CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING HYBRID MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2024 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Donald Manseau, Chairman Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner - on line Peter Cusolito, Commissioner Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent Jennifer Wood, Treasurer - absent Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 21, 2024 – Commissioner Cusolito motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

a. Approve warrant of April 4, 2024

Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the April 4, 2024, warrant. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

- b. Budget review Per Superintendent Morris since the last meeting actual line items have not changed. The finalized number received from Upper Blackstone was a \$2,551.00 increase and the billing software split was increased. Based off the current rates the district brings in \$691,769.41 if everyone pays. Betterments should bring in if everyone pays \$40,000.00 for a total of \$731,769.41 leaving a budget deficiency of \$62,347.00. As a result, are three proposed rate increase scenarios between 8% 12% and the recommendation to the board is that there should be 12% percent. One of the largest expenses is the transportation/treatment fee. The district has been doing its best to investigate and correct to reduce flows. If we can get the I/I under control, we can see reductions in costs. The increase does not have be voted on at tonight's meeting, however we do need a vote on the budget and the warrant articles. Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the FY25 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.
- c. Warrant Articles 1- 6 are the normal articles each year. Article 7 poses challenges due to time frame issues and we may need to be passed over. Article 8 another formality.

Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the warrants. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved.

IV.

ADMINISTRATION – Nothing to Report

V. OPERATIONS

Moving forward with the asset management grant and with ARPA money approved can work ahead of schedule. Waiting for DEP approval and deciding what will be done first.

Identified significant water entering a manhole on Sargent St. Called in to a contractor to assist in repairing. Last time the manhole was checked there was nothing coming in. It is all ground water.

The grant the sewer district is to receive will cover flow meters to the two largest areas and for remote access to alarms.

Manholes to be repaired on Willow Hill in May and Auburn St in July. To be done before the town paves both roads.

VI. Date of Next Meeting:

Approval of Next Meeting Date – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting May 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm at 148 Henshaw St Leicester, MA. Seconded by Commissioner Cusolito. All in favor. Approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Cusolito motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lemieux. All in favor. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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