

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**MARCH 13, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Peter Koelli, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman  
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman  
Ronald Phillips  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone  
Larry VanVliet

Absent was Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. VIOLATION LETTERS -- ALL BUT 1 COMPLIED

Violation letters have been sent twice to the resident on Rogers Street, each time giving the owner thirty days to respond. As of this date there has been no response. The commissioners recommended sending one more letter, giving thirty days to comply. The resident's driveway drain is connected to the sanitary sewer. Superintendent Kiernan will send the letter.

Two other residents have been found to have sump pumps hooked up to the sanitary sewer; the owners have been notified of the need to comply.

3. FOREMAN REPORTS

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

4. BIRCHES -- EASEMENTS -- NO WORD

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there has been no word on either the easements or ownership of the sewer pump station at Birches.

5. NOTHING FROM FEMA/SEMO YET

Superintendent Kiernan notified the board that the necessary paperwork is being prepared to renew the bonds. The information that was given to Superintendent Kiernan led him to expect that the funds would be sent in early spring this year. If the monies are received by mid-April, it may not be necessary to pay another year's interest on the bonds. The Superintendent explained that FEMA gives 75% to New York State, SEMO adds 25% then sends us 100% of the funds. Commissioners Kevin Rentfrow and Ronald Phillips asked if it is possible to call or contact someone who might be able to expedite matters. Superintendent Kiernan will call Assemblyman Kevin Cahill on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He will arrange a meeting with either him or with Senator William Larkin.

6. CANAL ST GENERATOR

- a. REPAIRS - STATOR AND WINDINGS
- b. ROTOR
- c. EMERGENCY RENTAL
- d. NYWARN GENERATOR REQUEST

Superintendent Kiernan reported that early next week the stator will be back. The Canal Street generator is a diesel engine, 135 KW. (Each pump station has a different voltage.) NYWARN does not have a generator big enough for our needs. The Superintendent also reported that, if necessary, monies for the generator can be taken from the fund balance, but not until the end of the year.

7. WATER BREAKS

In the month of February, there was only one water break. So far this month there have been no breaks.

8. TURBIDITY VIOLATION JAN 2012

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board of the small violation. In the last thirty-two months, there have been four violations. The Health

Department requires us to report turbidity readings—we report every four hours. This situation has gone on for years. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie explained that our ability to filter causes our violations. There is a certain turbidity in the raw water that we cannot filter.

9. RONDOUT HARBOR GENERATOR

Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked Superintendent Kiernan to get quotes. The Superintendent will do this; it could take two or three weeks. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that, if the cost of a natural gas generator is under \$20,000.00, it does not have to be put out for bid. Obtaining quotes is sufficient.

10. FENCE QUOTE -- PEWD TO DO

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that we will be doing the fence work ourselves. An eight-foot vinyl fence will be put directly in front of the generator on the Doris Street side. This will reduce noise, although the new generator is quieter.

11. PLANT DOOR QUOTES -- PEWD TO DO

The installation of doors at the water treatment plant will also be done by us, Superintendent Kiernan reported.

12. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

13. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Discussion was held between the board and Superintendent Kiernan regarding smoke testing this year. Topics included location of testing, purchase of equipment and cost of testing supplies.
- b. Superintendent Kiernan mentioned a pilot program using new technology for the North Broadway pump station. The goal is to eliminate the cost of bioxide, and the odor. The City of Kingston would provide the equipment.

- c. Port Ewen resident Bianca was present at this meeting. She inquired about when the annual statement is to be mailed. Superintendent Kiernan replied that it is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bianca was concerned about the turbidity notice in the newspaper on February 28, 2012. Superintendent Kiernan explained that this notice referred to the January samples. Each month bacteria samples are taken. Bianca felt that it would be beneficial if residents knew when turbidity was happening. Superintendent Kiernan replied that turbidity is not harmful and has no ill health effects. He gave her a copy of this month's agenda and the monthly reports, which show the bacteria analysis. The board thanked her for attending.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board