

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman
Ronald Phillips
Kevin Rentfrow
Michael Tronolone
Larry VanVliet

Absent were Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2015 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

The October Foreman's Report is included, but separate from, the other reports. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked how many meters have been replaced. Superintendent Kiernan replied, 357 meters. There are 80 meters available; more will be bought at the beginning of next year. The superintendent also pointed out that valve box inspections took precedence over everything last month.

3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- PAUL KELLAR

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that he has given the entire file to Paul Kellar. Mr. D’Anna has not called the superintendent as he said he would, so Superintendent Kiernan will phone Mr. D’Anna. Mr. Kellar advised Superintendent Kiernan to keep up dialogue. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired if a decision has been made on the type of tank. Superintendent Kiernan said the engineer is leaning toward a concrete structure.

4. BIRCHES -- SITE VISIT FRIDAY 10/30/15

A. MTG WITH U C H D

Superintendent Kiernan met with Shelly Mertens, head of the sanitation division of the Ulster County Health Department. She indicated that she would not rescind the grease trap letter unless the DEC requests this (the DEC has the “final say”). The superintendent has not been contacted by Joe Eriole, the attorney for Birches. Foreman Balash asked if he could take a look at the pump station and was invited to do so by the Birches’ maintenance man. Superintendent shared a picture of the pump station taken by Foreman Balash. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked Superintendent Kiernan to request a written statement from Shelly Mertens regarding the grease trap. Commissioner Douglas DeKoskie pointed out that other outstanding issues could be brought to the forefront, even if everything else is fixed.

5. TAX LEVY

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that \$95,760.00—unpaid water and unpaid sewer—went on the tax levy. This is about \$10,000.00 more than last year. There was a notice in Sunday’s newspaper about the upcoming due date.

6. TREES ON OLD STANDPIPE PROPERTY

Superintendent Kiernan reported that Mrs. Bradford is requesting that another tree be taken down. His response to this request will be negative.

7. VALVE INSPECTIONS

This agenda item is covered in Mr. Balash's Foreman's Report.

8. CONNELLY P/S

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that on Sunday night a pipe burst in the Connelly Pump Station and caused a small sewage discharge. This was reported to the Department of Environmental Conservation and was fixed by Monday morning. Commissioners Larry VanVliet and Michael Tronolone asked the superintendent to explain what happened. The alarm went off when a check valve "hung up" (didn't close properly), the line over-pressured itself and caused a flood. There was a small overflow into the Plantasickill, then into the Rondout Creek. Eight-Nine feet of sewage needed pumping from the motor room.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board