

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**JULY 11, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman  
Marc Phelan  
George Post  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone  
Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent was Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Kevin Rentfrow.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2017 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MARC PHELAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2017 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT - FOREMAN BACK TO WORK

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that as of Wednesday, July 5, 2017 Foreman Eric Balash was returned to work after back surgery. His report is included with the agenda.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ATTORNEY = LETTER TO OWNER

Superintendent Kiernan asked the Board to make another offer to Mr. D'Anna of \$10,000 and offer to extend the Water District boundary to cover the entire property. The town would cover the cost of extending the Water District. The

attorney was unable to determine if the original owner of the property, Mrs. D'Anna, is still alive, so the offer will be sent to her son. If he refuses to accept it, eminent domain procedures will begin immediately. The following will be sent to the Esopus Town Board:

THE PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TO THE ESOPUS TOWN BOARD:

OFFER \$10,000.00 TO MR. CARL D'ANNA FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PORTION OF HIS PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR A NEW TOWN WATER TANK, AND EXTENSION OF THE PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE PROPERTY. THE TOWN OF ESOPUS WILL COVER THE COST OF THE DISTRICT EXTENSION.

THE PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FURTHER RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TO THE ESOPUS TOWN BOARD:

IF MR. D'ANNA REFUSES THIS OFFER, IMMEDIATELY BEGIN EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN THIS PORTION OF HIS PROPERTY FOR A NEW TOWN WATER TANK.

This motion was made by Marc Phelan, seconded by Kevin Rentfrow, and agreed upon unanimously by all Board members present.

#### 4. GRANTS ETC.

Superintendent Kiernan attended a meeting with River Keeper and spoke with members of several area groups. The Center for Watershed Protection, a not-for-profit, offered to help out where needed. A Rhinebeck group did a sea level study and will send a copy to the superintendent.

#### 5. COMPRESSOR - NEW MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT 3,370 TO 4,041

The new compressor is a wonderful machine and very quiet. The new maintenance agreement is \$650.00 higher than last year, with parts guaranteed for twelve months.

## 6. CYBER SECURITY - EMERGENCY PLAN - VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that this vulnerability assessment of the water district must be done by December 2017. He will do it himself, but speculated that the state may want an expert involved. The water treatment plant is not vulnerable, since it is contained—it is not hooked to WiFi. Access to the server at town hall may be the vulnerable spot. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow offered to assist the superintendent if he has questions.

## 7. IT WORK AND NEW COMPUTERS X2

The two new computers are up and running. They are for bills only.

## 8. HUDSON RIVER WATER CONSERVANCY - RIVER KEEPER - COAST GUARD

Superintendent Kiernan met a water representative for this section of the state from the Department of Environmental Conservation at the meeting held at West Point of the Hudson River Water Conservancy. At the River Keeper meeting, held at the Millhouse Brewery, discussion was held among representatives from Rhinebeck, Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Highland and Town of Esopus water systems. River Keeper recommended that water district professionals be on the committee being appointed by the Coast Guard. This committee will be composed of scientists and by people who are involved with bringing barges up the river. Deadline for comments regarding docking sites for barges in bad weather or emergencies is July 21, 2017.

As an aside, the superintendent met a man from the University of Chicago doing a study of sturgeons who advised Don that he could send along sonar readings of our water plant's intake structure. Sonar readings of anchored barge scars are also visible.

## 9. MEETING WITH CITY OF KINGSTON - KWWTP - JULY 17, 2017 AT 11 AM

The City of Kingston has invited the Town of Esopus to attend this meeting. There are upgrades coming to Kingston's waste water treatment plant.

#### 10.BILLING - BILLS MAILED

Water = \$ 82,637.00

Sewer = \$ 87,749.00

Past Due = \$ 51,175.00

Commissioner George Post remarked that this is a good billing system, and easy to read. The superintendent stated that it took only two hours to print and mail them. Commissioner Mark Phelan inquired about the past due penalty rate. The superintendent replied that it is 10%.

#### 11.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

#### 12.2018 BUDGETS - TANK PROJECT - ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE, ETC.

Superintendent Kiernan will ask for an additional employee for the tank project. At this time there are five employees; many people are out at the same time. The superintendent pointed out that someone is on vacation 130+ days of the year.

#### 13.DON KIERNAN - AGREEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that he hopes the Town renews his agreement. Foreman Eric Balash pointed out that Don is excellent as the superintendent.

#### 14.MISCELLANEOUS

A. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that, included with this month's agenda is the NYS Drinking Source Water Protection Scorecard. He asked the Board to please look it over. He is already receiving requests for information.

- B. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that 811 new meters have been installed. By the end of this year 1,000 will have been installed, with 400 more to go. A few points of interest: The City of Kingston is seeking to hire someone to develop changing of their meter program. Our district chose a meter company and began ordering meters—our employees install them. Middletown hired a private contractor for their program. Also, the City of Newburgh sends someone out to read a meter, but charges \$75.00 per quarter
- C. Liaison Gloria VanVliet related to the Board a matter of brown water at The Hills. There was also discolored water on Clay, Lindorf and Rogers Streets due to a fire hydrant being turned on to the maximum. Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo assured Foreman Eric Balash that he would handle the situation.
- D. Superintendent Kiernan showed the Board a sample of advertising by a water softening company that was being left on doors of customers.

#### 15.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 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board