

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HYBRID MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2022
7:00 P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting called to order by Chairman Bergin @ 7:00 pm

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Bergin, Chairman	1 in person 1 online
Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner	
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent	
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr., Commissioner - hybrid	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - hybrid	
Cheryl Balkus, Clerk	

II. District Member Forum –There were no questions or comments from the board, the attending or listening audience. Commissioner Levesque motions to suspend the remaining minutes of the forum. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. The forum ended in 1 minute and 30 seconds.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

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

IV. FINANCE

A. Approve September 26, 2022, Warrants – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the September 26, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

B. Approve October 3, 2022, Warrants- Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the October 3, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

C. September Bank Transfer – Commissioner Levesque motions to transfer from the water checking account to the sewer checking account in the amount of \$50,483.17. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

*Per Chairman Bergin this is money that is collected by the Water District on behalf of the Sewer District, it is **NOT** the Water Districts money.*

V. ADMINISTRATION – Nothing to Report

VI. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report

Truck update: It's been ordered and should have an update by the end of the week. Should be able to get with plow and lights installed at \$61,000.00 a little less than \$9,000 than original price. The truck is an F350 4W drive.

Valve exercising: Put on hold and the sanitary survey was done the representative reviewed inspection reports, standpipes etc... had more technical questions this time around such as capital improvement, asset management. Should receive feedback within next two weeks.

Route 56 warehouse facility: Making connections end of next week.

VFD issues with the well was successfully changed out, startup was done with the SCADA controls, filled vessels with water to test alarm setting and it fried the well pump. Began pricing out well pump and motors. Well service will be in next week to pull the existing motor and pump, run new wiring. Once this is completed will get electrician and RE Ericson back to get all fired up properly and schedule a final start up. Tata & Howard will be in attendance as well as DEP. DEP needs to sign off to send the water out to the system. Time is an issue won't see start up beginning for at least another 10 days. We are required to get all our Lead & Copper sampling done before the end of the year. We may not be starting up the well now till January. We need to face the criteria by the State and not be out of compliance with them.

RE Ericson was working with the RTU and the touch screen control module can't be reprogrammed with the latest software. Several years ago, it could have been and now it cannot. Has been in conversation with Tata & Howard and RE Ericson regarding pricing.

Commissioner Lemieux asked about using a laptop. Per the Superintendent it needs to be protected so nothing else can get access to it. Getting its own laptop, software and programming would be looking at same or close to same price.

Commissioner Lemieux asked about the pump burning up. Per the Superintendent believes that due to the age of the pump and not being in use may have resulted in it burning up, it was not planned and an unforeseen issue. Per the Commissioner make the best of it and pleased that being replaced 7 days out and not 7 months out. Per the Superintendent the replacement is going to be about \$14,000.00 and we're still within the contingency of the project and hope to not spend it all.

Commissioner Lemieux asked about pushing of the Lead & Copper sampling. Per the Superintendent we have 40 sites and 40 backups. Problem is when we drop off the equipment of sampling, we do not always get back from the customer the next day the same amount or if any sample at all. Lead and Copper sampling will be changing in 2024 where we may have to go into properties that may involve digging up services to identify what has lead service lines that will be a costly project. Much information has not been given at this time from the EPA. If we do not do the program, we will get fined as a district and as individuals.

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 Hybrid Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Town Hall Selectboard Room 3 Washburn Square Leicester, MA @ 7:00 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner Levesque motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer."