

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JUNE 13, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water and Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, June 13, 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 by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie at 7:30 PM.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2017 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MARC PHELAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2017 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT - NO REPORT - OUT OF WORK FOR SURGERY

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Eric Balash is due back at work on June 26, 2017 after having back surgery.

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

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that a written offer of \$4,000.00 was mailed to Mr. Carl D'Anna in Florida. The superintendent returned Mr. D'Anna's phone call, discovering that he was exceedingly angry with the town's offer; Mr. D'Anna stated he would be coming to our town the first week of June. There are a number of unanswered questions regarding this property that the Town Board would like addressed. Superintendent Kiernan will contact the attorney; he also asked input from the Board as to where to go from here.

4. GRANTS ETC.

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that money may be available for water and sewer infrastructure grants. The Town of Esopus may be eligible. However, grants are for shovel-ready projects; the superintendent advised the Board that all paperwork must be done before a grant application can be filled out, and all monies must be obtained in case a grant is not approved. Paperwork includes a SEQR report, engineer's report, cost estimate, bonding resolutions, health department approval, etc. Commissioner Marc Phelan willingly offered to help with grant applications. This is his field of knowledge, since he has previously worked in this area. He recommended that water and sewer needs be listed to begin. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie pointed out that grant money may be tied to cities with imminent water issues, like Newburgh, making it more difficult for other towns to obtain grants.

5. COMPRESSOR

The new compressor is installed, up and running, quiet. The equipment is made by Ingersoll-Rand at a cost of \$10,000.00.

6. CYBER SECURITY - EMERGENCY PLAN - VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that a policy on this agenda item will be necessary by the end of 2017.

7. IT WORK AND NEW COMPUTERS X2

Superintendent Kiernan updated the Board on the need for two new computers, especially one for the plant. They will cost about \$1,500.00 each. The VPN does not work, Badger has updated the system, protocol has changed, there is a matter of security on the server. The new IT employee is beginning to address these concerns. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if these computer matters affect the billing system—if the bills can be sent. Superintendent Kiernan replied that yes, bills can be sent because meters can be read and that people like the new billing format.

8. NEW LOOK FOR ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY STATEMENT

The new Annual Water Supply Statement is now nine pages long, from four pages.

9. CHLORINE DIOXIDE GENERATOR

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the new generator is installed, it is up and running, working fine, and the employees have been trained in its operation.

10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. As of today, June 13, 2017 there have been 796 new meters installed.
- B. The generators in the Sewer Department need to be replaced. If there is an emergency, a generator would be rented. (They are currently running fine.)
- C. The Board discussed the property acquisition of the Kingston Water and Sewer Department. Liaison Gloria VanVliet asked if there is a written contract between the Town of Esopus and the City of Kingston. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes. Mr. Phelan has requested a copy of it. Mr. DeKoskie stated that we need to pay attention to the city's expansion. He recommended that this is a good time to send a letter to Kingston about our agreement, about negotiations, about representation from the Town of Esopus. Mr. Tronolone agreed.

12. 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. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board