CHERRY VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

MEETING MINUTES October 19, 2023 2:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Manseau called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Donald Manseau, Chairman 1 - Subscriber 1 - Nonsubscriber Robert H. Lemieux, Sr. Commissioner - absent Peter Cusolito, Commissioner Benjamin J. Morris, Superintendent Jennifer Wood, Treasurer Cheryl Balkus, Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **August 17, 2023 -** Commissioner Cusolito motioned to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2023. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

III. FINANCE -

- a. Approve warrant of August 24, 2023
- b. Approve warrant of September 14, 2023
- c. Approve warrant of October 5, 2023
- d. Approve warrant of October 19, 2023

Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the warrants for August 24, September 14 & October 5. There was not a warrant for October 19, 2023. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

e. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Wood reviewed the report with the commissioners. The City of Worcester bill has not been received for the fiscal year however we know that it is under budget based on the quarterly usage.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Betterment Deferral Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the application. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.
- b. Rules & Regulations Per Superintendent Morris development behind St Joesphs church has been purchased. All information has been shared with the new owner. With the current Rules & Regulations we do not have anything for subdivisions. Presented to the board is the current and proposed article. When the rules and the regs were originally written does not believe consideration was taken into if there were to be a development added within the sewer district. If the development goes forward with this revision, it will protect the district. Commissioner Cusolito motions to approve the modification to Article 2 to the rules & regulations. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

V. OPERATIONS

Per Superintendent Morris, under the budget for the quarter sewer flows that are maintainable and pleased with the amount of rain we had received compared to other areas of the state.

The former Skyview development is back with a new owner and should be underway. This project should not go back to planning as it has already been approved. Information has been submitted by the Superintendent with information and requirements to get it started on the sewer end.

Still waiting to hear back on the asset management grant, should have an update in the winter months. Approvals were made from the ARPA grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. We can accept this money but will need to wait till the spring to use the money to do smoke testing and mitigating I/I

issues. Once received the money will be set aside for when it is time to use it and we have 1 year to spend the money. Commissioner Cusolito and Chairman Manseau agree with the Superintendent to submit the approval.

Non-Subscriber Buteau to clarify asked if the \$25,000.00 can still be used if the sewer district is not approved for the \$115,000.00. Per the Superintendent confirmed that the \$25,000.00 can still be used if the \$115,000.00 is not approved. The \$115,000.00 is for asset management to view conditions on the system. As an example, condition on manholes, see if any negative conditions to increase the life expectancy. If approved, it will be done by DPC Engineering. Now is a good time to evaluate because it is at its ½ life expectancy.

Helgerson to be coming into clean grease from the system. After numerous night call ins, the operators have been working diligently, found a solution and corrected the issues.

Investigating with SCADA to have an offsite app to address alarms after hours.

Met with nationalgrid regarding VFD's upgrades. Due to the low usage consumption of the stations, we do not meet the criteria to get free VFD's. The current VFD's are 20 years old.

VI. Date of Next Meeting:

Approval of Next Meeting Date – Commissioner Cusolito motioned to hold the next Sewer Meeting November 16, 2023, at 2:00 P.M at 148 Henshaw St Leicester, MA. Seconded by Chairman Manseau. All in favor. Approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - Commissioner Cusolito motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chairman Cusolito. All in favor. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:47pm.

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