

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HYBRID MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT**

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting called to order by Chairman Bergin @ 7:01 pm

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Bergin, Chairman	1-in person 2-online
Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner - virtual	
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent	
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr., Commissioner - virtual	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - virtual	
Cheryl Balkus, Clerk	

- II. District Member Forum** – Greg Buteau 2 Merrick St subject regarding grant awards – example the Main St project. Superintendent Morris received input from the engineers and feedback said it would not be worth it. Within the one stop program they awarded 143 projects and 12 programs within it. Sixty percent of the applications were awarded this was noted in a press release. Every region received more awards and fundings than last year. The success rate was very good and one of the programs was rural and small development funds. Town of Warren awarded to replace water main/hydrants. Town of Lenox \$181,000. Another town to replace water mains \$395,000. The town of Leicester received \$395,000 to determine if Moose Hill is a viable water source. The Main St project that the district is looking to do would have been nice that the district applied for it and would have been a big help. Unknown if this project will be available next year since we missed out this year. There were no further comments from the commissioners or the listening audience. Commissioner Levesque motioned to suspend the remaining minutes of the forum. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. The forum ended in nine minutes and five seconds.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

- A. October 4, Meeting Minutes** - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the October 4, 2022, meeting minutes. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

IV. FINANCE

- A. Approve October 10, 2022, Warrants** – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the October 10, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin.
Commissioner Levesque asked about Baystate Regional Contractors. Per Superintendent Morris they are the contractor doing the well project. All in Favor. Approved.
- B. Approve October 17, 2022, Warrants-** Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the October 17, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in favor. Approved.
- C. Approve October 24, 2022, Warrants** - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the October 24, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. Commissioner Lemieux asked about stiles company \$17,825.39 revolving construction/meters. Per the Superintendent these are meters for our customers and two meters for the Huntoon Memorial Hwy Project. The company doing that project has been charged for their meters and have paid for these. All in favor. Approved.
- D. Approve October 31, 2022, Warrants** - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the October 31, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

- E. Approve November 7, 2022, Warrants** - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the November 7, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. Commissioner Lemieux asked about warrant line item for Maher Services \$13,990.00 grindstone well. This is the replacement of the pump and the motor of the well. All in favor. Approved.
- F. Approve November 14, 2022, Warrants** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the November 14, 2022, Warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

The warrants consist office expense, Grindstone well \$14,056.77, technology, repairs and maintenance, pipes, subcontractor, payroll, telephone, accounting fees, meters, insurance, electricity, trash, continuing ed, lab work, postage, heat, Maher Services for the well \$13,990.00, chemicals, City of Worcester \$26,865.48 & 35,527.20. Total amount of all warrants is \$202,754.02

Per the Superintendent this is the Greater Coalition fee membership fee a fee for us to allow us to purchase vehicles on the state bid list at a discounted rate.

- G. October Bank Transfer** – Commissioner Levesque motions to transfer from the water checking account to the sewer checking account in the amount of \$64,810.27. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

*Per Chairman Bergin this is money that is collected by the Water District on behalf of the Sewer District, it is **NOT** the Water Districts money.*

V. ADMINISTRATION – Nothing to Report

VI. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report

The 90 Huntoon Memorial Highway Project is wrapping up. We conducted two shutdowns of sections of Rt.56 to make connections. Pressure testing and bacteria testing being done tomorrow. Once completed line will be live to the hydrants only. Meters will be installed later when more work complete on their end.

There was a service leak on Redfield Rd that was created by a contractor that did not notify us. The line was fixed live, the contractor was billed, and he paid in full.

Working on completion of Lead & Copper testing.

The new truck will be delivered to us this week the price came in under \$60, 000.00. The F150 should be ready to be placed for sale by January 1. This will go on a municipal bid site. Price of the Kelly Blue book listing will show.

Researched the MVP Grant and found information of forest management with the DCR. 8-9 years ago, we researched a plan and it fell through. It is a cost share program that DCR would share. We met with a the DCR and walked the property. They would selectively harvest certain trees a certain number of trees to be taken out to assist other trees to grow. They would pay us for the trees and this is part of watershed management. To do this it would be a 10-year plan and see what it may cost the district. Per the DCR the pines that line the driveway are a hazard and should be removed, to protect the driveway coming in and the power source to the buildings.

Chairman Bergin asked if we have any information about the 40 Lead & Copper customers and if we identified if some of these are snowbirds. Per the Superintendent all bags that were left were not there when we came back to retrieve samples. Some people forget, some people do not want to participate, some people have since installed point of entry filtrations systems and this removes them from a qualifying participant. Next year we will need to find alternate sites.

Mr. Buteau asked to clarify which trucks belong to water and sewer. Per the Superintendent the F150 is a water and the F350 is a sewer truck.

The well pump was replaced it was drawing double amperage, the electrician came and changed settings to reduce amperage, this did not work so the pump pulled and found it had a bad impeller. Corrections made and now all working fine. Baystate came back with electrician and RE Ericson to do a startup schedule and when all turned, had a backflow of pressure created water to come out that began to flood the 2nd floor, being on site we were able to address as quick as possible to minimize damages however we needed to contact the insurance company and bring in Service Pro. They set up dryers, some sheet rock may need to be removed perhaps in the well room and ceiling in the meter room. Test firing began all operational, controls are timed, the remainder of week going to flush the system, run the spec sheet to ensure working and then begin sampling. Hope to have online by November 29th and if all passes will be able to go live with the operation of the well. Lead & Copper Sampling will need to be done in February and then again between July & October. DEP wants to have next lead & copper with the well water in the system.

Lowry System has representative coming in from Maine on Thursday to give an refresher course for the Superintendent and training of the two operators.

The pump is rated 80 gallons a minute and is pumping at 115 gallons per minute. We are going to gate it back to the 80 to be more efficient. Will be controlled by the valves at this time. After the project is closed out going to speak with representative to install a VFD so that it can be controlled through the SCADA system. Does not want to rely on partially closing the valves and once all operational in about a month consider having the VFD installed.

VII. Communications – Nothing to report

VIII. PERSONNEL – Nothing to report

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Approval of Next Meeting – Commissioner Levesque motioned to hold the next meeting Hybrid Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at the Town Hall Selectboard Room 3 Washburn Square Leicester, MA @ 7:00 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.
Commissioner Lemieux motions to hold a joint Hybrid meeting Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at the Town hall Selectboard Room 3 Washburn Square Leicester, MA @ 6:00 pm. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor Approved.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner Levesque motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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