

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JUNE 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman
Marc Phelan
Kevin Rentfrow
Michael Tronolone

Absent were Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman, Ronald Phillips and Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. NEW COMMISSIONER -- MARC PHELAN

Superintendent Kiernan and the Board members welcomed Marc Phelan as a new Commissioner.

3. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Foreman Balash's monthly report is attached. The highway department will send a bill for blacktopping the water break sites. Hydrants will be flushed the end of September.

4. TANK PAINTING / REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Mr. Carl D’Anna is currently in Florida. The superintendent will send a formal letter to him, which will include an offer of the purchase price and the offer of these twenty-six acres being included in the water district boundary.

Discussion was held with the four commissioners. Superintendent Kiernan addressed their questions and concerns. He explained that engineer Dennis Larios recommends a glass tank rather than a concrete one. Regarding boring samples: Mr. Larios is positive that the ground designated for the new tank—next to the existing one—will hold it. An engineer’s report will be sent through the local health department, which will take two or three months to process. The company being considered is Aqua Store; sales people would be pleased to address the Board again, bringing a cross-section sample.

The tank would be made from ceramic panels outside and inside, with a steel liner in the middle. It is forty-two feet high. Construction would take about eight weeks. This tank will have a “mixer,” with water stirred on a timed regular basis year-round. This tank will also have a “bubbler,” to keep winter ice from forming. Additional power lines will run through Lake Shore Villas. The tank is filled from the bottom and drained from the bottom. A generator will not be necessary; service will be wireless, as it is at all the pump stations.

The twenty-six acres will be added to the district by a lot line adjustment.

The town will have to bond the new tank. Expenses will include removing the old tank.

5. BIRCHES

There is no news concerning this agenda item.

6. TREES -- NEAR TIME WARNER -- WAITING FOR HUGHES TO CUT

At this time the district is waiting for the tree work to be done.

7. HOLLAND PAC -- PCH 180

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the switch is official. Aluminum sulfate is gone. This product uses half as much. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the same tank is used for storage. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes, the tank was flushed and inspected.

8. TRUCK SALES -- \$ 7,766.00

Mr. Tronolone inquired if the vehicles have all been delivered. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked which vehicles required brake work. Superintendent Kiernan replied that is was for the Jeep and the one-ton that we still have.

9. 2017 BUDGETS

Superintendent Kiernan has been asked by the Town Board to begin working on the 2017 budget.

10.CONTRACT SETTLED -- 2%

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that with the contract settled, union employees will receive a 2% increase, retroactive to the first of the year.

11.MISCELLANEOUS

A. Slope testing: To Mr. Rentfrow's question, Superintendent Kiernan replied, this year.

B. Sewer jetter: Superintendent Kiernan stated that this will begin, since we do this now. There are two letters going out about illegal sump pumps. Commissioner Douglas DeKoskie stated that a record needs to be kept of the addresses where illegal sump pumps have been found.

C. Sewer overflow: Superintendent Kiernan reported that there at least three e-mail complaints every week about sewer overflows by the City of Kingston into the Rondout Creek. Kingston's storm water and sanitary are combined.

D. Dyno Nobel: At this time they use water only.

- E. Grants: Mr. Tronolone asked about the grants that Rosendale and the Town of Ulster are receiving. Superintendent Kiernan replied that these grants are for municipal waste water treatment projects from Riverkeeper. He hopes the City of Kingston is applying.
- F. Meters: Mr. Tronolone inquired about new meters. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there are twenty to be put into the system. Four hundred sixty have been installed. Next year there are to be three hundred more, which have been budgeted. Water bills are going out again in a week and a half.

12.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

13.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE 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 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board