

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**July 11, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

Donald G. Manseau, Chairman	Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner
Michael L. DellaCava, Commissioner	Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary	7 Subscribers
	1 Non-Subscriber

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **June 12, 2019** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the minutes of June 12, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. **Approve Warrants of June 20, 2019** - Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the warrants of June 20, 2019. Commissioner Lemieux inquired what the item on the warrant for Haines Pump Distributor. Per Superintendent Morris this is for our SCADA system. The purchase of a monitoring device and rain gauge. The devices allow to show information from the office against manual readings. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.
- B. **Approve Warrants of June 30, 2019** - Commissioner DellaCava motioned to approve the warrants of June 30, 2019. Commissioner Lemieux inquired what the item was for TI Sales & Pete's Electric. Per superintendent Morris TI Sales is for Sewer Manhole covers, Pete's Electric is the electrician used to do the wiring of the panel for the monitoring system. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.
- C. **Approve Warrants of July 11, 2019** - Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the warrants of July 11, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.
- D. **Budget Transfers** – Commissioner DellaCava motions to approve the Budget transfer of \$19,275.00 this is for Insurance, Repairs & Maintenance. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All In favor. Approved.

Customer Gregory Buteau asked if the Treasurer has the items spent from June 30 to 2019. Per Superintendent Morris the Treasurer has this information available. The State will be picking up the labor and supporting structure price in the 45 manholes of Route 9. There are some covers that are still in good condition and can be used in other areas. This project should help significantly of the I/I issue. Superintendent and Operators will be doing quality control as the project is going on.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

- A. **Master Drain Layer Application / All in One Drain Cleaning** – Commissioner DellaCava motions to approve Master Drain Layer Application for All in One Drain Cleaning. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

- B. **Master Drain Layer Application / D.F. Callahan, Inc** – Per Superintendent Morris informs the board that this company is doing a sewer connection on McCarthy Ave and the paperwork requires the approval to get the work started. Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the Master Drain layer Application for D.F. Callahan, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner DellaCava. All in favor. Approved.

V. OPERATIONS

**1. Superintendent's Report** – The Route 9 manholes were purchased, expected delivery next week. 7/9/19 a preconstruction meeting was held with Mass DOT. Most of the work is being done at night beginning at the Worcester line, no work Friday or Saturday, they are to mill down 3 inches of asphalt, then base course, to cut out manholes and sewer boxes. The road will be raised a ½" which will require raising up boxes. What work is done at night will be checked during the day by the District. Contractor is PJ Keating. To be completed by end of October. This is a huge savings to the Sewer District Budget. After work is completed there will be a 5-year moratorium that the roads can't be reopened unless for emergency only. Commissioner Lemieux asked if we are able to stub out second connection. Per Superintendent Morris there is not enough time and is investigating at a second alternative.

**2. System Update** – Superintendent to review the ability to monitor the flow update. Shows midnight to midnight. Spike in usage on a day and reflects rain gauge flow increased by 73,000 gallons. We are charged the same base rate for sewage. Infiltration will be anywhere in the system – not necessarily near the meter. This shows we are getting a couple thousand gallons an hour when it rains. Town and State drainage is not connected to the sewer. A handful of ears, Problems in the Towtaid, McCarthy, Brown St and Sargent St area. Customer Hickey 184 Auburn St comments that the manhole in front of his property has many cracks around the cover. Per the Superintendent the route 9 project is priority and then side roads will be the next priority. The Sewer District has approximately 275 manholes and the entire sewer system is about 20 years old. Route 9 is going to be done by brick and mortar being paid by the state. We are eager to see when the repairs are completed what the change will be in I/I. Mr. Buteau commented that he is glad that the rain gauge was purchased gives good data and has the engineer who is offering the new system, is there an area that has been using this product. Per the Superintendent Route 44 in RI has in place for the last 6 years and reports of no problems found. Route 9 is the priority but is going to attempt to address a couple of areas to have a contractor fix. Example Brown St. Subcontractors are on used for excavation - District does the masonry. For the size of the system to costly to have dump trucks and back hoes etc. Commissioner Lemieux feels it would be less expensive to share and use the Highway Department to assist and probably less costs. One customer commented the town is stretched now and another customer adds that we all pay the same taxes and should be able to utilize them to do the work. Per the Superintendent if the District needs something the Superintendent of the Highway Department will help if they are not in the middle of something. Highway Department is about working together. Commissioner Lemieux is very anxious to see when the Route 9 project is done if we can take a chunk of money projected for Worcester maybe take and use and fix other leaking manholes. The savings from doing these improvements will lower the debt of the District to avoid possible insolvency. Commissioner and Superintendent talk about the history of the Sewer District to some of the subscribers that are new to the system regarding the rate structure. There is a developer building 4 duplex dwellings near 710 Main Street and there is one sewer stub – he is tapping a sewer manhole and branching off to collect all these units. Superintendent Morris asked the Commissioners if we

need anything from the developer. Commissioner DellaCava suggests the fee for the one tie in of \$8,000.00 and then the appropriate fees after the units are built. Commissioner DellaCava motions to collect the \$8,000 fee and then the appropriate fees after the units are built. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **UBWPAD Update** - Per Chairman Manseau – they continue with construction and continue with spending money, Phase A to be completed in October. A lot of the money being spent in chemicals. As an example, \$252,000. Phase B will begin next year.
- B. **Aquarion Meeting** – Superintendent Morris, Commissioner DellaCava and the Town Administrator David Genereaux met with representatives of Aquarion to inquire if they may be able to provide some assistance. Aquarion is a private Connecticut based water/ sewer company. The meeting was very preliminary. They look at the utility figure what it is worth and buy it out. There is no other assistance that they provide. They will look at the information provided from Senator Moore and some of the information that the District provided to see if it's even financially feasible. Costs are disbursed against all the customers in the state. There are only a handful of communities in the state that are currently owned by Aquarion. Once the information has been brought back to the table it would be reviewed by the Commissioners and then a vote to the subscribers. This is the only information provided and it is all too early in the game.

VII. PERSONNEL -

VIII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- A. **Approval of Next Meeting Date** - Commissioner DellaCava motioned to hold the next meeting on August 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner DellaCava motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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