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Fees came in at \$346,000.00 which is 86.5% and we'll still get more next quarter. Expenditures are only at 32%, but we are going to share the street sweeper with the Borough and do some catch basin work on Rose Avenue 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 met with the Committee this past month and there is no pending action at this time with the PFAS litigation. One of the items coming from this meeting is that Moon has started the process with the DEP to file a permit to add zinc orthophosphates (the corrosion chemical) to their end. We reached out to Cyrus Rice and the total estimated proposal is \$29,540.00 for 180 days of testing. Previous studies were independent and the variation of Moon water with Coraopolis piping wasn't contemplated. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to modify the Agenda to add the Cyrus Rice Water Consultants Incorporated proposal 20240819 in the amount of \$29,540.00 for the corrosion chemical determination utilizing MTMA water. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Spencer made a motion to accept the proposal from Cyrus Rice Water Consultants Incorporated dependent upon the final review of the engineer in an amount not to exceed \$29,540.00. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications and Developments; the CDBG 50 Year Grant Cycle was not awarded for the West End Waterline Project. The new cycle is currently open and the pre applications are due to COG the first week of September, with the plan being to resubmit the West End Waterline Project. The household income surveys came in successful last year, but have to be renewed on a yearly basis and he continued to explain.

Mr. Null said CFA Local Share Account; the last update is they anticipate considering those at their September Meeting and that program will open shortly after.

Mr. Null said the resolution for the GEDTF is on the agenda for this evening and we will get that finalized and the applications are due next week.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items; waterline replacement and sanitary lining was completed this week on the Neely Heights Project so the utility portions are complete.

Mr. Drew Null said Lead Service Inventory; the questionnaire is finalized to be released.

Mr. Drew Null said Well Cleaning; we have been in discussions with the DEP and they have asked that we submit things to them preliminarily so they can provide some guidance. That has been done and we are waiting on comments from the DEP.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items; Long Term Control Plan, we have reached out to the DEP to see if there is an update and we are waiting to hear from them.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items; MS4 Compliance, the annual report is due in September and we are working at getting it together.

Mr. Drew Null said Rose Avenue Storm Sewer; we reviewed with the Committee and the discussion was to get a proposal for stormwater review of the area. I don't have a formal proposal this evening, but a budget price of \$15,000.00 would entail surveys and stormwater calculations in advance of doing any work to review the area.

Mr. Spencer said is the Mill Street waterline just between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue?

Mr. Null said yes, and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said is the \$271,250.00 under Neely Heights, how does that compare to the actual numbers they started to come in? Are they in line?

Mr. Null said I am not aware of anything being over at this point, they are in line or slightly under and a discussion pursued.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Rich Deems gave the Superintendent Report for July 2024 and said 8.2M gallons were produced and 2.5M gallons were purchased from MTMA. The daily average demand was 343,000 gallons per day.

Mr. Deems said for Euclid and Grace, the Grace Street meter was replaced by Moon and he continued to explain.

### **Water System**

Mr. Deems said the private line feeding #3 and #5 Drauch Lane was replaced last month by the customers.

Mr. Deems said we dug a curb box for 914 Watson so the curb stop can be accessed. It was previously buried by the gas company during their work in 2020, along with others. We have notified the gas company several times, but nothing has been done so we did the work ourselves.

Mr. Schombert said can we bill the gas company for our work? A discussion pursued.

Mr. Deems said we replaced a lead line to 1630 Ridge Avenue after the customer replaced their side.

### **Sanitary Sewage System**

Mr. Deems said we were notified of a sewer back up in the 700 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue after a recent heavy rain. We investigated and found the manhole at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Locust was surcharged, there were loose bricks up against the outlet discharge so once we moved the bricks away everything drained and we followed up by removing all of the loose bricks. Unfortunately, there were two homes that had a couple inches of sewage in their basement.

Mr. Deems said we were notified of a sink hole near the curblin of 617 Wood Street. We were able to look down the hole and see the sewer lateral. It was obvious that it was a sewer lateral problem so we notified the homeowner that it was their responsibility to correct.

### **Storm System**

Mr. Rich Deems said there is still an ongoing issue at the end of town with Thorn Run, the police are working and sitting there during heavy storms so it is being watched.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vince Tucceri said I have a couple of matters for Executive Session.

### **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 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. Spencer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**