

Coraopolis Water & Sewer Authority
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
Regular Meeting
July 16, 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

Robb Cardimen
George Mihalyi
Karl Groom
John Schombert

ABSENT

Charles Spencer

ALSO, PRESENT

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 received an email from Deanna Kwiecinski of 827 Summit Street requesting credit from high usage, but Mr. McCutcheon explained this is their second time.

Mr. McCutcheon said in April of 2022 she received a large credit, so she isn't eligible and a discussion pursued.

Mr. McCutcheon said I will make sure that Darlene calls her to offer her a payment plan.

Mr. Schombert said we have a letter from Marco One LP of 1500 Edgewood Avenue. The property was vacant at the time and meets our criteria.

Mr. McCutcheon said they have not paid the minimum for five quarters. We can do a credit, but they must pay the minimum for the five quarters and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for Marco One LP of 1500 Edgewood Avenue after five quarters of a minimum bill has been paid. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert said we have an email from R. Max Smith of 900 State Avenue explaining his excessive use. There was a running toilet in the lower unit.

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. Schombert said we have an email request from Makayla Williams, the tenant of 1322 4th Avenue. Mr. McCutcheon said the high usage spanned over two quarters.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Excessive Use Policy for tenant Makayla Williams of 1322 4th Avenue 1st Floor. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. McCutcheon said this is a landlord, so we will notify him that this is his one-time credit.

James Caleffi of 1504 Edgewood Avenue did not show up to address the Board for excessive use.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024 Authority Meeting. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for July 2024 in the amount of \$72,207.60.

Mr. McCutcheon said this includes two purchases from Moon Township totaling \$30,445.00 and with the purchase of the new F-150 so water was charged \$17,788.00. These two items make the invoices more than normal and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Cardimen made a motion to approve the Water Department Invoices for July 2024 in the amount of \$72,207.60. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Schombert asked for a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for July 2024 in the amount of \$77,520.58, including \$46,687.00 to Riverview.

Mr. McCutcheon said that is a 19.5% increase at \$7,300.00 a month and this will be for the whole second half of the year.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Sewer Department invoices for July 2024 in the amount of \$77,520.58, including \$46,687.00 to Riverview. Mr. Groom seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Mihalyi made a motion to approve the Stormwater invoices for July 2024 in the amount of \$37,007.25. Mr. Cardimen seconded the motion.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon said Water Rentals through June are \$766,000.00 which is about 48% of budget so just a little under the 50% where we would like it to be. The Water Expenditures are a little high on professional services and that is because of the temp service we used while Darlene was out and the Cyrus Rice Project. The total water expenditures are \$738,000.00 which is about 40% of budget, but we haven't done Neely Heights yet.

Mr. McCutcheon said Sewer Rentals are \$495,000.00 which is 49.5% so that is in line of where we are for the year. On, expenses, RSA is \$236,000.00 which is 50% and where we expect, but now we are going to get hit with the 18.5% increase for the next six months.

Mr. McCutcheon said Stormwater Fees came in at \$341,000.00 which is 85% of budget and interest income is \$16,000.00 for the year.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Drew Null conducted the Annual MS4 Training with the Authority Board. Mr. Null said the large picture is that you are in good standing. The PRP Plan was completed and we had some comments with recent rain events and he continued to explain. We are hearing that the DEP is most likely going to extend the permit for two years. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Drew Null directed everyone to the Monthly Engineering Report and said Water System Needs Assessment: we will have a Committee Meeting next week.

Mr. Drew Null said Grant Applications and Developments; GEDTF is coming open and has grant applications due by the end of August so we will meet with the Manager and Superintendent to see what you want to file.

Mr. Drew Null said Water System Items; the Contractor for the Neely Heights Project started preliminary work this week and will start on the waterline first.

Mr. Drew Null said Well Cleaning; we spoke with the DEP on the permits and we are getting that together for submission.

Mr. Drew Null said Sanitary Sewer System Items; Long Term Control Plan, there is nothing new to report with the Act 537. I reached out to the DEP for an update and we'll talk with the Committee about the steps forward with the LTCP.

Mr. Drew Null said Storm Sewer System Items; we did the training this evening and talked about the Brook Street Project and the Centre Street Generator and he continued to explain.

Mr. Cardimen said we spoke about the contractor who is doing Neely Heights and what they would charge to take us from the Y that they are replacing at Neely and Woodlawn and taking that line up Woodlawn to Riverview, can we get a price on that? It's never going to be cheaper than with the equipment right here.

Mr. Null said we can get a number and a discussion pursued.

Mr. Null said in reviewing with the Borough we have an anticipated share in that project in the amount of \$365,712.50 which includes \$271,250.00 associated with utility work and other restoration to be split between Columbia Gas and the Authority. He continued to explain and a discussion pursued.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon gave the Superintendent Report for June 2024 and said 5.8M gallons were produced and 4.5M gallons were purchased from MTMA. The daily average demand was 342,000 gallons per day.

Water System

Mr. McCutcheon said water was sold to Robinson while they worked on PRV's at plant.

Sanitary Sewage System

Mr. McCutcheon said the quarterly inspections of the CSO regulators have been completed.

Storm System

Mr. McCutcheon said American Bridge removed the abandoned bridge trestle that was collecting a lot of debris and was a major cause of that first big flood and he continued to explain.

Mr. McCutcheon said a sink hole developed at Watson and Hiland where two defective pipe joints were found and the correction was made in house.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cardimen said the truck is in and we will try to pick it up tomorrow and have the lettering put on.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Vince Tucceri said everything we have is in Executive Session with the exception of the resolution that has to do with attorney fees with the collection of [inaudible].

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 hire Devin Peltier on the recommendation of the Manager for CWSA Laborer. Mr. Mihalyi seconded the motion.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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

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