

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

**VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 12, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. with the following present:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **June 10, 2021** Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. Approve Warrant of April 22, 2021 Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the warrant of April 22, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

\$47,387.06

- B. Approve Warrant of June 10, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of June 10, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

\$94.50

- C. Approve Warrant of July 1, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of July 1, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

\$58,862.71

- D. Approve Warrant of July 8, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of July 8, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

\$166.83

- E. Approve Warrant of July 15, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of July 15, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

\$38,782.94

- F. Approve Warrant of July 22, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of July 22, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

\$127.50

- G. Approve Warrant of July 29, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved. \$2,804.29

- H. Approve Warrant of August 5, 2021 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrant of August 5, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

\$216.62

- I. July Transfer - Transfer from water to sewer in the amount of \$75.53. Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in Favor. Approved.

- June Transfer - Transfer from water to sewer in the amount of \$610.00 Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in Favor. Approved.

**D. USDA Update** – Per Superintendent Morris from the last June meeting was waiting discussion to extend the USDA loans greater than 10 years. Last week we received notification that they will be moving forward with the re-amortization and restructuring of the loans. The re-amortization will be 9-, 11-, and 12-year extension, they will not go beyond 40 years, the interest rate will be reduced to 1.375% and between the both should see an estimated \$165,000 - \$175,000 savings in the debt service line going forward. USDA requested information from the district that the Treasurer has prepared so that they get final documents over to us to proceed forward. The target is to try to have finalized end of August or September and does not know how fast USDA will be getting second round of documents to us. We have reached out to our Bond Counsel to review because USDA requires this. When all finalized, we will then look at a rate reduction for the rate payers. We will not know each level tier until the finalization is done.

IV. ADMINISTRATION – Nothing to Report

V. Communications

**A. Upper Blackstone Update** – Per Chairman Manseau they have not been doing anything and nothing to report.

VI. OPERATIONS –

**A. Superintendent Report** – FY21 closed out with another reduction of \$152,000. Previous flows \$230,000 out of the 26 million gallons of flow. 18 million was billed to customer. The number is substantially down from last 3 years. If it continues, we may see a rate decrease from the Upper Blackstone. For July there was 2.5 million gallons of flow in the 11 days of heavy rains. 3.5 million gallons in the month. The price to this is about \$20,000 and normally \$9,000 -10,000. There is still I/I out there. He and the Operators were out checking the manholes and saw a lot of surging flow in the manholes to believe illegal sump pumps going into the system. Redfield, Rd, Monterey and other areas. A letter to go out and try to get access to see if they are illegally connected and work with these customers about getting it from going into the system.

As for manhole repairs going to try a product for 6 of them with the newer style. Another handful no issues with brick work, just the asphalt around. To cut it away, raise and repave. Should be done by end of September.

No date announced for the next Town Wide Study meeting.

Per Commissioner Lemieux great job to the team of the USDA negotiations. Asked with the sump pumps and I/I if there is a way to forcibly go into a property or somehow outside.

Per the Superintendent investigating to pay a company to bring a camera during the heavier flows, this can be expensive. The last time renting a camera was \$1,200 per day and depth of the manholes is a factor. He can price it out, speaking with other sewer people and engineering it is least expensive way. Commissioner Lemieux suggests to letting the customer know there will not be a repercussion and to provide guidance. Per the Superintendent this is more of an approach and to educate the subscribers and understanding and it goes to a hefty price tag to the district. We can work up the language for a letter. We did do a small neighborhood in the past and had a 50% access.

Commissioner Lemieux asked the Superintendent with today's technology could we put our own camera in the manhole then maybe a small meter to meter it and do ourselves inexpensively, maybe we can mount a waterproof camera in if we suspect and then knock on some doors.

Per the Superintendent we have a concentrated area to address. He can investigate different camera options. Leicester has one but someone would need to enter the manhole to push the camera up the system. However, this entails confined space issues and safety. If we do find an issue, we can issue a fine per day until it is corrected.

Per Commissioner Lemieux a small percentage will comply and others who will not, and they may need to be hit with the fines.

Non-Subscriber Buteau asked why the use of precast manholes. Per the Superintendent these are the poly rings that we have used because of the height we are not going to do as many due to cost.

VII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**A. Approval of Next Meeting Date** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Virtual Sewer Meeting September 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

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