

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent was George Post.

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2018 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2018 MEETING. DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

There is no Foreman's Report for this meeting.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - PROPERTY - PROBATE - ENGINEER REPORT

Superintendent Kiernan reported that Mrs. D'Anna's will has been probated in Florida and must now be probated in New York. For the boundaries of the Port Ewen Water District to be extended to surround this property, we need to apply to the state Attorney General. It is possible that Superintendent Kiernan will know the status within the next few weeks. He will e-mail the attorney tomorrow to learn the situation with Mr. D'Anna.

4. GENERATOR - CONNELLY - INSTALLED AND OPERATIONAL

The new generator is installed and operational at the Connelly pump station. The old generator is still there; a company is coming to take a look for possible auction.

5. GENERATOR PROPOSAL - CANAL ST P/S

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the proposal is \$81,327, a state bid, from National Power Exchange for the Canal Street pump station.

6. WHAT TO DO WITH OLD GENERATOR - AUCTION

The Board discussed auctioning off the old generator. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow and Commissioner Michael Tronolone agreed with this solution.

7. E P A - ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Superintendent Kiernan was given one month to reply to the administrative order. He sent a letter and 300 pages of documentation in response. The engineering firm also wrote to the EPA. There is no word back as yet.

8. T T H M'S VIOLATIONS - AUGUST SAMPLE - IN COMPLIANCE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that sodium permanganate is now being used full time. In August the sample passed and was in compliance.

9. BUKOVAC - LANDSCAPING/BLACKTOP

A water break on Minturn Street involved hiring an engineer and re-landscaping the property.

10. DRAFT ESOPUS COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Superintendent Kiernan has briefly reviewed the draft of the plan.

11. HUDSON 7 AGREEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan attends the regular meetings of water districts between Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck. One of the discussions is in regard to grant

applications. Another topic of discussion is how districts up and down the river are handling the T T H M problem.

12. GRANT APPLICATION - TIGHE & BOND - 1,700

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the grant application, at a cost of \$1,700, has been submitted for the new water tank. The tank's price went up \$400,000 in two years; it will now cost approximately \$2.8 million. New York State may cover 60% of the cost through the grant application if it is approved. Mr. Rentfrow asked when we will have word on the application. The superintendent estimates that we may know in about two weeks. If not, another cycle of grant applications will begin in January.

13. 2019 BUDGETS

The Town Board is working on the 2019 budgets.

14. WATER RATE + 0.35/1,000 - LAST CHANGED - 0.10 DEC 2012

Superintendent Kiernan explained that the water rate increase will average around 9%--about \$3.50 per quarter. The rate has not been changed since 2012.

15. HYDRANT FLUSHING - SEPT. 9-18

Hydrant flushing worked out well. It was done during the night, there were signs clearly displayed, no phone calls were received from customers. Next year Superintendent Kiernan would like to have county traffic signs as well.

16. BILLS MAILED

At the time bills were mailed, \$260,000 was outstanding.

17. SEWER PUMP REBUILD OR NEW - CANAL ST

The Board discussed repairing one of the two pumps on Canal Street, or purchasing a new pump. Repairs—the pump needs a new impeller plus other

items—would cost \$25,000; a new pump would cost \$32,000. Only one pump is operating, pumping 60,000 gallons per day.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMP FOR CANAL STREET, NOT REPAIR THE EXISTING PUMP. DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

18. E P A SEWER INSPECTION

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the EPA and DEC arrived to inspect sewers. This had not taken place in thirty-one years, but a recommendation was made to compose an operation and maintenance plan for the sewer pump stations. Superintendent Kiernan will do this over the next six months.

19. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

20. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. There are 200 new water meters at the water treatment plant.
- B. If there is a water main break the Laundromat will be notified. If a water main break occurs during the night, a notice will be attached to the door of the Laundromat.
- C. Superintendent Kiernan met with City of Kingston's John Toughey to discuss the fact that the Town of Esopus shares 10% of the city's treatment plant, but has no say in related matters.
- D. Concerning Birches pump station, there has been no word in several years.
- E. Superintendent Kiernan spoke about the electric bills for each district. He asked Town Board Liaison Chris Farrell about the benefit from the solar panels—shouldn't there be a credit at this point? Mr. Farrell replied that nothing reads what it's producing; there is no way of reading the output.

Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow recalled that when the panels were installed they were not set up to monitor output. There is some sort of meter in the town hall's basement. In effect, we are paying electric bills twice.

- F. Commissioner Douglas DeKoskie asked about the infrastructure report. Is there another grant application, supported by Supervisor Shannon Harris, to replace water mains? Is there a request for a proposal to do this project? There would be \$50,000 of engineering work needed.

21. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board