

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2020

7:00 P.M.

CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT

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

The following were in attendance:

Kevin Bergin, Chairman

3 – Subscribers

Arthur Paquette - LCAC

Arthur E.J. Levesque, Commissioner

Benjamin Morris, Superintendent

Robert H. Lemieux, Sr., Commissioner

Jennifer Wood, Treasurer

Cheryl Balkus, Clerk

- II. **District Member Forum** – Commissioner Lemieux asked if anyone tuned into the 4:00 Facebook meeting Monday, August 17 held by Representative Leboeuf & Senator Moore. Per Superintendent Morris said he was to cover this in his Superintendent Report. Commissioner Lemieux agreed to have this covered in the Superintendent Report. Commissioner Lemieux motions to end the District Member Forum. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in Favor. Approved. The 30-minute District Member Forum ended 2 minutes 28 seconds.

III. **APPROVE MINUTES**

- A. **August 4, 2020** - Commissioner Levesque motioned to approve the minutes of August 4, 2020. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

IV. **FINANCE**

- A. **Approve August 10, 2020 Warrants** – Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the August 10, 2020 warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

- B. **Approve August 17, 2020 Warrants**- Commissioner Levesque motions to approve the August 17, 2020 warrants. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved.

Per Chairman Bergin the warrants consisted of Service Agreement, Technology, Small Tool Repairs & Maintenance, Electricity, Accounting Fees, Motor Vehicle, Office Expense, Telephone, Chemicals, Payroll, City of Worcester. The bill from the City of Worcester was \$30,469.29, Labs, Pipes and Field Supplies for total \$47,701.86.

Greg Buteau asked to explain what Service Agreement is. Per Treasurer Wood these are items such as trash removal, contractors, or R.E. Erickson.

C. *July Treasurer Report – Per Treasurer Wood

Revenue Received

FY 21 Total: \$116,773.40

Operating Expenditures

FY21 Approved Budget \$1,217,593.91

July: \$127,226.30

Balance: \$1,090,367.61

Other Payments

Loan Payments

Approved Amount: \$93,000.00

Paid Amount: \$59,692.21

Balance: \$33,307.79

Grindstone Well

Approved Amount: \$225,000.00

Balance: \$225,000.00

Clear Well

Approved Amount: \$355,000.00

Balance: \$355,000.00

Water Aged Receivables

0-90 Days Past Due: \$26,329.78

Over 90 Days Past Due: \$26,769.10

Total: \$53,098.88

*This report is also posted to www.cvrwd.com under Reports

V. ADMINISTRATION

VI. Operations

A. Superintendent's Report – Per Superintendent Morris new employee Christian Leblanc began 8-17-2020. He has started with chlorine sampling, Valve Exercising Program, we are on Zone 2 and then transition to the Rochdale area. The areas to be done for Zone 2 have been posted to the CVRWD Website.

Second round of Lead & Copper sampling happening. We must test 40 sampling sites on an annual basis. Certain customers are asked to participate based on style home and plumbing. The final to be done in September to be in compliance with the State.

Chairman Bergin asked are we going to be on track without going into backups. Per Superintendent Morris we are in for 30 and have 3 months to get them all. September we will send out what was missed in July and August.

Usually at this time of the year planning Fall Hydrant Flushing, on hold because the State increased the drought scale as we are in a significant drought in Massachusetts. Does not feel that we should be doing this when restraints on customers. Paying close attention to prior in 2016 was a drought and Worcester had to connect to MWRA. There is a surcharge for this when buying from MWRA. When we budget for City of Worcester this is included so that it does not fall as an addition to the rate payers.

Flows slightly going down, we average 210,000 gallons per day in purchasing of water from the City of Worcester. Pulling more water out of the tanks to pull once a day instead of twice a day to avoid a bacteria hit or any other distribution quality issues. Still works out to the 210,000 gallons per day over 30 days.

Representative Leboeuf and Senator Moore hosted a meeting with the town and elected officials regarding the Water and Sewer Districts. Did not know what to expect, signed in to listen and be available to answer questions. It was more focused to the Sewer District.

Introduced was Weston & Sampson who is doing the Town Wide Consolidation Feasibility Study. The Weston & Sampson Project Manager spoke about the details to do the evaluation of all Districts. Representative Leboeuf and Senator Moore discussed what they did on their end to secure the Federal Funding. The discussion went to the Sewer District as opposed to the Water District and spoke of the financial hardships of the Sewer District and going through dealing with of different avenues that we have tried and continue to look at to try and provide some relief to the Subscribers of the Sewer District.

Per Subscriber Buteau he found some of the chat comments unique and some on the hard side.

Representative Leboeuf made it clear that they **are not** in control of the Sewer and Water. The Subscribers need to go to Meetings or Annual Meetings to express their concerns with the Commissioners.

Per Superintendent Morris a letter was received from Weston & Sampson with a request of what information they need to put together to do their research for the study and we will get it done as soon as possible. An official kick off meeting will be held Thursday night that involves the Town, Superintendents and State Legislators who secured the funding and Mass DEP.

Subscriber Buteau asked if updates to the Well. Per Superintendent Morris the Well was fired up and ran for a couple of days to test all internal plumbing, to test arsenic & uranium removal system and all successful. Next to test auto backwash device as this has a lot of moving parts that could have an issue. Reached out to previous company about disposal of arsenic media to get the drums and arrange to dispose of them. Working on moving forward and he is doing research of the

uranium vessel of what type of qualifications or if can be left in place. Nothing found in archives of the life but does know it is at least 20 years old. If can continue to go another 20 or 30 years to leave in place. This is a cost savings to the District. At this time, it is a filler to spend time on if something else happens and cannot work on another issue.

Wetlands delineation coming in next week to mark all the wetlands for their site plan and what we do will not interfere on what they are doing. Winter will be more concentrated time.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS – Nothing to report

VIII. PERSONNEL – New Employee Christian Leblanc, 26 years old, lives in City of Worcester. He is very ambitious and excited to be working here. He has been enrolled in a water class in September to get him licensed and will move forward from there.

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A. Approval of Next Meeting - Commissioner Levesque motioned to hold the next Virtual Meeting Tuesday, September 1, 2020 @ 7:00 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in favor. Approved.

X. Executive Session

A. To Approve 8-4-2020 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

I Commissioner Lemieux move to close the regular meeting and further move to open Executive Session for the purpose of approving Executive Session Meeting Minutes. I further state that at the conclusion of the Executive Session, tonight's meeting will adjourn, and no further business will be discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Levesque. All in favor. Approved.

XI. ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Bergin. All in Favor. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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