

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Mark Phelan

George Post

Michael Tronolone

Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent were Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman, Chairman Douglas DeKoskie and Kevin Rentfrow.

At 7:35 PM there was no quorum. However, Cindy Lusk and Justin Keskin from Statewide Aquastore, Inc. were present. Superintendent Kiernan invited them to give a presentation to George Post, Michael Tronolone and Gloria VanVliet. Ms. Lusk and Mr. Keskin distributed information about their product and passed around a sample to show how glass and steel fuse together to form the panels of a water storage tank. They gave a comprehensive overview and answered all questions. At 8:00 PM Commissioner Mark Phelan joined the meeting. The regular monthly meeting began at approximately 8:40 PM.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2016 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MARC PHELAN AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2016 MEETING. MICHAEL TRONOLONE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

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

3. TANK REPLACEMENT

A. JUSTIN KESKIN - AQUASTORE

See above

B. PROPERTY

Superintendent Kiernan has spoken to Carl D'Anna last week. Mr. D'Anna explained that at this time he is helping his sister to move her residence. He received the letter from the Town, but has not answered it. Superintendent Kiernan commented that if this becomes a case of eminent domain, the attorney fees would exceed the value of the land.

4. SLOW MOTOR STARTERS - PROPOSALS

Superintendent Kiernan obtained quotes for three motor starters. Including labor, the cost would be \$10,000. This amount will be included in next year's budget, allowing for the cost. The superintendent explained that slow motor starters is the way to go and will help a lot to eliminate some water main breaks. Pumps will start at a slower speed and work up to full speed over about thirty seconds.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY MARC PHELAN TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE PURCHASE OF THREE SLOW MOTOR STARTERS. GEORGE POST VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BILLING SYSTEM - NEW BILLS

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that he proposes to change the billing system, in part because many post cards are being lost. He has investigated a "Z-fold" form. The customer would tear off the edges on three sides of the form, then tear off the stub and send it back with payment. This system is secure but costly and requires a special machine that folds and seals, at a cost of \$2,021 (with a six-month warranty and training included). The superintendent stated that this system would cost about two cents more per bill. Superintendent Kiernan would need this machine by April 1, 2017. He would like the Board's approval to continue to investigate and will attend the December 20, 2016 Town Board workshop meeting to speak about it.

6. BIRCHES/TOWN/CENTRAL HUDSON MEETING 12/12/16 - CANCELLED

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that this meeting was cancelled.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about the new truck, and if it is working well. Superintendent Kiernan replied that yes, it is.
- B. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that department employee Mike Dauner is taking an on-line waste water collection course.

8. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MARC PHELAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MICHAEL TRONOLONE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board