

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

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2021

7:00 P.M.

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

Donald Manseau, Chairman	LCAC
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner	2- Subscribers
Michael DellaCava, Commissioner	
Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - absent	
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **April 8, 2021** Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 8, 2021. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. **Approve the Warrant of April 15, 2021** – Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the warrant of April 15, 2021. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved. \$724.48
- B. **Approve the Warrant of May 6, 2021** – Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the warrant of May 6, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved. \$472.83
- C. **Approve the Warrant of May 13, 2021** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the warrant of May 13, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in Favor. Approved. \$270.00
- D. **Approve the Warrant of May 20, 2021** – Commissioner Dellacava motions to approve the warrant of May 20, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in Favor. Approved. \$274.69
- E. **Approve the Warrant of June 3, 2021** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the warrant of June 3, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved. \$172.68

IV. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **Reorganization of the Board** – Commissioner DellaCava motions to keep Donald Manseau as Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

V. OPERATIONS –

A. **Superintendent Report** –

Per Superintendent Morris previously mentioned contract of pass thru cost contract expiring. Has not heard back from the city and staying on top of to notify the Board. We opted to go with a new contract instead of the preexisting because it had to do with the original system and need to get rid of this and paying ex dollars to pay to transport through the City of Worcester.

Sewer flows for the month of May were 5 inches of rain and saw a bit of a spike, not like in the past. Projection wise we have done significant reduction of the flows. Year to date we are just over \$100,000 and under budget in the sewer through City of Worcester. This does not include April, May & June but anticipating it to be at least an \$80,000 savings for the district. Keeping this going shows another year of lower numbers that help reduce the 3-year average that calculates the flow at the Upper Blackstone. Coming in July we are in a 13% decrease than last year which is phenomenal and needs to stay on top of it.

Sewer jetting to begin to split areas into 3 sections. Back to Henshaw, Willow Hill, Collier, part of Auburn Street. There are several Bottomly Ave manholes in poor condition and to put an evaluation together to stop any potential infiltration. Try to start in July.

USDA - McGovern's office is in a big push for this making headway and hope to have good news with in the next 60 days. Interest would be 1.5%
Commissioner Lemieux asked the Superintendent would they be able to rewrite instead for another 40 years. He suggests that we ask if can rewrite at 1.5%- and 40-year term on the amount we owe them now. With the economy being like it is it would be adventitious to see if they will do this. Per the Superintendent agrees with it and issue with the USDA is they would not consider refinancing that it has taken three years to come to the table to be even an option for us and if we try to go down the 40 year and losing the extension out to 10 years. There is conversation with McGovern's office and the USDA Washington happening right now. He is just stating his opinion and if there are questions from the Board he can ask. Per the Superintendent he will send an email to ask with the worst answer will be no. Per Commissioner Lemieux we are not being greedy and trying to bring the costs down and hopefully provide rate relief to the subscribers. He understands, appreciates all the efforts, with a friendly environment now if could be done it would be amazing. Per Chairman Manseau agrees and that if this could be done would be great relief for the subscribers.

July 13, 2021 is potentially next Weston & Sampson meeting to be hybrid, in person or virtual. Commissioner Dellacava, Lemieux and Chairman Manseau will be available. The meeting will be similar as the last meeting, and it will be a public meeting.

Per non-subscriber Greg Buteau 2 Merrick St kudos to the sewer staff of bringing down the I/I down. The last meeting a report was submitted by Weston & Sampson at the town wide study. The understanding is as of right now there will be no new handouts at the July 13 meeting.

VI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Approval of Next Meeting Date – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting August 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.