

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 8, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 with the following members in attendance:

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

Absent were Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

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

**1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2014 MEETING**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

**2. BIRCHES**

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there is nothing to report concerning this agenda item.

**3. SAMPLING N BWAY - RESULTS**

**CITY OF KINGSTON AND SAMPLING FREQUENCY**

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that there are no updates at this time concerning this agenda item.

#### 4. FOREMAN REPORT

Foreman Eric Balash is on vacation at this time; the Foreman Report is not included with this month's reports. Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there were no breaks during the month of March.

#### 5. N Y S DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

##### A. FIRST PHASE ONLY 25%

Superintendent Kiernan spoke with Dennis Larios, who has recommended a grant writer to approach this program. We would not score high on the list; the first phase of this program, through FEMA, would be funded at 25%.

#### 6. TANK PAINTING - AMSTAR HERE IN MAY - DETAILED COST/DENNIS LARIOS

Dennis Larios will bring a representative from Amstar here in May to give a better idea of the cost for painting the tank. A bond will probably be taken out for the cost.

#### 7. METERS

At a Town workshop, Superintendent Kiernan spoke to the Town Board about meter replacement. At this Board's meeting in May a representative from another meter company will be here. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if new meters would be bonded out. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there is a significant amount in the fund balance, but new meters would be phased in over four or five years. He explained that our current meters have been phased out; other towns with the same meters are taking them to the junk yard.

#### 8. HERITAGE CHECK

A check was received from Heritage Energy regarding the truck damage that was the result of bad gas.

## 9. CLEAR WELL CLEANING PROPOSAL/COST ?

A proposal from Underwater Solutions, Inc. to inspect and clean the clear well was received. Their estimate came to \$4,190.00. This is the same company that dove inside the standpipe. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked how much sediment is involved. Superintendent Kiernan said it is a 30x30 area. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if it would be washed into the river. Superintendent Kiernan will check on this; he trusts that the DEC will allow the sediment (lime sludge) to be emptied on the ground.

## 10.TURBIDITY VIOLATION

Superintendent Kiernan explained that a violation occurs when there is a reading above .3. A legal notice was placed in the newspaper; a copy of which is included with this agenda. The Health Department must be called when seven readings out of seventy-five are above this level.

## 11.WATER QUALITY REPORT - NOTICE ON BILLS

This is the first time the State has allowed the Water Quality Report to be included with customers' bills. This has saved \$1,200.00 in mailing costs.

## 12.MISCELLANEOUS

A. Superintendent Kiernan reported that, at the end of 2013, the Fund Balances were:

\$ 43,278.00 -- Sewer

\$ 519,000.00 -- Water (includes \$250,000 left over from FEMA and  
\$100,000 for property, from many years ago)

Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if the budget is short \$7,000.00 in the Sewer District. Superintendent Kiernan replied, "No."

B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked about the bill for Dyno Nobel in the first quarter of this year. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the bill is still close to the usual amount.

#### 13.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.

#### 14.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS 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 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board