

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

George Post

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2019 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2019 MEETING. DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. TANK REPLACEMENT - PROPERTY ISSUE SETTLED AND MAP FILED - ENGINEER ADDENDUM

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that we own the property and the maps have been filed with the County. The Town Board approved the Engineer's Addendum and the contracts have been signed.

The water tank project schedule is included with the monthly reports. The tasks are scheduled to be complete by March 2020. Cutting down of trees and boring will begin after October, due to the hibernation time of Indiana bats in the trees.

Sixty percent of the cost of the tank will be covered by a grant. Our share of the project to be raised is 1.2 million dollars. The possible interest rate is 2 or 3%, so that the amount of interest to be paid in 2020 would be approximately \$36,000 (no principal is due in 2020). The superintendent mentioned a 2021 increase of 32% in the water tax; he will know what the Town Board decides about this. Commissioner Michael Tronolone is concerned about the customers who cannot afford this increase.

3. DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT - TIGHE & BOND - GRANT APP - REPORT

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that \$15,000,000 would be required for all three phases of the plan. The Town Board made a resolution to authorize borrowing 4.2 million dollars; however, this does not mean that it will do so. On September 13, 2019 Tighe & Bond will submit the grant application.

All water lines and drainage are recorded on Ipads now. Tim Byron has volunteered to keep this tool updated. Mr. Tronolone asked if there are any red-line items. The superintendent replied that painting is an item.

4. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ASSESSMENT - TOWN OF ESOPUS

There is nothing new to report on this agenda item.

5. ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

Superintendent Kiernan stated that now customers can pay their bill on-line.

6. DISCUSSION ON METER REPLACEMENT - SERVICE CHARGE - LEGAL

There are a few people who do not want a new meter. The superintendent reported to the Board that Woodstock charges customers \$25 to physically read a meter. When the new water tank is complete, the meter at Lake Shore Villas will be moved and replaced. Also, meters are needing to be calibrated.

7. DYNO CLEANUP INFO

There is nothing new to report on this agenda item.

8. HUDSON 7 MTG 9/19 AT PLANT 5:30

A meeting of the "Hudson 7" will take place at the water treatment plant on September 19th at 5:30 PM.

9. HYDRANT FLUSHING SEPT 22 TO OCT 2, 2019

Notification of hydrant flushing will be included in the newspaper on September 20th. Signs are out on Route 9W with the dates for hydrant flushing. It is on the website.

10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

11. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that all generators will have been updated in 2020.
- B. Mr. Tronolone asked if there have been any marking mishaps. The superintendent replied no.
- C. The superintendent will email the Board about the budget.
- D. Superintendent Kiernan observed a pump truck at Birches. There was no grease.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board