

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HYBRID MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2023
7:00 P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT**

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting called to order by Chairman Bergin @ 7:02 pm

The following were in attendance: 1 online 1 in person.

Kevin Bergin, Chairman
Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner – call in.
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr., Commissioner
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer – call in.
Cheryl Balkus, Clerk

II. District Member Forum – There were no question or comments from the commissioners, the listening or attending audience. Commissioner Lemieux motioned to suspend the remaining minutes of the forum. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in Favor. Approved. The forum ended in one minute forty-eight seconds.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

- A. December 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes** - Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the December 20, 2022, meeting minutes. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

IV. FINANCE

- A. Approve December 26, 2022, Warrants** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the December 26, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in favor. Approved. Approved.

- B. Approve January 2, 2023, Warrants-** Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the January 2, 2023, warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

- C. Approve January 9, 2023, Warrants** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the January 9, 2023, warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in favor. Approved.

- D. Approve January 16, 2023, Warrants** – not available passed over till next meeting.

The summary of the warrants consisted of the following electricity, telephone, insurances, motor vehicle expenses, pipes, lab work, payroll, postage, Grindstone well \$730.00, office expense, technology, heat, continuing education, repairs & maintenance, consulting fees for a total amount of \$88,185.85.

- E. December Bank Transfer** - Commissioner Levesque motions to transfer from the water checking account to the sewer checking account in the amount of \$70,405.38. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

Per Chairman Bergin as a reminder this money is collected by the water department on behalf of the sewer district, it is not the water departments money.

V. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Authorize truck sale** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to authorize the sale of the used F150 to sell it to the highest bidder. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in Favor. Approved.

VI. OPERATIONS

A. Superintendent Report

Currently the auction is at \$6,800.00 with it to close Monday, January 23rd. Commissioner Lemieux cautions that there are counterfeiters out there and perhaps see if we can protect ourselves when receiving payment. If it's a local bank and can verify the check can call to confirm funds are available.

The well has been up and running, SCADA issues fine-tuned today and should be cleared up by the end of week and are extending the hours now that we have remote access. Adding an extra hour to the operation of the well we took out 45,000 gallons compared to 35,000.00 gallons. There was a small issue last with an old, automated backwash that kicked it in. As a result, we lost some media that went all over the floor area that was removed and disposed. All automated controllers have been currently disconnected, we will monitor bed volumes and pressures within the vessels. A new device has been ordered and to be replaced. We contacted company we get the media from, and the recommendations are to replace what was lost. It will cost approximately \$2,500.00 to bring it back up to the level. Chairman Bergin asked how to prevent the media to go where it should not go. Per the Superintendent the new control module will limit the flow down to 15-20 gallons per minute.

New hydrant in and will be working with contractors to replace the one we have on site.

The MVP Program grant information has been formally submitted. It will be reviewed and then to set up a virtual meeting with Tata & Howard and the superintendent to determine which will be a better choice for the grant.

There is another one coming in the spring which is the One Stop grant. Whichever does not get covered on the MVP we will submit to the One Stop.

First round of PFAS testing has been done since the well is online. Cost is \$1,500.00 per quarter to sample for 250 ml bottles. PFAS can come from what has worked itself through the ground. Fire foam, Teflon etc..

The onsite concrete storage building we store equipment the doors are rotting – two more doors on order and to be replaced.

Work was done with the GIS system and able to draw in our water district boundaries. This is to allow us to be a dig safe member. The membership fee is \$75.00 and \$1.00 per ticket. Commissioner Lemieux comments that if assistance needed with this, he has the availability to resources.

Oxford Rochdale Sewer was having issues with the use of their bill machine. We were able to help them, and they used ours to stuff their bills.

The Superintendent and Treasurer beginning preliminary budget information. We have our full sampling plan from the state for the next three years and it includes the well. Receiving 2023 pricing to assist with the pricing of this item along with other items. Late in getting well online and the data we don't have to go by.

Subscriber Greg Buteau asked to confirm amount of media loss, price to replace and as for the update of the grants programs to clarify the Kettle Brook project. Per the Superintendent this is something we stumbled upon in area of Macs auto. Last spring it was identified that it was under water. Since we are downstream from the chapel street dam that needs repair, we do not want to compromise this area as it could be catastrophic to the Rochdale area. It a high vulnerability area and looking at it to rerouted or bring it further down under.

Lastly, per Mr. Buteau when we had grindstone promoted showed the electricity costs were to increase and now with the heat pumps asked about bringing in someone to install solar panels.

Per the superintendent it is on the calendar to have someone out to be done.

There were no further questions or comments from the commissioners, online audience or in person.

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Commissioner Lemieux motions to hold the next meeting February 7, 2023 hybrid at the Town hall if available. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

VIII.

A. ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner Lemieux motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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