

## **PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, April 12, 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

Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

### 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2016 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

### 2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

The Foreman's Report is included with this month's reports.

### 3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT

There is no news to report on this agenda item. Mr. D'Anna is still in Florida. Superintendent Kiernan has communicated with him by e-mail.

### 4. BIRCHES

There is no news to report on this agenda item.

5. TRUCK AUCTION - 2001 DODGE \$1,026.00 - F250 FORD \$6,800.00

These trucks were advertised through International Auctions. Pictures of them were posted on the internet and bids were accepted for two weeks. These are the low bids. International Auctions gets 14% of the price. Superintendent Kiernan reported that towns do this to get rid of excess equipment. This money will go to the Water Department.

6. TREES - NEAR TIME WARNER

The tree that the resident wants removed is on Town of Esopus property. Previously, the cost to take down the tree would have been \$1,000.00 to have access through her property. Now, it could cost \$3,000.00 to remove it through other means. Superintendent Kiernan will get other estimates and will also talk to the Highway Department. After discussion, the Board suggested that Superintendent Kiernan write a letter to the resident. It will state that the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board recommends access to the tree through her property. Liaison Gloria VanVliet commented that, if she wants the tree removed, she should let the town use her property to do so.

7. FUND BALANCE

Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that the last two pages are the Fund Balance in the Water & Sewer District. The good news is that the Sewer District is starting to come back; there is \$60,000.00 in the Sewer District and close to \$600,000.00 in the Water District. Mrs. VanVliet inquired why so much in the Water District. The superintendent replied that there is \$93,000.00 left over from FEMA, \$100,000.00 was kept aside by the Water/Sewer Board, and \$100,000.00 is in the Fund Balance from years ago. With the upcoming tank project, some of these funds will go away.

8. METERS 424

Four hundred twenty-four meters have been installed so far. By the end of this year half of the town will have new meters.

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked about the department's new trucks. Superintendent Kiernan stated that they are safer. Foreman Balash reported that this Thursday the trucks will be taken to Monticello to be checked out.
- B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about fixing the silt problem on Washington Avenue in Kingston. Superintendent Kiernan replied that grout got into the sewer tunnel and blocked part of it; \$1.5 million was needed to pump out the grout.
- C. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked about the charge for uniforms. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the cost was split equally between the Water Department and the Sewer Department.
- D. Mr. Tronolone inquired about the eventual possibility of expanding the Kingston Point plant. Superintendent Kiernan was doubtful that would ever happen.

## 10. 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.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board