

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman
Ronald Phillips
Kevin Rentfrow
Larry VanVliet

Absent were Douglas DeKoskie and Michael Tronolone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting chairman, Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that he is not aware of anything new regarding Birches.

3. SAMPLING N BWAY - RESULTS

In another six weeks we will be finished with this sampling program. Superintendent Kiernan will then request reduced monitoring. Commissioners Larry VanVliet and Ronald Phillips recommended going back to quarterly sampling, as part of our contract with the City of Kingston.

4. FOREMAN REPORT

Water Breaks, Freeze Ups, Etc.—Foreman Balash’s report is included with this month’s agenda. He pointed out that there have been seventeen water main breaks since the start of winter; there also have been frozen water lines.

5. N Y S DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND STORM MITIGATION LOAN PROGRAM

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that by April the preliminary engineer’s report will be ready to submit to the state.

6. INSURANCE

The new company carrying our insurance is H C C; they are also the insurance carrier for the City of Kingston and do a lot of municipal work. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if this insurance coverage is the same as the previous policy. The superintendent replied that yes, it is; the policy now includes a “terrorism” rider, and will probably cost about \$4,000 more than the previous policy. At Mr. VanVliet’s suggestion, Superintendent Kiernan will call Quilty, Dwyer & Larkin to inquire about the cost of flood insurance for the Connelly and North Broadway pump stations. They are not included in the flood insurance policy for the water treatment plant, but their generators and electronics would be affected by a flood.

7. EMERGENCY PLAN APPROVAL - REVISIONS

A letter of approval has been received for our emergency plan.

8. SOUTHWORTH MILTON - CONTRACT

The renewal contract for 2014 has been received. A three-year contract was also included. Superintendent Kiernan asked the opinion of the Board about a three-year contract. There is one other company which has a contract to service this area: Peak Power. Mr. VanVliet recommended calling Peak Power to check on the cost of a contract with them for all our pump stations (except Birches). Superintendent Kiernan will call them.

9. E C S - ENERGY CURTAILMENT SPECIALISTS

Anticipating being contacted by ECS, Superintendent Kiernan requested the board's view; he will once again inform ECS that the Board is not in favor of using their service.

10.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the water bills have been sent out.
- B. Dyno Nobel is, for all intents and purposes, closed. Superintendent Kiernan noted that this will affect both water and sewer revenues. Foreman Balash pointed out that two 2-inch lines have broken—he will go down to take a look at them.
- C. Thanks to Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow, the VPN is working well, stated Superintendent Kiernan.
- D. There was a short discussion about painting the water tank. While it is not urgent, it is necessary to begin saving toward the cost. To begin saving, it is included in the new budget. Superintendent Kiernan will ask Dennis Larios for a rough estimate.

11.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS - 2013 BUDGETS

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

12.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water/Sewer BoardE