

# PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman  
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman  
Ronald Phillips  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone

Absent was Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

## 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2016 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Eric Balash's report is included with this month's agenda and reports.

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Ronald Phillips questioned expense figures showing that the department is \$20,000 in the hole at the end of the year. Superintendent Kiernan assured him that we are not; the amount of \$45,000 (for hydrants) gets rolled over into contractual expenses. The superintendent has been assured that each month he will get budget pages from the bookkeeper that show water and sewer figures. Commissioner Michael Tronolone verified that the district's customers pay \$45,000 in taxes for hydrants.
- B. Commissioner Tronolone inquired about how many new water meters are available. Superintendent Kiernan replied that three hundred were delivered

today, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Foreman Balash stated that the new meters will continue to be installed.

- C. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that water bills will be going out again soon.
- D. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the transmission on one of the trucks failed and the truck is off the road.
- E. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that there is grant money out there, possibly for the new storage tank. The town doesn't have a grant writer. The superintendent will find out how much grant writers are paid, or how much it would cost to meet with one.

#### 4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan has not spoken to Mr. D'Anna, so there is no new information.

#### 5. CANAL ST P/S PUMP REBUILD -- 7,777.00 -- BACK IN SERVICE

#### 6. HIGH SERVICE MOTOR AT PLANT -- REPLACEMENT

The high service motor in Pump B burned out. The cost to replace the motor was only \$600 more than the cost to repair it. Foreman Balash reported that the new motor can hardly be heard.

#### 7. BIRCHES

The Health Department's inspection of Birches' pump station on February 9<sup>th</sup> was not well received. Mr. Aaron came to the Town Board's workshop meeting, along with his chief executive officer Nick Woerner and engineer Scott Davis. The Department of Environmental Conservation is aware of all that has transpired. Attorney Paul Kellar has documentation concerning liens on the pump station property and a piece of property going down the hill to River Road. Included with this agenda is a letter from Town Supervisor Diane McCord which refers to this documentation, to the punch list, and to communications from the Ulster County Board of Health.

Superintendent Kiernan wants a legal document giving permission to go to the pump station over Birches' property. The superintendent also wants assurance that the pump station is working properly. Mr. Aaron expressed that he has

maintenance records and is in the process of locating them. Superintendent Kiernan stated that it is conceivable that the town could take over within the next three or four months.

Commissioner Ronald Phillips inquired about Birches' electric bills. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the electric bill is over \$10,000 and has never been paid. Central Hudson is trying to collect it. When Superintendent Kiernan calls with a date to take over, Central Hudson will issue a final bill.

Chairman Douglas DeKoskie stated that apparently the road title has cleared. As-builts are requested for the town to take over. Superintendent Kiernan has seen true and accurate as-builts and will bring them to the next meeting. When we own the road, we own the utilities under the road and would know where the valves are.

Commissioner Tronolone asked if we service the hydrants on the property. Foreman Balash replied yes, there are five of them.

#### 8. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the Town Board now meets at the end of the month. Bills may be added that this Board does not see.

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.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board