

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2025
1:00PM P.M.
CHERRY VALLEY & ROCHDALE WATER DISTRICT
Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Shocik called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

The following were in attendance:

John Shocik	0 - attending subscribers
Robert Jones	1 - online subscriber
Michael McCormick	
Benjamin Morris, Superintendent	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer	

- II.** 12 Denny place – Per Chairman Shocik to the board and online listener there was a water main break on Denny Place. and 12 Denny place cellar flooded, and the customer wants to be reimbursed. Per CVRWD by-laws it states that we cannot do anything about it as far as reimbursement and CVRWD has never paid for any damage due to water main break. That is basically asking us to warranty something that the maker does not even warranty themselves. Per Chairman Shocik he is against reimbursing 12 Denny place but if this is something the insurance company wants to pay then they can. Customer Byrnes stated when she looked it up it states that water districts are responsible if it is due to neglect which does include having very old piping and the records you had were not even correct. She knows we do not go out and replace them every day, but she is up to over \$10,000 to replace all of her stuff that was damaged. Chairman Shocik stated that even if we were to replace the piping right now the manufacturer would not warranty the piping. He has witnessed it personally working with the water district and a contractor and he has to do what is in the best interest of the District, if we pay this reimbursement out then we would have to pay out a bunch of others and the expenses get directly passed onto our subscribers who are already complaining about how high the water rates are. Customer Byrnes asked if this is something that you have checked to see if your insurance company would cover because my insurance company says that it would not be on me since it broke on the water district side. She stated it was not her fault she did not know how old the pipes were outside her house and that it could break and flood her house and understands that we would have to pass the charges on to customers, but doesn't it have to be replaced anyways because it would keep happening to others as well because of the age of the pipes. Per Chairman Shocik that unfortunately we have other issues that are more pressing such as a pipe going thru the swamp that broke last October that serves the whole Rochdale service area. Per Superintendent Morris our hope is we can get back over to the Denny Place area next spring or summer once we get funding approved so this issue does not happen again. He stated that if you look at not just Massachusetts but the whole country the infrastructure everywhere is old and needs to be updated but there is no funding available to do the upgrades. We have a lot of water mains that were put in back in 1910 that we still maintain. Unfortunately, sometimes we have leaks that happen there is no rhyme or reason as to why they fail or when they are going to fail. Customer Bryne stated she understands it is a funding issue, and you only have so much funding and it is a problem across the country, but I

am not sure if the district insurance company will cover anything. Per the Superintendent we did reach out to our insurance company and sent them all the information you had sent us, and it is in their hands to move forward with it. He has not heard anything back from them yet. Per Chairman Shocik we are not here to say what the insurance company is going to do we are here to talk about what the Water District is going to do. Per Charmain Shocik stated all those in favor of reimbursing 12 Denny place. 0 (zero) All those opposed 3. Reimbursement is denied.

- III.** Adjournment - Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn at 1:12PM. Seconded by Commissioner McCormick. All in Favor. Approved.