

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

**MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following present:

Donald G. Manseau, Chairman	Greg Buteau, Not a CVSD customer
Victor M. Taylor, Commissioner	Tom Lennon, Customer
Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent	
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **August 9, 2018** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of August 9, 2018. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. **Approve Warrants of August 16, 2018** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the warrants of August 16, 2018. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.
- B. **Approve Warrants of September 13, 2018** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the warrants of September 13, 2018. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.
- C. **FY18 Budget Transfer** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the FY18 Budget Transfer. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.
- D. **Bank Transfer** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the Bank Transfer. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

Customer Greg Buteau questioned finances of the Sewer District in February to explain \$300,000.00 in debt and wanted to reconfirm if Sewer District is this far in debt. The Superintendent responded that FY19 Cherry Valley Sewer District is \$300,000.00 in the negative balance, payments are being paid by a CD account, the Sewer District does not take in enough money to pay the bills and each year it is worsening, auditors also do recognize this. When the rates were voted on, the end result was to not increase the rates. We are actively working with the Governor's office to get assistance. Customer Tom Lennon wanted to know if we have enough in the account to pay the new budget. The Superintendent replied yes from the CD, however not a good outlook, maybe 2 ½ - 3 years left. Customers Tom Lennon & Greg Buteau hopeful things will turn around and work out.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

V. OPERATIONS

A. **Superintendent's Report**

- a. **System Update** – The Superintendent finished the last of the main sewer jetting for the year. Route 9 to be done in the spring as this requires police details. Identified a man hole located on Howard Terrace where the water is coming up and out of the man hole, researching for an epoxy type solution to perhaps fix the problem. Customer Tom Lennon inquired how much water. The Superintendent

indicated 2 gallons a minute. Some man holes are targeted for October to be rebuilt before winter. Customer Tom Lennon asking if there is a way to measure how much flow just being used by the sewer customers. The Superintendent could look into this. Customer Tom Lennon inquired about the sump pump situation stating letters should be sent to the customers that sump pumps not allowed to be attached to the sewer and as a result they would be penalized for having it. The Superintendent explained need to ensure legally it's done the right way. The Superintendent commented that our daily flow has been under 100,000 gallons. If this can be maintained it can help all around and maybe extend more years to keep the sewer district out of the hole. Customer Tom Lennon inquired if the Upper Blackstone would consider going by the homeowner's actual usage. Chairman Manseau stated they will not. If they do it for us they have to do it for all towns. Upper Blackstone won't entertain.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **UBWPAD Update** – Chairman Manseau stated all operations are working fine with the upgrades. The upgrades for the design is straightened out and 1st part of preconstruction should be done by Jan or Feb 2019. No issues with the system itself. No bad situations coming up.

VII. PERSONNEL

VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- A. **Approval of Next Meeting Date** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to hold the next meeting on October 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

- IX. **ADJOURNMENT** - Commissioner Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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