

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JULY 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman
Ronald Phillips
Kevin Rentfrow
Michael Tronolone
Larry VanVliet

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEP MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2015 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Eric Balash's report is included. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that paving will be done this week. He also stated that next year proposals from private contractors will be compared to the cost of blacktopping by the Highway Department. Commissioner Larry VanVliet felt that if any savings is only a small amount, it would not be worth it to change from the current arrangement.

3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT - STILL NO RESPONSE - HOW TO PROCEED

Mr. D'Anna has not responded to communications. Superintendent Kiernan asked the Board if a letter from the town attorney is in order. In next year's budget there would need to be funds allotted for legal matters. Mr. VanVliet recommended asking the Town Board if the attorney should be consulted. Commissioner Douglas DeKoskie suggested sending a letter to Mr. D'Anna from the acting Town Supervisor on the Town's letterhead with a return receipt.

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

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that this work is completed and is saved. Also included are fire hydrant records: When installed, dates of flushing and maintenance, etc. Mike and Tim have done a good job.

5. WATER BREAKS

There have been two water main breaks in the last two weeks. They were uncommon breaks—on Clay Road and on Mt. View Avenue.

6. PROPOSED BUDGETS

The proposed budget is included with this agenda. However, Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that the numbers will be higher than shown here. Included under EQUIPMENT is a new utility box truck budgeted for \$32,000. The cost will be split between the Water District and the Sewer District. The current truck would be moved to the water treatment plant; the new truck—with a plow—would be kept in the garage. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked about another \$25,000 budgeted in EQUIPMENT; Superintendent Kiernan replied that the amount is the same as in last year's budget. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked under what category the funds for new meters are included; Superintendent

Kiernan replied CAPITAL RESERVE. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked about contractual expenses for each district. Superintendent Kiernan will print out the total of what is left over for each district.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. NEW METERS—Installation is going well; 170-175 have been installed, with another 200 by the end of the year. Mr. Tronolone asked if there have been customer complaints; Superintendent Kiernan replied that a couple have been about higher-than-normal bills.
- B. LARGE METERS—Superintendent Kiernan is of the opinion that it is now time to go to other places of business with meters over one inch, to install radio reads.
- C. BIRCHES—At Mr. Phillips' inquiry, Superintendent Kiernan replied that the situation is unchanged. Until the Town takes over the roads, we can do nothing. Birches seems to be maintaining the pump station. The generator was last serviced in April, 2013.
- D. COMPUTER—At Mr. Tronolone's inquiry, Superintendent Kiernan replied that the new computer arrived on July 13th and is loading now.
- E. GAS CARDS—Mr. Tronolone asked how this is working out; Superintendent Kiernan replied that the full price is showing on each bill, but somehow the tax portion has to come off.
- F. ALUMINUM SULFATE—Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the DEC will now be listing aluminum sulfate in their Chemical Bulk Storage guide.
- G. ALARMS—Mr. VanVliet expressed concern over cell alarm monitors. He strongly felt that the system needs to check itself. Superintendent Kiernan will compare alarm companies for cell monitors and servicing.

8. CHANGE DATE OF SEPTEMBER MEETING - SEPT. 8 TO ?

At the request of Superintendent Kiernan, the Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015.

9. BILLS MAILED

10. HYDRANT FLUSHING SEPT 28 TO OCT 2

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 DOUGLAS DE KOSKIE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board