Minutes of the Meeting of the Warner Village Water District Commissioners 3:30 P.M. on December 18, 2024 at the Treatment Plant

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

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on December 4, 2024 were approved as submitted.

## **Administrator's Report**

Ray reviewed the draft 2025 budget. He said that there would be a surplus in this year's budget of \$55-56,000 due to certain expenses that the District initially paid out of its own revenues but which were later reimbursed by a federal grant. Ray discussed a strategy of putting \$15,000 of the surplus in savings that could then be used to solve a cash flow problem at the beginning of next year, rather than borrowing it.

Ray also suggested increasing the Outside Contractors line under sewer by \$25,000, giving the Commissioners authority to spend part of the surplus on needed projects. One of these is the purchase and installation of a number of water meters that are more accurate than current models and that report water usage wirelessly to the office. The Commissioners were supportive of this project. Ray mentioned a few minor changes that he will be making to the final budget, due to be voted on by the Budget Committee in mid-January.

Ray reviewed the preliminary December financial report. The Commissioners agreed to give a \$1,000 bonus to Chuck and \$500 to Tyler for their good work this year

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2025 at 3:30 P.M.

Recorded by James F. McLaughlin, Clerk