

**CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HYBRID
MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Donald Manseau, Chairman 1 – in person subscriber
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner - online
Peter Cusolito, Commissioner
Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **April 11, 2024** – Commissioner Cusolito motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2024. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.
- B. **May 17, 2024** – Commissioner Cusolito motioned to approve the meeting minutes of May 17, 2024. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in Favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- a. Approve warrant of April 25, 2024
- b. Approve the warrant of May 2, 2024
- c. Approve the warrant of May 9, 2024
- d. Approve the warrant of May 16, 2024
- e. Approve the warrant of June 6, 2024
- f. Approve the warrant of June 13, 2024

Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve all the above warrants. Seconded by Chaiman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

- g. Treasurer Report – Per Treasurer Wood the balance of the FY24 budget is \$116,000.00. Revenues received to date \$642,000.00. There is a good chance there will be an overage in accounting fees, the City of Worcester will be over and probably need to touch the reserve account. As for the auditor, there are a lot of delays, many excuses, long awaited responses and still waiting for the final sewer audit.

- h. FY25 Rates

Per Treasurer Wood, The FY25 budget was approved and to ensure that the district is not in arrears the rates need to be increased. A breakdown has been provided to the board and per prior discussions there was the agreement to have an increase of the rates of 12% for FY25. Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the FY25 rates by 12%. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. Commissioner Lemieux opposed that we are not getting what is due to us and to review 6 months from now and have another increase suggest that we should be increasing to 14%. Per Commissioners Cusolito and Manseau understand what Commissioner Lemieux is saying and suggest leaving the increase at 12 %. Motion to approve the rate to 12 percent.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Reorganization of the board

Commissioner Cusolito motions for Chairman Manseau to remain as the Chairman. Seconded By Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

V. OPERATIONS

Funding mechanism for the asset management grant for \$120,000.00 of work. \$13,000.00 cash contribution from the ARPA grant and the remainder to be rolled in and kicked up the grant from \$60,000.00 to \$92,000.00. This will be that much work to be done such as the smoke testing and to camera the entire system. Being set up with Mass DEP and once ready the project will begin.

Another grant is the sanitary sewer overflow project that started and is being wrapped up. The web page is almost completely redesigned, RTU panels to get remote access have arrived, an electrician will be installing, and the sewer flow meters have been ordered. This was \$51,000.00 of free money to get all of this.

All sewer hole reconstruction has been completed on Willow Hill in preparation for the road to be repaved and nine manholes to be completed on Auburn St within the fiscal year.

Flows have been all over the place. Currently at 70,000 per day. Last quarter hurt they were triple.

Operator O'Day moved out of state, interviewing has been done and a recommendation will be made with the water board on the 18th of this month and have them begin in July.

VI. Date of Next Meeting:

Approval of Next Meeting Date – Per Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting, September 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm at 148 Henshaw St Leicester, MA. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

- A. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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