

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 11, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman  
Marc Phelan  
George Post  
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 7:32 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MARC PHELAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2016 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Superintendent Kiernan mentioned several items included in the September Foreman's Report: A water break on Clay Road, hydrant flushing in September, and winterizing of hydrants. The superintendent has asked the Highway Department to avoid using the hydrant at the garage there, as use of that hydrant seems to stir up the water.

3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan has again called Carl D'Anna, who is in Florida. Mr. D'Anna stated that his mother is deceased and the property was given to him and

to his sister through his mother's will. When advised that the superintendent will try to get his property included in the water district, Mr. D'Anna mentioned that he wanted the town to subdivide the property and absorb the cost. Superintendent Kiernan stated that the time may have come to obtain a letter from attorney Paul Kellar, to Mr. D'Anna.

The board discussed this item. Members requested that Superintendent Kiernan obtain Mr. D'Anna's mailing address and contact information for his sister as well. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie stated that, in order to progress, Brinier & Larios will need to do soil borings; he asked that Mr. D'Anna sign a temporary access agreement to do these. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about the access road; Superintendent Kiernan replied that the twenty-five foot access road is owned by Ken Silver, but the town has the right-of-way.

Superintendent Kiernan will contact Town Supervisor Diane McCord about a letter from the attorney and he will contact Brinier & Larios about their services. It will be up to the Town Board to decide which type of new tank will be installed; the old tank may be drained and left there for a while.

#### 4. 2017 BUDGETS - SEWER RATE INCREASE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that the Town Board has held several budget hearings. The next is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Sewer district revenues are running a little short; the sewer rate will probably have to be raised between 5-6% (about fourteen cents per thousand gallons). The last time rates were raised was two years ago (with the exit of Dyno Nobel). The choice could be to raise the sewer rate or raise taxes. Mr. Tronolone asked if the new meters are giving more revenue in sewer as well as water usage; Superintendent Kiernan replied yes. He asked how many new meters have been installed; the superintendent stated that six hundred (half) of the new meters have been installed, and they will all be done by 2018. Mr. Tronolone asked if the commercial meters will have to be checked periodically; the superintendent replied yes. Larger commercial meters are located at Robert Graves School, BOCES, Birches, Tucker Pond, the car wash and the laundromat.

## 5. CHLORINE DIOXIDE GENERATOR

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that this is a good generator with a warranty for one year and then a maintenance contract. Commissioner Marc Phelan asked when it would be installed; the superintendent replied after January 1<sup>st</sup>—after approval by the Water Board. The cost would be \$16,000 to purchase or \$700 per month to lease.

## 6. RAW WATER PUMP

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that Arold Construction pulled the pump after it failed, which was twenty-five feet deep and needed a crane; the roof needed to be taken off the building. The pump dates to 1990; there are two more raw water pumps.

## 7. CLARIFIER MIXER

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that the gear reducer problem required welding and brackets. The mixer will now save energy. The bill from Steve Cross and from the electrician are still to be submitted.

## 8. CANAL ST. SEWER PUMP

This pump is out of service. It has been rebuilt once. There are three pumps at Canal Street—one is down. The superintendent is waiting for the technician from Syracuse to come down to take a look. In 1995 the pump cost \$7,000. The replacement cost is now about \$30,000.

## 9. BILLING - METERS

After the bills were mailed, Superintendent Kiernan received some calls. Revenue has gone up over \$20,000 this quarter with the new meters.

## 10.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

## 11.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan welcomed George Post as a new commissioner to serve out the term of Ronald Phillips who resigned.
- B. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that propane quotes are out for bid; the cost will be four cents more per gallon. Bottini is the new supplier for propane.

A propane tank from 1992 needed replacement or repair. The cost to replace the tank is \$3,000; repairs would cost \$2,100 (and a time line of four to six weeks). Superintendent Kiernan ordered the tank to be replaced.

## 12.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer B oard