

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman
Ronald Phillips
Michael Tronolone
Larry VanVliet

Absent were Douglas DeKoskie, Kevin Rentfrow and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting Chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF SEPT. 15, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 MEETING. THE THIRD BOARD MEMBER PRESENT, LARRY VAN VLIET, VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Eric Balash's report is included. Superintendent Kiernan mentioned that a pump was rebuilt at a cost of \$4,900.00.

3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- EMAILED OWNERS SON

There is nothing new to report concerning this item.

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

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the last portion of this item is now complete.

5. BIRCHES -- JOE ERIOLE

An e-mail from Mr. Eriole is attached to the monthly reports. The communication is in regard to the installation of a grease trap at Birches. Discussion by the board members and Superintendent Kiernan followed. The concern still exists that a grease trap is required, that it be maintained and serviced on a regular basis, that an invitation on to the property be requested, and that all decisions be stated in writing. Superintendent Kiernan will contact Shelley Mertens at the Ulster County Health Department, or Dr. Carol Smith, the head of the health department, to learn the status of the likelihood of rescinding the original order to install a grease trap at Birches.

6. HYDRANT FLUSHING SEPT. 28 TO OCT. 2

All hydrants have been flushed, including those in private developments.

7. PROPANE BIDS -- HERITAGE \$0.97 PER GALLON -- A SAVINGS OF \$0.58/GAL -- \$ 9,280.00

Superintendent Kiernan reported that there were four propane bids: \$0.97; \$1.05; \$1.15; \$1.18. Last year the accepted bid was \$1.55 per gallon.

8. BILLS MAILED

9. TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

A. TRUCKS PURCHASE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that approval has been given to purchase one truck this year from the water district funds; then purchase one truck next year from the 2016 budget. It has been ten years (2005) since a truck has been bought. The superintendent obtained two bids. The first bid: A utility truck for \$39,000 and an identical truck with a plow for \$44,000. The second bid: Very similar to the first.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK THIS YEAR. THE THIRD BOARD MEMBER, MICHAEL TRONOLONE, APPROVED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

B. SEWER RATE

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the town's accountant feels that the sewer rates should be adjusted. This is based on the loss of \$17,000 from Dyno Nobel, a \$5,000 increase from the City of Kingston for the first six months of this year, and an expected increase of \$8,000 for the last six months. Foreman Eric Balash stated that more revenue will be coming from the new meters.

10. UC HWY D AND WELLS

When Superintendent Kiernan contacted the County regarding the wells on River Road, it was pointed out that they are on County property. Ulster County will look into the possibility of installing guard rails around the wells.

11. TREES ON OLD STANDPIPE PROPERTY

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that Tom Sutton Electric was hired to take care of the trees that came down on the old standpipe property. This was done after the lady whose electrical service was interrupted requested it.

12. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. THE THIRD BOARD MEMBER, LARRY VAN VLIET, VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE THIRD BOARD MEMBER, MICHAEL TRONOLONE, VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board