

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Warner Village Water District Commissioners  
3:30 P.M. on  
November 13, 2024 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Dan Lavoie, Shaun Murphy, and Herm Blanchette, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on October 9, 2024 were approved as submitted. The minutes for the meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> were not available.

**Administrator's Report**

Ray reported that both water storage tanks have been cleaned and are both back in service. A drop in water pressure experienced recently by many in the precinct has been linked to a valve at the Denny Hill tank that had been left open. This valve has been closed and measures taken to isolate and protect it so that the condition does not recur.

Ray advised the Commissioners that the new federal effort to eliminate all lead pipes nationwide may lead to a more active program to identify all lead piping in order to remove it from the drinking water system. The Commissioners expressed the opinion that this was not a widespread problem in the District, but that in older homes and structures, it could be present. Ray said there would be a notice included in the next billing that alerts customers concerning lead pipes as a health issue.

The Commissioners reviewed the financial report for the end of October. Ray observed that water and sewer rents have increased this past quarter by more than expected. He said that turnover in household composition and numbers in new arrivals may have led to more water being used, thus pushing up the rents. Ray also said the electrical charges for the water department have fallen, probably due to the efficiency of the variable speed pumps that have been installed.

Ray then distributed a very preliminary version of the 2025 budget. The bottom line total is \$529,054 at present, but will most likely be closer to \$505,000 when an accounting adjustment is made. This would make the budget only a 0.41 percent increase over 2024.

The Commissioners discussed the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with DPC Engineers where the consultant's estimates for the copper elimination project were outlined on the order of 10 to 15 million dollars. Apparently, EPA is looking for a commitment of both dollars and time schedule for the project. The Commissioners feel strongly that the kind of investment required to reach the extreme copper limits being imposed by EPA on the District is completely beyond the capacity of the small number of residents in the precinct. It was stated that if EPA and NHDES want this project to happen, then they must provide the grants necessary, not loans.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

The next meeting will be on December 4, 2024 at 3:30 P.M.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk