

**PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

The Foreman's Report is included with this month's reports. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the sewer jet machine is being used.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - AUTHORIZED LAWYER TO START CONDEMNATION - TITLE & APPRAISAL

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that condemnation proceedings will begin. Dennis Larios is hopeful that testing could begin by the end of January. During these proceedings no one has been able to find a death certificate for Mrs. D'Anna.

4. GRANT AWARD \$ 2,237,400 OR 60% OF ACTUAL COSTS

In December 2018 Supervisor Shannon Harris spoke about the grant award and the study she would like to undertake. Superintendent Kiernan does not believe that the grant money could be used for a study. The grant would cover 60% of the cost of the tank replacement. For the remainder, a bonding attorney would be hired. A bond has not been needed since 1987-88. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if there is a contact; Superintendent Kiernan replied that Environmental Facilities is the contact, a kind of semi state agency.

5. WHAT TO DO WITH OLD GENERATOR - AUCTION - LOW BID 700.00

In the spring the old Connelly generator will be auctioned along with the Canal Street generator.

6. EPA SEWER INSPECTION - O & M MANUAL

Superintendent Kiernan completed the 100-page manual. The inspection included pump stations, manholes, etc. A complete inspection.

7. WATER RATE + 0.35/1,000 - JANUARY BILLS

This new water rate reflects a 6 ½ % increase.

8. CANAL ST. - WAITING

The new pump for the Canal Street pump station will be here in two months.

9. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION GRANT APPLICATION

Superintendent Kiernan attends the meetings of the "Hudson Seven." At next week's meeting this group of water treatment plant communities will probably apply as one unit for this grant. It is free to apply for the grant, which looks at the Hudson River between Rhinebeck and Poughkeepsie.

10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 11.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked about the status of the new water meters. Superintendent Kiernan reported that 1,050 meters have been installed; there are 300 more to be installed, with enough in stock. Notices are being put on doors and letters are going out to customers to change their meters. More research is needed, but in time there will be a quarterly charge for those old water meters that require a person to read them.
- B. Superintendent Kiernan will contact Harris Computers regarding the Flexibill program and how to pay the water and sewer bill on-line. At this time credit cards can be used to pay, but there is a \$3.00 fee. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie inquired if a different program is necessary; Superintendent Kiernan replied no. If a customer questions the amount of a bill, then the department re-tests to verify the amount.
- C. The water charges went on a “tax bill” for Birches. Now the county will pay the town. Birches will then pay the county.
- D. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the Resource and Recovery Agency is requiring sewer sludge testing for seven variables. He has collected a sample and sent it out to Rochester.
- E. Mr. Tronolone asked if there is any more testing for PCBs. Superintendent Kiernan said no—now the testing is for PFOAs, such as algae in the river and toxins.

## 12.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board