

**CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2020

7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with the following present:

Donald Manseau, Chairman 1 Subscriber 1Non-Subscriber
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner
Michael DellaCava, Commissioner
Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **December 12, 2019** – Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the minutes of December 12, 2019. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. **Approve Warrants of December 26, 2019** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrants of December 26, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

- B. **Approve Warrants of January 9, 2020** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrants of January 9, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava All in favor. Approved.

- C. **December Bank Transfer** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve \$42.81 transfer of the water funds deposited to the sewer to the online collections account. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in Favor. Approved.

IV. ADMINISTRATION – Nothing to report

V. OPERATIONS

1. Superintendent's Report – Per Superintendent Morris they did manhole work and used fast acting grout to fill in voids to harden. On one of them that was most significantly leaking by the 4th tube of grout at \$40.00 per tube it was not working and stopped the job. He made calls to companies who do these repairs and ended up speaking with Rhode Island company Inland Waters who specializes in this type of work they came in and was able to make the repair. It took 40 gallons of material to fill and stop the void. While they were here, they did work at other locations that we have had issues with. They did nice work. It was \$2,600.00 per day & \$10 dollars a gallon in grout. We will see the payoff soon since the problem has stopped. Commissioner Lemieux asked if there is a guarantee. Per Superintendent Morris no but if there was something or we saw a problem with they would address immediately and take care of it. He is very impressed with them and the product. Total cost to fix the 3 Manholes was \$4,600.00 with the plan going forward is to pick a street, go manhole by manhole and run the repairs until the money in the budget for this runs out. If we can keep getting money in the savings from lowering the bills from the city perhaps, we can use those savings to help with the manhole repairs.

He will use this company again as they are very knowledgeable, professional and helpful with ways to help the Sewer Districts Inflow and Infiltration (I/I).

We finished out the Fiscal quarter, the bill should be \$28,000.00 less than what was previously projected. Flows have increased and are lower than previous history. For the following months: October we had 6" of rain, November we had 2.6" of rain, December we had 5" of rain. Added to this would be the snow and melting. We work with the Highway Dept on highway patch if needed with no additional costs to the Sewer district.

A pump core was replaced at Towtaid Park. There have been ongoing issues, they have found issues with the flushable wipes, cigarette butts, t shirts getting stuck in the pumps etc... At one time there was a blanket in it that jammed it up. The pump has been sent out for repair and awaiting to find out from the company what it will cost if it can be repaired. To have it get diagnosed is \$100.00. These pumps weigh approximately 250 lbs. they are very efficient and good pumps, but they do get beat up. We do need to have a spare on hand. Greg Buteau 2 Merrick St. inquired if there is an update to RCAP.

Per the Superintendent Morris he has been working with Lori from RCAP and believes she may either be coming to a meeting to present or give all the information to us and we will deliver the information. RCAP has offered grant money to GIS the water and sewer systems that will benefit the entire system digitally. You will be able to click manhole to manhole, the As-builts, along with additional hardware. Per Tata & Howard said that the cost to do this is between \$8,000 - \$10,000 on the sewer side and more for the water. Getting the grant to pay for the GIS System for the Water and Sewer system is great. There was also some discussion regarding staying with the rates for the 1st year and then another increase for year 2 and then see where the Sewer District is for year 3 and if it would be needed to have another rate study to see if the Sewer District is on track.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **UBWPAD Update** – Chairman Manseau has provided the Board and the Superintendent with what is to come for their rates from the Upper Blackstone for FY 21. It is based on a three-year average flow basis FY17 – 19. The Summary of Allocation Sheet has 5 options, Option 1 & 2 are out. Option 3, 4, & 5 are to be considered and the Upper Blackstone will have to have a decision made by end of this month. Superintendent Morris is proposing to have them look at FY18 and 19 to see if they will accept this instead and if they do the rate from Upper Blackstone could be lower.

VII. PERSONNEL -

VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- A. **Approval of Next Meeting Date** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the next meeting February 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M at 148 Henshaw St. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.