

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
HYBRID MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2022
7:00 P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT**

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting called to order by Chairman Bergin @7:00 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 – There were no question or comments from the commissioners, the listening or attending audience. Commissioner Lemieux motioned to suspend the remaining minutes of the forum. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. The forum ended in one minute fifty-six seconds.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. November 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the November 15, 2022, meeting minutes. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

IV. FINANCE

A. Approve November 21, 2022, Warrants – Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the November 21, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

B. Approve November 28, 2022, Warrants- Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the November 28, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

C. Approve December 5, 2022, Warrants - Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the December 5, 2022, warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

D. November Bank Transfer – Commissioner Levesque motions to transfer from the water checking account to the sewer checking account in the amount of \$51,722.75. 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. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report –

Per Superintendent Morris had water damage during well start up. Serv Pro came and the insurance adjuster to review damages an estimated \$12,000. Antanavicta Construction was contacted, they quoted \$8,000.00 to do repairs, the information was sent to the insurance company to get go ahead to do the repairs and to do most cost efficiently.

The New truck has been delivered, registered and on the road. Purchased seat covers and floor liners to take the wear and tear. The old truck expiring Jan 1 and will be placed on the municipal bid site for sale, pictures will be provided along with Kelley Blue book information to set a threshold.

When last checked the minimum was \$7,000.00 and will verify again when time to placed up for bid. Final price of the new truck was \$55,7881.15. Initially voted and allotted \$75,000.00. Was able to change items with truck availability and in the districts favor. In the process of getting a price to do the underside of the three vehicles that will be on the road with a spray on corrosion prevention to extend the life of each of the vehicles. One of the vehicles has a lot of rust underside and putting the undercoating done will hopefully extend more life. The cost is \$250.00 per vehicle and would be done on site.

Commissioner Lemieux asked about process of undercoating. Per the Superintendent to power wash under the vehicles ahead of time, dry out and inspect before applying the clear environmental product. If there is any debris, he can blow it out before applying the coating. Commissioner Lemieux will send additional information from another company to see their process and get pricing.

Heaters were installed in 2 rooms that are not heated to prevent any freezing.

Applied for a grant last week on behalf of the sewer district and worked in for the water district. They issue an SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) grant, and the Superintendent then went to water and applied for a portion of it to update our current website that has not been updated in 10 years. Will allow customers to contact us with most updated customer information, application information and will be more user friendly. If we do receive the grant there is no coat match and we could receive \$5,000- \$8,000.

Next grant to apply for is the MVP Grant potentially applying for the remainder portion of the water line project of Sargent St that would only be to apply for the construction portion since the design plan is already completed. There is a section of the water main that crosses over Kettle Brook on Main St and looking into the relocation of it. With prior documentation of high-water levels due to storms the main can end up under water and debris against. This is the main transmission line that feeds Willow Hill, Henshaw into Rochdale and can't be subject to going out of service. Benefits of the program is that there will be someone in contact with us such as the grant administrator to get more information from us and guide us before submitting final grant. Trying to find different avenues of funding.

Lead & Copper wrapping up everything in compliance. Two more sample times will be done now that the well is back online.

The Grindstone Well is online with a few items to clear on the punch list with the contractor and SCADA controls. In meanwhile running it for now while working day hours 7-3 for next 2 weeks. Doing about 35 - 40k gallons per day. Moving in the right direction. Rochdale tank holds ½ million gallons of water and it did not run at all yesterday. From yesterday maintained tank height for a 7-hour window and met the demand for the period. Should be running 7 days a week soon. Commissioner Levesque asked if there was going to be a public announcement. Per the Chairman we have done so with tonight's meeting. The Cherry Valley portion is fully reliant on Worcester water and can vary from 60k to 100k a day depending on the area. If Rochdale exceeds will kick in City of Worcester need to gather data over the months to see what the additional savings will be. Commissioner Lemieux commented job well done and Subscriber Greg Buteau commented to the Superintendent, staff, and the commissioners in staying committed and could amount to a lot of savings.

- VI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - was preapproved at a prior meeting for December 20, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Selectboard Room. Commissioner Levesque asked if there would be a way to have the meetings during the daytime perhaps 2:30 and asked if this could be placed on the next agenda.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**- Commissioner Levesque motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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