

# **PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 11, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Absent were chairman Douglas Dekoskie and Liaison from the Esopus Town Board, Chris Farrell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by acting chairman Kevin Rentfrow.

## 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2019 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2019 MEETING. KEVIN RENTFROW VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 2. FOREMAN'S REPORT - N/A

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the Foreman's Report is not included with the monthly reports. The superintendent will be meeting with the Foreman on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

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

The necessary documentation has been given to Judge Gilpatric in the Supreme Court. There is one last piece of validation that seems to be lost. That is the invoice from the Kingston Freeman for the days the notice was run for ten days in the newspaper. Superintendent Kiernan has seen no bills as yet. A search is beginning at the Port Ewen post office for the invoice.

## 4. DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT - TIGHE & BOND

The team at Tighe & Bond has had the maps since April 22<sup>nd</sup>. An e-mail was sent to Superintendent Kiernan from Damien at Tighe & Bond, requesting the water bills for the last two years, along with customers' mailing addresses. The superintendent did not provide the addresses. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if Tighe & Bond had digitalized the maps yet.

#### 5. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ASSESSMENT - TOWN OF ESOPUS

There is a meeting regarding this on June 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Rhinebeck Water Plant.

#### 6. S C A D A

Superintendent Kiernan has not been provided current status of Self Contained Data Acquisition.

#### 7. ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

Superintendent Kiernan updated the Board on online bill payment, which he would like to have available by July 1, 2019. There are two possible providers: Satellite Biz which is used by the Town; or Invoice Cloud which is used by Harris. The superintendent sent an upload on June 10, 2019, but no response was received. In his opinion, maybe 20% of customers will use online bill payment by credit card. To use a credit card for payment a 3% charge will be included.

#### 8. BILLING JULY 1

This is the next billing date for customers. Superintendent Kiernan would like to have the option of online payment in place by then.

#### 9. DISCUSSION ON METER REPLACEMENT - SERVICE CHARGE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that letters will be mailed to three hundred customers, stating that the Town Board is considering charging quarterly fees to those customers who will not comply or will not allow a new meter to be installed. Up to this point, notes left on doors by department employees have received no reply. The superintendent reported that the meters are still being read at the trailer park; the department will not be installing new meters there. Mr.

Tronolone inquired as to the percentage of meters installed. The superintendent replied that, out of 1,350, 1,100 have been installed. (81%)

#### 10.GENERATOR AUCTION SALE - 3,465.00

Two generators have been sold for \$3,150.00. The buyer is coming to pick them up and take them away (after taking them apart). The superintendent advised the Board that, in the 2020 budget, he wants the last pump station generator included.

#### 11.DYNO CLEANUP INFO

There is a five-year program for cleanup at the Dyno Nobel site, some of which includes burying materials on-site. There are three to four thousand yards of material. Superintendent Kiernan noted that there is no town water service past Iron Mountain. A series of meetings are planned by the DEC and DOH for the community this summer.

#### 12.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. MICHAEL TRONOLONE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 13.MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Tronolone inquired about the filter cleaning at the plant. Superintendent Kiernan replied that everything went well. The filter will be totally rebuilt. Three valves were replaced.

#### 14.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. KEVIN RENTFROW VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board