

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Marc Phelan

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting Chairman Kevin Rentfrow.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JAN. 11, 2017 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2017 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Foreman Eric Balash's report is included with the monthly reports. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about the number of water breaks. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there were four—but only one break since the soft starters were installed. Superintendent Kiernan is currently working on replacing a generator at the Connelly pump station. The natural gas generator would be outside the building. More information to follow.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ATTORNEY - PROPERTY APPRAISAL \$2,400.00

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Hudson Valley Appraisals was hired to provide an appraisal of the property. Last week Mr. D'Anna phoned the superintendent to arrange a meeting, but Mr. D'Anna did not appear. In their last conversation, Mr. D'Anna indicated that he would like the town to buy the entire parcel. Commissioner Marc Phelan asked if the attorney has given any ideas. The superintendent replied that

it is not clear where Mr. D'Anna's residence is located, only the address where the tax bill is sent.

4. SOFT START MOTOR STARTERS - INSTALLATION ON THURSDAY 1/12

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that it took one day for the starters to be installed. There is now a ten-second delay, which is just enough time.

5. BILLING SYSTEM - PROOF, ETC.

Superintendent Kiernan brought a sample of what the new bills will look like and how they are constructed. All Board members present examined the new bill.

6. EPA - UCMR - UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE - CYANOTOXINS

Superintendent Kiernan explained to the Board that the EPA will be testing for cyanotoxins (decaying blue-green algae) and absorbing the cost. This is for small community water systems of less than ten thousand people. This testing is not related to what is going on with Newburgh's water. The Town of Ulster is also being tested for something else, but not for cyanotoxins.

Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked what exactly is tested. The superintendent replied that it is the output to the distribution system. Mr. Phelan inquired when this will take place and if there are any federal limits. The superintendent replied that he expects sample bottles in about six months; we are only being tested for this.

7. RAW WATER PUMP

The pump will be coming from Cohoes next month and then installed.

8. INJURY - EMPLOYEE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that Mike Dauner was injured on February 3rd by the guard on a saw blade when it kicked back. He was transported to Mid Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie and treated for his injuries. He has been on Workman's Compensation and is due to return to work on February 21st.

9. NY RURAL WATER CONFERENCE - NIAGARA FALLS

Superintendent Kiernan asked the Board's permission to attend this conference on May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The cost will be about \$1,000.00.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARC PHELAN AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT KIERNAN'S ATTENDANCE AT THIS CONFERENCE. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

10.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that seventy-two new water meters have been shipped; two hundred eighteen are still due for this year. With six hundred seventy-nine meters having been installed thus far, close to half of the total meters have been replaced. At this time meters are being replaced at The Hills.
- B. Mr. Phelan asked if there is anything new with Birches. The superintendent replied that there has been a real estate inquiry about marking land and connecting to the Water & Sewer District. That is all right now.
- C. Mr. Tronolone inquired if there is any news from Central Hudson concerning the control of our generators. The superintendent replied no.
- D. Mr. Tronolone asked if there have been any complaints about rusty water. The superintendent replied that now there are less complaints.

11.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

12.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW 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