

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2021
7:00 P.M.

CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bergin @ 7 P.M.

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Bergin, Chairman	3 - Subscribers
	LCAC
Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner	
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent	
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr., Commissioner	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - Absent	
Cheryl Balkus, Clerk	

- II. **District Member Forum** – There were no comments or question from the attendance or the Board during the District Member Forum. Commissioner Levesque motions to end the District Member Forum. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. The Forum ended at 1 minute and 19 seconds.

III. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- A. **July 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

IV. **FINANCE**

- A. **Approve July 26, 2021 Warrants** – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the July 26, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

Commissioner Lemieux inquired of the bill from Stiles Co in the amount of \$7,165.97 for meters and how much do we spend. Per the Superintendent the district purchases meters and the transmitters. The budget is allotted for meters of \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year = 100 meters per year.

- B. **Approve August 2, 2021 Warrants**- Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the August 2, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in Favor. Approved.
- C. **Approve August 9, 2021 Warrants** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the August 9, 2021 warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in favor. Approved.
- The warrants consisted of labs, electricity, payroll, insurance, postage, meters, office expense, field supplies, chemicals, technology, motor vehicle expenses for a total amount of \$50,100.53.

The expense of \$6,952.00 of one of the warrants is the company that came in to remove the uranium media and there will be another invoice for the disposal.

D. July Bank Transfer – Commissioner Levesque motions to transfer \$72,921.71 from the water checking account to the sewer checking account. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

Per Chairman Bergin this money is collected by the Water Department on behalf of the sewer district, it is not the Water Departments money. It is transferred to the sewer checking account.

V. ADMINISTRATION – Nothing to Report

VI. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report –

Did the first round of Lead & Copper, 19 out of 25 was complete. The remaining 6 and the difference or the full 40 to be done by end of September.

We had one bacteria hit and then triggered two hits. Because of the two, requires the State to have a Level 1 assessment to see how we sample, the locations and there was nothing apparent to cause this to happen in the survey. All assessment done and could not find what pinpoints because of this. It can be typical in summer months with low chlorine residuals and there is no issue to public health. It's just an indicator, we followed procedure with DEP and future challenge is not have another hit because will result in an outside firm.

Monthly samples were conducted today and will know results by Thursday. The last one was last August, and the repeats came back clean. Same location and no follow up required with the State. Most likely it was a low chlorine level that is controlled by the City of Worcester. In this situation we physically climbed the tank added chlorine and redid the sampling.

Commissioner Lemieux asked what type of bacteria. Per Superintendent Morris it is total coliform and eating up the chlorine. It is not E coli. If it were, the subscribers would be notified immediately to not use the water.

Valve Exercising ongoing. Opening and taking inventory if repairs are needed. Hydro Tech was notified. The price is \$2,500 per day and at most would take 3 days to do the entire Rochdale System. Looking at getting them in for one day for the larger sized valves that have not been touched.

For the district to rent a vac trailer, we would be spending \$800 per day and Hydro Tech will do the vac and exercising instead. Once exercised perhaps in the future will look at renting and doing ourselves.

Grindstone Well – Email sent to Tata & Howard requesting for updated contract and when will this be put out for bid. No response as of today's meeting.

Annual Audit scheduled to begin mid-late September.

Treasurer Wood transitioning back from maternity leave. The Temp we had will be ending this week.

No date of when the next Town Wide Study meeting will be held.

Subscriber Greg Buteau inquired if there is any more information of the grants funding. Per the Superintendent he has not heard anything from the town. He did speak with Representative Leboeuf who has access to another pool of money and will go forward for the water and sewer to see if he can get anything for us. The Superintendent gave him any projects that we must do and to try to get any money that may be available.

VII. Communications – Nothing to report

VIII. PERSONNEL – Nothing to report

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Approval of Next Meeting - Commissioner Levesque motioned to hold the next Meeting at the Town of Leicester Town Hall Tuesday, August 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner Levesque motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

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