

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman

Ronald Phillips

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Larry VanVliet

Absent were Douglas DeKoskie and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by acting Chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

Foreman Balash brought before the Board a request to purchase a new water break trailer. The current one is 5' x 8' and is not enclosed. The trailer he would like to purchase is 7' x 12', enclosed, with lights inside. He has researched four quotes and would probably go with Spinnenweber. The money can be found to cover the cost.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW WATER BREAK TRAILER. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

3. FOREMAN REPORT

The December 2014 Field Work report is included, as well as a list of water main breaks from June, 2014 through today's date.

4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- OWNER LETTER -- DRAFT

Included this month, for the Board's review, is the draft of a letter of intent to Ms. Renee D'Anna, property owner of the parcel of land which borders the land where the current water storage tank is located. A lot line revision map would accompany the proposed letter. The current "right-of-way" is owned by the Town of Esopus, running through the property of Ken Silver and Lake Shore Villas, and provides easy access to the tank. The proposed purchase for a half- acre of land contains considerably less material to be removed. Superintendent Kiernan will find out Ms. D'Anna's taxes on the 24 +/- acre parcel. Board members decided that this letter should come from the office of the Town Supervisor, and Ms. D'Anna's reply should be addressed there also.

5. HARRIS -- METER READ INTERFACE -- FINISH AND BADGER WORK

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the meter read interface needs to be finished. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked how many meters have been installed so far. Thirty-five, replied the superintendent. Foreman Balash advised that broken meters are being replaced. Letters are left on customer's doors; people are responding. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if any meters have been frozen in this cold weather. No, replied the superintendent.

6. LOCAL LAW TOWN OF ULSTER -- METERS

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that for information on this agenda item, the Town Board will need to be approached.

7. METER LIST -- LARGE METERS

Included is a list of the fourteen meters, one inch or larger, that are not owned by the Town of Esopus. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked how the Town of Ulster is handling large meters, now that they have the new local law. Superintendent Kiernan replied that, for testing, the meters go back to the manufacturer at the expense of the customer in the Town of Ulster.

8. METER LETTER

A copy of the letter to customers of the Water/Sewer District about new meters is included with this agenda.

9. BILLING -- BILLS MAILED

Bills have been mailed out to customers of the Water/Sewer District.

10. INSURANCE QUOTES AND COMPARISON

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Quilty, Dwyer & Larkin will continue to be our insurance carrier, for approximately \$20,000. Coverage includes auto, property, public officials and general liability--everything. The flood policy is a separate one.

11. CHLORINE ANALYZER

Superintendent Kiernan brought before the Board a request to purchase a chlorine analyzer at a cost of \$4,000. This is a safety feature; the health department does not require this type of monitor as yet, but eventually they will. The unit mounts on a wall and continually monitors chlorine residual; right now this is tested hourly. Commissioners discussed this, asking the superintendent: the current cost of testing chlorine levels; will this unit trigger when the residual is above or below a certain point; if the cost has been budgeted; the cost of the maintenance agreement; operators who should still personally check levels, beside the unit's results.

12. STATE AUDIT -- FEMA

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that a letter went out to the State. This letter explained that all the project funding was approved and

spent. The superintendent feels that no audit is necessary. (A single line audit would amount to \$18,000 to \$20,000).

13. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

14. 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 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board