

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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 was 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 10, 2017 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2017 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT - MIKE DAUNER

Foreman Eric Balash has been out of work for two weeks with pneumonia. There is no acting Foreman; Superintendent Kiernan has taken over. Mike Dauner has submitted a Field Report for October, 2018.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ATTORNEY - LETTER TO OWNER

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the offer on the property needed for the new tank has been accepted. At this time no action has been taken, and there is no new information from the lawyer. The superintendent estimates that the new tank will cost about \$1.9 million. It will be bonded.

4. CYBER SECURITY - EMERGENCY PLAN - VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Tim Byron and Mike Dauner are agreeable about working on this plan. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow offered to assist the superintendent with the assessment and plan and goals if requested.

5. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

Superintendent Kiernan is currently working on this.

6. BUDGETS

Next year's budgets are completed. On this agenda item, there was discussion about B.Q. Solar, Central Hudson's reimbursements from solar and what the percentage might be. It is still to be determined what monies will come back. The Water and Sewer Department should receive some.

7. GENERATOR - CONNELLY

Superintendent Kiernan noted that a new generator in Connelly will be done this year. It is budgeted.

8. TAX ROLL LIST - COMPLETE

There is a code for unpaid water and sewer bills. Amounts will be added to the general tax bills due in February, 2018.

9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

10. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the chlorine is okay. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes, but we will probably go over again. He is seeing the levels come down, though, as more chlorine dioxide goes out.

- B. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that he received a call from Mike Fitzgerald, Port Ewen Fire Department, regarding flow testing. A letter will be written to the Board asking that the Water Department have flow testing done in 2018. The superintendent will request that Rural Water help test the samples. Commissioner Mark Phelan asked if testing causes a financial impact. Superintendent Kiernan replied no. Mr. Tronolone inquired if the treatment plant is running while testing is taking place. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes.
- C. Mr. Phelan inquired about the status of new meters. The superintendent replied that there are forty-five in stock; in January another three hundred will be ordered. Almost one thousand have been installed.
- D. Mr. Tronolone asked about Dyno Nobel's water and sewer usage. The superintendent replied that they receive a water bill; no sewer usage.
- E. Commissioner Rentfrow asked about the pumps on the River Road slope. Superintendent Kiernan replied that they are always running; one needs replacing. Mr. Rentfrow mentioned the possibility of using the wells in an emergency situation. The superintendent said that they do not pump enough for that.
- F. Mr. Tronolone mentioned that this winter is the first using the slow starter for water main breaks.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT 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