

**CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
HYBRID  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Donald Manseau, Chairman	0 - in person subscriber
Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner	1- in person nonsubscriber
Peter Cusolito, Commissioner - absent	1- online
Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent	
Jennifer Wood, Treasurer	
Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary	

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. **September 18, 2025** – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to approve the meeting minutes of September 18, 2025. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE

- A. Approve warrants of 9/25/2025,10/9/2025,10/23/2025,11/13/2025,11/20/2025  
Per Treasurer Wood no warrant for 11/20/25.

Commissioner Lemieux inquired about an item on a warrant for DPC Engineering in the amount of \$4,500.00. Per the Superintendent it is for a gap 6 energy program for the sewer stations for energy efficient upgrades. This is a very extensive grant with a lot of parties involved. We will not know about till Spring.

Commissioner Lemieux asked about two other items on the warrants named GH Excavation & Helgerson. Per the Superintendent GH Excavation this is for sewer manhole rebuilds & Helgerson is for cleaning of the annual wet wells to clear grease to not back up the pumps.

Commissioner Lemieux motions to approve the above warrants. Second, by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

- B. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Wood

FY26 approved budget 845,714.50 amount used to date \$115,328.77. In addition to this there was a payment to the City of Worcester, \$41,880.52.

October revenue: \$70,177.77 Betterment revenue: \$1,555.53 Lien payments: \$421.62  
Grand total to date: \$312,208.29

- C. Betterment Update – Per Treasurer Wood has been working with the town hall regarding betterments being that the assessor charged the incorrect interest. Assessors said once they do it it's out of hands and not doing anymore with it. However, another dept is working with their software company to have the corrections to be made. Going forward it will be on the Jan and April bills. This is an update to the board. The assistant who is staying is going to address taking care of it. Not sure what will happen going forward.

#### IV. Operations - Superintendents Report

The new truck is waiting for the light package and getting it delivered and registered before January.

The Gap grant applied for, and goal is to do energy efficient upgrades to the sewer stations. Energy efficient motors and pumps. Changing the Gorman pump is 25-year-old, supposed to be a zero-maintenance pump and there have been issues with them not working correctly. Cores and impellers have been changed next concern is the casing breaking down.

Manhole rehabs were done on Keefe Ct and Howard Terrace. Used a different product that has been around for decades. There will be more scheduled for the Spring in the Towtaid area.

Have been Sewer Jetting.

Master meter was calibrated last week. The required report will go to the upper Blackstone.

The over 55 Chapel Hill development has been approved by the town that will be public water and sewer.

The Sky View project on Main St 92 units (46 buildings) has also been approved and will be connected to our sewer system. There was conversation that the system within the development will be private with the owners HOA (Homeowners Association) fees. CVRWD would be responsible for the pipe in the street only. Commissioner Lemieux brought up what if the development contaminants aka hazardous wastes our system are held responsible? Per the Superintendent there will be more to come.

The freedom of information request was received from Worcester regarding how they do their calculations. To have a discussion with council and from what information received it appears that the calculations are okay, however, more to be evaluated on this.

Hybrid Meetings – Pre commissioner Lemieux motions that we continue to continue for transparency, availability and accessibility. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

#### V. Date of Next Meeting:

Approval of Next Meeting Date – Per Commissioner Lemieux motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting, January 15, 2026, 7:00 pm, at 148 Henshaw St Leicester, MA at 7:00 pm. Second, by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

- a. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Lemieux motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second, by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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