

## **PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**November 9, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, November 9, 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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

### 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

### 2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Foreman Balash's report is included with the monthly reports.

### 3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT - LETTER TO OWNER - B&L CONTRACT

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that he would like to request a contract with Brinier & Larios and that a letter is being sent—certified mail and uncertified mail—to the property owner (or the estate of Mrs. D'Anna). After the October Board meeting, the superintendent e-mailed Carl D'Anna the next day. The e-mail was to ask for his

mailing address, and that of his sister. As of this date there has been no reply. Superintendent Kiernan asked the Board to refer to the article included with this month's agenda; it concerns an eminent-domain situation in Orange County. Attorney Paul Kellar has advised the superintendent that he does not deal with eminent-domain cases. Commissioner Marc Phelan asked if the project could begin if this became a case of eminent-domain. The superintendent replied yes, the case would have to be settled in court.

Mr. Phelan inquired about a representative from the tank company attending a meeting of the Board to give a presentation. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked about inviting the Town Board to attend also. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes to both questions, stating that we are being pro-active.

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

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that, effective in the next billing of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the sewer rate will increase by fifteen cents per one thousand gallons. This is about a two percent increase. Overall, the town budget increase is approximately 3.4%, due to increased health insurance costs.

#### 5. RAW WATER PUMP - \$10,446.00 - ORDERED

This new pump has been ordered and will take ten weeks to come in. The cost to remove the old pump and install the new pump will amount to more than the pump itself. There are still two other pumps at the plant.

#### 6. CANAL ST. SEWER PUMP - PART ORDERED

FRONTHEAD - \$3,416.40

SUCTION WEAR RING - \$472.00

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that this is not the motor for the sewer pump, it is a part for it. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the motor will be sent out for repairs. The superintendent replied no, we will fix it here.

## 7. KINGSTON SEWER O & M

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that, at \$72,000, there were no surprises in the bill from the City of Kingston for operation and maintenance.

## 8. SLOW MOTOR STARTERS - WATER HAMMER

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that, during a break of a ten-inch water main on Broadway, a three- to four-foot longitudinal crack resulted from a water hammer. An engineer is looking into the cost of three slow motor starters which would go on the existing motors. This would save electricity plus there would be a build-up of thirty to forty-five seconds to full bore.

## 9. ITEMS ON TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA

### A. MEETING WITH CENTRAL HUDSON/BIRCHES/TOWN

The \$12,000 electric bill for the pump station at Birches has not been paid at all. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie may be invited to the meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Central Hudson will bring their attorney to the meeting. Mr. Phelan asked if all the accounts at Birches are in Steve Aaron's name. The superintendent replied yes. Mr. Tronolone inquired about the previous attempt to make payment. The superintendent replied that Central Hudson returned that check to the Town. The punch list is still the same as in 2008. We do not go on the property. Any sewage issue would be turned over to the DEC; the DEC will not allow a shutdown to happen.

### B. 263 SALEM ST ?

The home owner at this address experienced rusty water. Superintendent Kiernan e-mailed him, advising the owner to call the superintendent whenever this happens. Having the Highway Department stop using hydrants should help this issue.

## 10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

## 11.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that a check came two weeks ago from Lake Shore Villas for the work done there.
- B. Mr. Phelan mentioned Kingston's water emergency. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie related that almost the entire state is included. Commissioner George Post stated that the DEC has banned fishing.
- C. Mr. Tronolone spoke about the clean-up by Millens at a cost of 24 million dollars for coal tar and gasification.
- D. Mr. Post commented on the interesting tour of the water plant and the Connelly pump house.
- E. Mr. Phelan asked how the new meters are doing amid radiation concerns. The superintendent replied that, compared to cell phones, baby monitors, garage door openers and such, the new meters are okay.
- F. Superintendent Kiernan related that in the tax roll notice as of Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, \$100,000 is owed.

## 12.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board