

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

MAY 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas Dekoskie, Chairman

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Douglas Dekoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Superintendent Kiernan reported that he meets with the Foreman on Monday mornings. The list of the prior week's activity is discussed.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - LEGAL WORK - ULSTER COUNTY SUPREME COURT

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that for ten days an ad was carried in the Daily Freeman. The papers have now been sent to the Supreme Court. In the superintendent's view, the Town will have the property by the middle of June.

4. DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT - TIGHE & BOND

On April 22, 2019 there was a meeting with eight people from Tighe & Bond. At that time they took the maps given to them by Superintendent Kiernan. There has been no word since that meeting.

5. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ASSESSMENT - TOWN OF ESOPUS

There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019 with the “Hudson Seven.”

6. S C A D A - PLANT

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the lowest price so far is \$8,000.00.

7. ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

Superintendent Kiernan discussed with the Board the ongoing search to find a company to host a website for customers to pay their water and sewer bill online. The superintendent favors Harris, but they declined to host the site. There would be a charge of \$3.00 to pay with a credit card. Superintendent Kiernan feels that eventually a company and a solution will be found. For now, beginning with the July bill, an option called “Lockbox” will be offered.

8. FILTER B - 2

Superintendent Kiernan showed pictures to the Board of this filter. The lowest quote until now has been \$7,000.00 to take the material out. Already \$3,700.00 has been spent to do that. The filter requires nine yards and the replacement of two valves. Some type of equipment needs to be rented to handle fifty-pound bags.

9. DISCUSSION ON METER REPLACEMENT - SERVICE CHARGE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that there are approximately two hundred meters left to be replaced. There are no timely responses to notes that department workers have left on doors of homes or letters that have been mailed to customers. The superintendent is firm in his opinion that the customer needs to be charged if a worker must come to the home to read the meter. He will ask the Town Board to approve a service charge if this is the situation. First, however, a letter will be sent to those without new meters.

10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST 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.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent asked Town Board Liaison Chris Farrell to please investigate credits for solar use that show on monthly electric bills. He has been tracking the bills for two years and reported that there has been no change in the bills for the Water and Sewer Department. On the summary bill there is a credit for solar use. Our liaison will check on how this works and where the credit is going.
- B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if there is any news on Birches; Superintendent Kiernan replied no.
- C. Mr. Tronolone inquired about the use of new chemicals. The superintendent replied that the new chemicals are working; there have not been any complaints of rusty water. Also, every two weeks the “dead end” hydrants are flushed.

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 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board