

# PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JUNE 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Ronald Phillips  
Michael Tronolone  
Larry VanVliet

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by acting Chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2015 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Eric Balash's report is included with the reports in this agenda.

3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- EMAIL OWNER -- NO RESPONSE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that on two separate occasions in the past month he has e-mailed the property owner, with no response either time.

4. BADGER HERE JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> -- TRAINING

Superintendent Kiernan and two other men were trained to use the Badger interface meter reading flexi-bill system. Then they were trained to use the hand-held device. The training went well.

Concerning new meters, Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked how many new meters have now been installed, and the trade-in or scrap value of the old meters. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there are one hundred ten new meters installed; the department has just received three hundred more. Old meters have brought in over \$600 from recycling.

#### 5. FEMA -- HOMELAND SECURITY LETTER

Included with this agenda is a letter from Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The State has now closed the case file. Everything is okay. If there is further activity, it could be an audit at the federal level. In any event, the many files associated are stored in filing cabinets at the water treatment plant. Commissioner Larry VanVliet stated that we must make sure these files are kept.

#### 6. MAPPING/VALVE BOOKS/SEWER TIE SHEETS -- MIKE & TIM -- DIGITAL RECORDS

This work is progressing as reported by Superintendent Kiernan.

#### 7. WATER BREAKS

Superintendent Kiernan suggested that it may be advisable at some point to hire a private contractor for blacktopping where water main breaks are located. He could request a price, such as the cost per square foot. All hydrants are back on line at this time.

#### 8. COMPUTER

The superintendent received three possibilities from Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow; he concluded that the Dell model at a cost of \$800 was the best choice. Commissioner Ronald Phillips suggested that a new computer could share the existing subscription to Microsoft Office, since the Town must have a multi-use license. Mr. Phillips also suggested sharing the existing

computer—in the office and on the road. Superintendent Kiernan expressed his doubts about these suggestions.

#### 9. HYDRANT CLAIM

Payment in the amount of almost \$2,800 has been received (today) for the damage done to a hydrant involving a car accident.

#### 10. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan received a letter from ISO. They are a rating company. They have rated Port Ewen at “04/4X,” believed to be satisfactory. There was no flow testing necessary.
- B. Superintendent Kiernan explained that the WEX credit card being used for fuel is being charged full price at the pump. The town is tax exempt and should not be charged full price.
- C. In reply to a question by Commissioner Tronolone, Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that all pump stations hold five hundred gallons of diesel fuel in container units.
- D. For the July Board meeting, Superintendent Kiernan will obtain the balances for the budget, as requested by Commissioner Phillips.

#### 11. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board