

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 14, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Monday, January 14, 2013 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman  
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman  
Ronald Phillips  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone  
Larry VanVliet  
Donna McAuley, 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FEMA/SEMO – PAPERWORK AT STATE FINANCE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that he has spoken with Judy Stone, who assured him that approval has been granted by FEMA. Our claim is going to the State Finance Department. The superintendent has also called Frank Ferro. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie gave the perspective that Hurricane Sandy claims may be receiving immediate attention; that there are many FEMA workers who are temporary employees, and this draws out the system; and it would be a

good idea to speak with our Congressman, Chris Gibson, to put some political pressure on the situation.

### 3. DEC -- VIOLATIONS

#### A. TANK INSPECTION

The DEC wants a daily report, so the tank is inspected every day.

#### B. SPILL REPORT PLAN

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that this Plan must be re-done; a spill contractor must be hired. A list of all products is required.

#### C. SECONDARY TRANSFERS CONTAINMENT

Superintendent Kiernan stated that this item is our most important issue. Our system is temporary—a permanent containment system is needed. It must be designed and submitted to the DEC for approval. Our town highway department will put in the transfer containment station. Mr. DeKoskie asked if inspection is necessary for the containment station; Superintendent Kiernan said that Brinier & Larios will certify that the station is complete.

#### D. YEARLY INSPECTION

This form has been completed.

Discussion was held concerning the DEC violations and inspections. Our town is not alone in being “written up” for chemical bulk storage tank violations. One product that the DEC focuses on is aluminum sulfate. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if the citations are a result of a five-year inspection that is out of date—and that the water department needs to keep track of these dates. Superintendent Kiernan replied that is not the case. It was not realized that the five-year inspection was overdue. Keeping track of inspection dates is already being done. Commissioner Ronald Phillips has a concern about fines as a result and the amount. He firmly requested large signs posted on the tank to indicate the next inspection date. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there is talk of fines, but he does not yet know if, when or how much it would be.

4. DYNO -- CITY OF KINGSTON/ESOPUS AGREEMENT -- DISCHARGE

Superintendent Kiernan has not heard anything about this recently. He advised the Board that the City of Kingston cannot authorize proceedings without approval from the Town of Esopus. All three entities must sign any agreement. The discharge will go through Dyno's pump stations and will be metered.

5. WATER BREAKS

A list of water breaks over the past six months is included with this agenda.

6. BILLS OUT

7. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY DOUGLAS DE KOSKIE TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT.

IN FAVOR: KEVIN RENTFROW

IN FAVOR: MICHAEL TRONOLONE

OPPOSED: RONALD PHILLIPS

MOTION CARRIED.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired if there are any sample analyses for PCBs with dredging. Superintendent Kiernan replied no; every three years we do our own sampling.

B. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that Eric Balash is doing a good job as Foreman.

C. Discussion was held concerning expenses, including existing surpluses and the budget. Each board member expressed a concern: Not knowing the real "bottom line;" not knowing if there is enough money to pay monthly vouchers, but being asked to approve them; the effect on the budget, since the water treatment plant is paid in full; needing to see concrete figures, since the board

only sees contractual expenses. Liaison Donna McAuley assured the board that this concern is being addressed; Mr. Phillips asked Mrs. McAuley to please bring the subject up again.

D. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked about Birches; Superintendent Kiernan replied that there is nothing going on.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE 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