

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD**  
**MEETING ON MAY 9, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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 7:33 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

(There was no meeting in March because of a snowstorm. There was no quorum in April.)

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT - NO REPORT

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Foreman Eric Balash is scheduled to undergo back surgery and will not be able to work for approximately five weeks. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if there will be an acting Foreman during this time. Superintendent Kiernan is working on this.

### 3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ATTORNEY - LETTER TO OWNER

Superintendent Kiernan explained that a formal offer to the property owner begins the eminent domain proceedings. The appraisal—and the formal offer—for the one-half acre of land is \$4,000. The property owner has thirty days to respond to the offer. The Town Board would probably declare itself the lead agency. There would be a public hearing. A preliminary engineer's report is needed, as are soil borings, a piping change, and an electrical contract. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie requested that the attorney send a letter to the property owner to request a temporary access easement—for borings, a survey, environmental testing, etc. Superintendent Kiernan will call the attorney regarding this request.

### 4. BILLING SYSTEM - NEW BILLS MAILED

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the new bills were mailed.

### 5. RAW WATER PUMP - BACK IN SERVICE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that in March the raw water pump was back in service.

### 6. NYS AWWA CONFERENCE APRIL 25, 26, 27 - SARATOGA

Superintendent Kiernan obtained grant information at the conference, which he distributed to the Board. He also summarized several topics:

- cyber security, which the health department is now requiring;
- steps to be taken regarding flooding—the 2003-2004 plan could be updated;
- taking a vulnerability assessment;
- lead and copper regulations are coming;

- Next year the NYS health department will be requiring a total re-write of the annual water supply statement to a standard format.

## 7. GRANTS ETC.

Superintendent Kiernan is of the opinion that there could be money available for grants. Our tank replacement project will be shovel-ready next year. It could be high on the list. To apply for a grant these are needed: an engineer's report, an environmental review, a project determination letter and a bond resolution. Dennis Larios will get the paperwork together within the next few days.

## 8. COMPRESSOR QUOTE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the compressor at the plant really needs to be replaced. The \$10,000 is there. A ten-horsepower compressor would replace the current ones. The five-horsepower compressor would be kept as an automatic back-up. The two one-horsepower compressors (from 1990) would be taken out and disposed of, since they are past their usefulness. Installation is included, except for the necessary electrician. Superintendent Kiernan asked for the Board's approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPRESSOR. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARC PHELAN AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if smoke testing will be done this summer. Superintendent Kiernan replied that, yes, on the west side of Route 9W, Clay Road, Lindorf Street and Rogers Street.
- B. One or two new water meters are being installed each day. The superintendent reported that there are now 747 new meters.
- C. Commissioner George Post mentioned the fire plug by Queenies that has been removed. Superintendent Kiernan stated that that hydrant is not needed, but that there is another hydrant in storage. An insurance claim will be filed due to the car accident involving the hydrant.
- D. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked which pump station has the highest usage. The superintendent replied that it is the Connelly pump station.
- E. Liaison Gloria VanVliet asked if there is anything going on at Dyno Nobel. Superintendent Kiernan said not to his knowledge, except for storage.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board