

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**JUNE 12, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Peter Koelli, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman  
Ronald Phillips  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone  
Larry VanVliet  
Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent was Douglas DeKoskie.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Ronald Phillips, acting Chairman.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2012 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN REPORTS

Foreman Koelli's weekly reports are included with this agenda's reports.

3. BIRCHES - EASEMENTS - NO WORD

a. EMAIL TO LOU NACCARATO/STEVE AARON

Superintendent Kiernan met with Lou Naccarato on May 23, 2012; at that time he gave Mr. Naccarato a list of unresolved issues. Attorney Paul Kellar's recommendations have to do with what the easement should read. Steve Aaron send a letter to the Health Department, stating that the delay was due to requests made by Superintendent Kiernan. Included with this agenda is the superintendent's e-mailed reply. Lou Naccarato is not at Birches anymore. Concerning the legal easements: Superintendent Kiernan cannot review that; it is a legal description.

#### b. MISC INFO

An area of concern discussed by the Board was a grease trap in the Birches pump station. This has not been installed. The cost would be \$50,000 to \$70,000. At this time the pump station is being cleaned two to three times per week. Commissioner Ronald Phillips inquired if the Town would take over the pump station without a grease trap. Superintendent Kiernan replied that, if the Health Department no longer will require a grease trap, then the Town could accept ownership of the pump station without one. Commissioner Larry VanVliet expressed concern over the sewer code and grease in the sewer system; that if there is no grease trap in the pump station and the Town takes it over, there will no longer any attention paid. Commissioner Rentfrow commented that grease traps have been problematic.

Superintendent Kiernan will send a note to the Health Department stating the following:

The Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board of Commissioners agrees with the Health Department's request that a grease trap be installed at the Birches pump station before it is taken over by the town water and sewer district. This will violate the Town Code sewer system requirements.

#### 4. FEMA/SEMO

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that not much is happening. Still waiting to hear from historic preservation. Dennis Larios is handling correspondence, but Superintendent Kiernan gets e-mail at least weekly. There are bits and pieces of information that are making up the final letter from FEMA to finalize everything. Superintendent Kiernan will call Dennis Larios tomorrow.

## 5. RONDOUT HARBOR GENERATOR

### a. TWO PROPOSALS

Superintendent Kiernan has received two quotes for a generator at Rondout Harbor that does not come on by itself. By law, three quotes are required, or an attempt to obtain three quotes is required.

The two quotes are for the same generator:

Peak Power Systems	\$18,975 with electrical work
Gen Plus	\$21,200 without electrical work or gas piping

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ACCEPT THE LOWER PROPOSAL. THE VOTE OF BOARD

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ronald Phillips	yes
	Kevin Rentfrow	yes
	Michael Tronolone	yes
	Larry VanVliet	no

## 6. PLANT WORK

### a. PAINTING

Superintendent Kiernan notified the board that painting at the plant is continuing.

## 7. SMOKE TESTING

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that in the next two to three weeks, smoke testing will begin on these streets: Doris, Williams & Lee.

#### 8. HACH QUOTE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that our turbidimeters are becoming obsolete. We have twelve; ten are working. The computers are not communicating with the remaining two. He suggested scrapping these two and salvaging the parts to repair the remaining ten. Hach is the sole supplier of turbidimeters—Superintendent Kiernan does not know of any other supplier. The two-phase proposal to replace all turbidimeters at the water treatment plant is as follows: \$16,000 for the first phase and approximately \$27,000 for the second phase. For the first phase, \$10,000 could come from the equipment budget; \$6,000 might possibly be found in expense areas of the budget. For the second phase, \$27,000 would be included in the next budget. Another possibility is for Superintendent Kiernan to include \$42,000 in the 2013 budget (at the end of January). The Board discussed maintenance agreements, Hach's ability to repair the turbidimeters, Hach's responsibility to repair them, contracts/techs to repair the computers that are necessary, reports for the EPA from the turbidity meters. Superintendent Kiernan will speak with Hach about all this.

#### 9. PLANT LIGHTING

Lyme Energy is now the company involved with replacing the lights at the water treatment plant, along with Central Hudson. Lyme Energy is guaranteeing a monthly savings of \$150 to \$200 with the new lighting. There is a cost involved: \$7,800. Lyme Energy will pay \$4,900 if we will pay \$2,900. (It likely will take two years to recover this \$2,900 investment.) Commissioner Rentfrow asked about the life expectancy of the new lighting; Superintendent Kiernan explained that the new lights will last longer, and will be brighter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VANVLIT AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$2,900.00 TOWARD REPLACING THE LIGHTS AT

THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board of two development projects currently before the Planning Board: The Meadows (twenty-five homes); manufactured homes (twenty-two or twenty-three) at Connelly Terrace Mobile Home Park. Commissioner Ronald Phillips commented about the Planning Board's awareness of the necessity of grease traps in pump stations.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VANVLIET 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 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board

