

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

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2023

7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Donald Manseau, Chairman
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner
Peter Cusolito, Commissioner
Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary

Subscriber: Tom Lennon
Nonsubscriber: Greg Buteau

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **February 16, 2023** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the meeting minutes of February 16, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE –

- A. **Approve Warrant of March 9, 2023** - Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the March 9, 2023, warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

- B. **Approve Warrant of March 16, 2023** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the March 16, 2023, warrant. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

- C. **Budget Update** – Per the Superintendent to the board change in calculation to the office electricity and heat. Spent time and reworked kwh usage hours of the four heat pumps and compressors and percentage is a 70/30 split. Feels that we have data to back and realistic of the charges. Insurance went up \$600.00 This was a change received from the previous meetings. If we start doing more increases, we may have to look at increasing the rates. We want to delay if we can for the residents. No major in changes of treatment and transport. The large Route 9 project awaiting zoning board approval. Delay is receiving payments from the town regarding liens and betterments. Treasurer Wood continues to follow up for a status update when we are expected to see another check for either. The annual meeting is May 25, 2023, at 7pm at the Town Hall. Commissioner Lemieux suggests having a combined annual water and sewer meeting. Per the Superintendent we would need to investigate the bylaws if this can be done.

Commissioner Lemieux as a housekeeping issue suggests with the service agreement to have the names in the service agreement that are listed to be changed to titles. Also requested that we have most recent up to date numbers for the sewer district emailed to him. Treasurer Wood will email it to him.

IV. ADMINISTRATION - Nothing to report.

V. Superintendent Report

The Superintendent was contacted by Upper Blackstone to begin picking up samples from the manhole and will be here next Tuesday to do so and to see if they have anything else to say or comment on. They will also have their own tech team to calibrate the meter.

There are issues with the Skyview project. The Planning Board has approved and now needs the passed by the zoning board. Their meeting is to be held at the end of the month.

The previous rains drove our flows all over the place. Tuesday was 230,000 gallons of flow and believes that the water coming from two locations on Route 9. Have a signed contract with the company to come in and try to take care of. Auburn St paving is being done from the power lines towards Stafford St. We do not have sewer in this area.

There were a few cracked frames that we will replace. Prices have doubled from last time being purchased. Per the Superintendent there is a lot of frustration with who takes ownership of departments responsibility.

Completed the asset management data for RCAP and they will be uploading to match with the GIS System. This allows to give exact coordinates of where everything is for water and sewer. There will be a forecast of life expectancy of every item in the system to show this is why or when something should be replaced. RCAP is doing this for free and helps the district tremendously. This can build out a 10–15-year capital improvement plan so if applying for a grant it will be of great value.

Previously spoke about pump cores and found a secondary pump supplier that the company makes a compatible version for \$1,800.00. By one now and have one on hand for backup.

- VI. Date of Next Meeting:
 - A. Approval of Next Meeting Date - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting April 13, 2023, at 7:00 P.M at 148 Henshaw St Leicester, MA. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT - Commissioner Cusolito motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

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