

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HYBRID MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2022
7:00 P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT**

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting called to order by Chairman Bergin @ 7:04pm

The following were in attendance:

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

2- online subscribers 1- in person

II. District Member Forum – Per Chairman Bergin commented that there was erroneous information on social media such as the rate reduction that it would not be going into effect until September, the rate reduction did in fact go into effect with the July 1 bills. There was comment regarding the small rate reduction and the Chairman would have thought with the small reduction it would be welcomed and evidently not. The district is aware of the water being taken from the hydrant, the usage is being metered and the contractor is being billed for it and not stealing it. Moose hill: Per the study it is up to the town to take the lead on this.

Comment from Subscriber Buteau that the last he knew a group approached the Board of Selectman looking for funding and the town is going to attempt for a \$400,000.00 grant. This would be just for the testing and won't hear back about the grant till September.

There were no further question or comments. Commissioner Levesque motions to suspend the remaining minutes of the forum. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. The forum ended in nine minutes and thirty-two seconds.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

- A. August 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes** - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the August 2, 2022, meeting minutes. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

IV. FINANCE

- A. Approve August 8, 2022, Warrants** – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the August 8, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.
- B. Approve August 15, 2022, Warrants-** Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the August 15, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.
- C. Approve August 22, 2022, Warrants** – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the August 22, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

The warrants consist of office expense, electricity, pipes, consulting fees, technology, meters, repair and maintenance, accounting fees, payroll, subcontractor, telephone,

Grindstone \$14,812.40, trash, lab work, City of Worcester \$28,362.81, motor vehicle for a total of \$87,883.06.

- D. July Bank Transfer** – Commissioner Levesque motions to transfer from the water checking account to the sewer checking account in the amount of \$50,446.96. 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. 7-27-2022 12-month payment plan** - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve 12-month payment plan. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.
- B. 35-41 Watch St Fire Protection Application & two Service Renewal Applications**
Per the Superintendent this is a building rehab, all fees have been paid.
Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the fire protection application. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.
Commissioner Levesque motions to approve 1 of 2 Service Renewal Application. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.
Commissioner Levesque motions to approve 2 or 2 Service Renewal Application. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

VI. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report

Per Superintendent Morris there was a small leak on a 2" main located in the woods and driveway. Prowler detected and found an old line that was cut off and stopped it. The line was probably from the 30's or 40's. We may want to consider in the future to put on the list to correct this section to avoid future leaks in the area. Leak detection was done in other areas and nothing conclusive.

City of Worcester declared Stage 1 drought. We already establish and meet restrictions. Nothing major for now but without rain could trigger more restrictions and may affect the districts restrictions.

Commissioner Levesque asked about update regarding the bridge on Auburn St collapsing. Per the Superintendent he is not aware of this, he drove over it today and all intact.

City of Worcester has asked if we can reduce consumption. The well is about to go online, and this should help.

Underwater Solutions did our tank inspection said all went very smooth and quick. Reports received, awaiting recommendations and need information of the concrete tank in Rochdale.

Rules & Regulations needs more research. Commissioner Levesque suggests that when there are amendments that it is dated when they are done.

A plan review has been received for a marijuana facility in the Valley. Tata & Howard to review before work begins.

Met with the Town Administrator and Fire Chief regarding fire hydrant repairs. The town owns the hydrants we help maintain. To meet with fire chief and Leicester Water to fix. Our staff shown how to and to assist in the training and repairs with others. Town is to pay for the repairs.

Grindstone Well pump has been installed and wired. Chemicals have been delivered. A test run should be done next week or the following week. Tata & Howard, the contractors, electrician, RE Ericson will all be on site when test run begins. DEP will need to come in to give actual approval to go live.

VII. Communications – Nothing to report

VIII. PERSONNEL – Nothing to report

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Approval of Next Meeting – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next meeting Hybrid Tuesday, September 6, 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 7:53 pm

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