

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JULY 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Marc Phelan

Ronald Phillips

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent was Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman.

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

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2016 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Foreman Balash's report is included with reports from the month of June, 2016.

3. TANK PAINTING / REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan has e-mailed Mr. D'Anna, who is still in Florida, but will be coming here at some point.

4. BIRCHES - SPRINKLERS

Superintendent Kiernan reported that Birches' maintenance department would like to eliminate their lawn sprinkler system from their water and sewer system. To do so they would need to have a separate water meter; then they would not have to pay sewer charges. The health department may direct an engineer to get involved for an annual RPZ test. Elsewhere, if this test is not done, a certified letter is sent and service would be shut off.

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

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that this tree work is still waiting to be done.

6. 2017 BUDGETS

Superintendent Kiernan is about half-way through working on the 2017 budgets.

7. CHLORINE DIOXIDE GENERATOR

Superintendent Kiernan brought the chlorine dioxide generator to the Board's attention. He asked them to consider changing it. At this time the cost is \$300.00 per month to lease, including maintenance, but the company, International Dioxide, is taking the generator off maintenance. The chlorine dioxide generator can require maintenance about every three months; the cost for this is \$500.00 per day, plus travel, plus parts. The generator pre-chlorinates water and controls zebra mussels.

To lease a new generator would cost \$600.00 per month, including maintenance; to buy one would cost \$19,500.00. The superintendent stated that a new unit would be safer and require much less maintenance. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if there is sufficient capital to purchase a new unit: the superintendent replied maybe in January, 2017. Commissioners Michael Tronolone and Ronald Phillips suggested pushing for a one- or two-year warranty; the superintendent will ask about this. Liaison Gloria VanVliet suggested including this item in the new budget as a purchase; the superintendent will do

this. Superintendent Kiernan asked the Board to think about the chlorine dioxide generator and let him know their thoughts at the next Board meeting.

8. U C HIGHWAY WORK ON RIVER ROAD

As of July 18, 2016, a portion of River Road will be closed. The area involved is the retaining wall behind Robinson's house. There is a twelve-inch water line there. Digging for a period of about two weeks at both ends around the water main will take place. Stabilizing the retaining wall will protect the water main.

9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

10. BILLS MAILED - BILLING SUMMARY

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that bills have been mailed. There have been several calls about the new water meters.

11. MISCELLANEOUS - LAKE SHORE VILLAS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that Lake Shore Villas developed a water leak that wasn't able to be fixed by the company they hired. This became a \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 bill for the repair.
- B. Liaison VanVliet asked if there is a problem with lead in our pipes as in other cities. The superintendent replied that there are no problems here; testing for lead is done every eighteen months. The last time was July or August, 2015. Problems mostly involve home owners' plumbing; the superintendent stated that schools should test.
- C. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired if there is currently any dredging or testing being done; the superintendent replied that there have been no PCB samples taken in two years.

D. Liaison VanVliet asked if the suggested anchoring sites will affect our water supply; the superintendent replied that there are big fines. Commissioner Marc Phelan is concerned that one anchor site is near the plant intake—only five hundred feet away. He hopes the Board will bring this to the attention of the Town Board. He is also concerned with the aesthetics involved. The superintendent will compose suggestions and comments for the Town Board. The Board unanimously approved the following motion made by Marc Phelan and seconded by Kevin Rentfrow:

THE PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD BRINGS THE FOLLOWING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ESOPUS TOWN BOARD: AN ANCHOR SPOT IN THE HUDSON RIVER IS CLOSE TO THE INTAKE OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS OVER, A LETTER TO THE COAST GUARD ABOUT THIS MATTER IS RECOMMENDED.

- E. Commissioner Ronald Phillips advised the superintendent and the Board that, effective immediately, he is resigning as a Board member; the superintendent thanked Ron for his years of service and wished him well upon his retirement.
- F. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that Clarifier B's mixer gears are breaking down. They can be retro fitted from the other clarifier's impeller, which is about a \$5,000.00 swap.
- G. Commissioner Tronolone asked if there is any money left from FEMA; the superintendent replied that there is still about \$93,000.00 in funds for the town.

12.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARC PHELAN 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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board