

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

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2022

7:00 P.M.

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

Donald Manseau, Chairman

1 Subscriber 1 Nonsubscriber

Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner

Peter Cusolito, Commissioner

Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent

Jennifer Wood, Treasurer

Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **April 14, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. **Approve Warrant of May 5, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of May 5, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.
- B. **Approve Warrant of May 12, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of May 12, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.
- C. **Approve Warrant of May 26, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of May 26, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.
- D. **Approve Warrant of June 2, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of June 2, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.
- E. **Approve Warrant of June 16, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of June 16, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.
- F. **Approve Warrant of June 23, 2022** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of June 23, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **Reorganization of the Board** - Commissioner Lemieux motions to nominate Chairman Manseau to be Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

V. Communications – Nothing to report

VI. Operations –

End of the year heavier flows towards year end, kept checking weekly flows to see how would affect the budget by the end of the year. We will not go over and will be about \$10,000 less than budgeted.

Time spent in May working with Eastern Pipe to clean the sewer mains and camera all the Towtaid, Boyd, and side street neighborhoods to check for I/I (Inflow & Infiltration). It was two days of work; our operators were with them to learn. There was not a lot of infiltration except for sump pumps that are about 10 -12 houses that we have had difficulty getting access to. Will see about having them come back when rainy days to camera and give us a better idea where the target areas are with the 10-12 homes, getting access and educate to why they cannot be connected to the system.

Commissioner Lemieux asked about camera of sump pump homes. Per Supervisor Morris the company used to do this work said that in his experience looking at the cleanliness of the pipes would make him to believe that sump pumps are connected to the system. Customers that are connected can be fined \$50

per day we need to get access to identify, and we can also charge based on flow which can be more than \$50 per day.

Per Commissioner Lemieux suggests Counsel should write and send certified letter that explains that we need access, include reasons for this and explain what it costs fellow subscribers.

Nonsubscriber Gregory Buteau 2 Merrick St asked how you address that the homeowner would be aware of the day we are coming, they can disconnect when coming in to investigate, find nothing, then after we leave, they can reconnect it. Per the Superintendent there is always this possibility, or we can do an unannounced smoke test.

Subscriber Tom Lennon 17 West St asked when the master meter is tested if it can be done during the cold weather because he believes that this may have an affect of how the meter records. The Superintendent will inquire. Per Subscriber Lennon when he reviewed previous flow history they skyrocket beginning in October and in his opinion that the temperature effects how the meter reads. Per the Superintendent he will check with RE Erickson about this instead of the calibration company. Per Subscriber Lennon manhole can also get fogging. Per the Superintendent we do go in and clean it and does not wet a rag. Subscriber Lennon asking if we know why at this the time of the year (fall/winter) do the flows increase when ground is frozen. Per the Superintendent feels that the increase is sump pumps when ground freezes ice buildup on the manholes melting occurs and water enters and as a result I/I (Inflow Infiltration)

There is a proposed housing development on Route 9 going back to planning development. Now that the there is a new full board, if approved there will be approximately 98 new homes. Long way to go, we will need to be provided with plan to give to Tata and Howard, several items to be considered and if it does happen could be a life saver for the district. The tie in fee for each unit is \$8,300.00. After all fees are paid will be approx. \$1 million to the district. This will help to pay off debt, help towards the operating budget and may see another decrease in the rates. A long way out but it is in the works.

Met with a developer about the Wood Art building being a grow facility at most would be 3,000 gallons per day.

There is a gentleman looking to develop behind Eller's. They need to update sprinkler system, connect to water & sewer and needs to get approval from the town.

Chairman Manseau to confirm with the 98 potential houses will be getting water from Leicester. Per the superintendent correct and they will be connected to our sewer system.

Per Chairman Manseau not much going on at the Upper Blackstone.

Commissioner Cusolito motions to change order of agenda Item VII Executive Session with Item VIII Date of next meeting. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

- VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Approval of Next Meeting Date Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting July 21, 2022, at 7:00 P.M at 148 Henshaw St Leicester, MA. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.
- VIII. Executive Session – Commissioner Lemieux motions to close the regular commissioners meeting and further move to open executive session for the purpose of reviewing and to vote of the release of certain executive session meeting minutes and that at the conclusion of the executive session, tonight's meeting will adjourn, and no further business will be discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in Favor. Approve.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.