

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Ronald Phillips
Kevin Rentfrow
Michael Tronolone

Absent were Chairman Douglas DeKoskie, Commissioner Larry Van Vliet, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman Peter Koelli, and Liaison from the Esopus Town Board, Donna McAuley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by acting Chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2012, MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. VIOLATION LETTERS - ALL BUT 1 COMPLIED

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that in the spring the one remaining resident will comply with the requests in the violation letter.

3. FOREMAN REPORTS

Foreman Koelli's weekly reports are included with the agenda.

4. BIRCHES - EASEMENTS - NO WORD

Superintendent Kiernan had no new information for the Board regarding the easements at Birches.

5. DORIS ST GENERATOR

COMPLETE Now that the generator is complete, Superintendent Kiernan and the Board discussed the matter of fencing, so that the generator is not visible. One quote to put up an eight-foot high vinyl "wall" came to \$2800; Superintendent Kiernan will obtain other quotes. Other suggestions were to keep and fix the current chain link fence or to combine other materials with the current fence.

6. NOTHING FROM FEMA/SEMO YET

Superintendent Kiernan explained that on April 15th the bonds are due for renewal. The cost to renew the bonds will be \$15,000 to \$16,000. The State (SEMO) will not do anything until the Federal government (FEMA) pays.

7. CANAL ST GENERATOR

REPAIRS - STATOR AND WINDINGS

ROTOR The rotor is still in Pennsylvania

EMERGENCY RENTAL The generator is still being rented at \$1,200 per week

NYWARN GENERATOR REQUEST

8. WATER BREAKS

There were two water main breaks in the month of January.

9. SCENIC HUDSON

Although no quick action is anticipated, Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that eventually Scenic Hudson will clear grade the artificial pond that was created when the slope failed, take down existing buildings and create recreational hiking trails on the property. Superintendent Kiernan met with Scenic Hudson's Jeff Carter and Paul Schwartzburg on the land opposite the water treatment plant to speak with them about clearing away the dead trees and debris.

10. RONDOUT HARBOR GENERATOR

There was no news to report.

11. UNION CONTRACT

It is expected that the contract is adopted and signed by the union. It is anticipated that the Esopus Town Board will approve it on February 16th. Superintendent Kiernan mentioned some increased sick time reimbursement upon retirement, no raises in 2012, then a 2% raise in 2013.

12. THE MEADOWS AT ESOPUS AKA PORT EWEN HOUSING

This project is before the Esopus Planning Board, with a twenty-five lot subdivision proposed on the property known as “Forty Bumps,” off of Doris Street. Another pump station was proposed, but Superintendent Kiernan declined the request. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow inquired if the Connelly pump station could support this project; Superintendent Kiernan replied yes, it could. The right-of-way would run through the Berg property to the Plantasiae interceptor.

13. FENCE QUOTE

Please see Agenda item number 5.

14. PLANT DOOR QUOTES

The doors at the water treatment plant are rotting through. Quotes received by Superintendent Kiernan are: Four doors \$9,600; two doors \$8,800; four doors \$14,000. These prices include hardware and framework—the locks would be re-mounted. The doors are metal and very secure and very expensive. Superintendent is investigating other options.

15. JUNK STEEL - 1,545.00

An amount of junk steel was taken to the transfer station.

16. FUND BALANCE END OF 2010

WATER - CAPITAL RESERVE - \$118,548
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE - \$224,997
SEWER - UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE - \$121,965

Discussion was held about the Water Capital Reserve Fund Balance. This fund's original purpose was for a land purchase. A public hearing would need to be held if the purpose of the fund was to be changed.

There was also a discussion concerning the possible use of a portion of the Water Unreserved Fund Balance for the purchase of a new generator. Commissioners Ronald Phillips and Kevin Rentfrow were agreeable to putting this out for quotes, which Superintendent Kiernan will undertake.

17. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

18. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan has asked the Highway Superintendent to replace water mains when replacing roads in Port Ewen.
- B. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow inquired about the solar at the landfill. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there is a possibility this will go through.

19. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board