

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 13, 2016**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman  
Ronald Phillips  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone  
Gloria VanVliet, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent was Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by acting chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Eric Balash's Foreman's Report is not included with this month's agenda. Superintendent Kiernan will e-mail this report to the commissioners.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked about the status of new meters. Superintendent Kiernan replied that there are thirty-two new meters in stock; soon another three hundred will be ordered. It is becoming apparent that the old meters were not running up to par. The new meters are 100% accurate.

Mr. Tronolone asked if revenue has been affected, to which the superintendent replied yes, revenues will be up.

B. Commissioner Ronald Phillips inquired about budget figures for the end of the year. Superintendent Kiernan replied that he will have this information when the Town Board pays the bills for December. Mr. Phillips again requested figures be supplied each month. Liaison Gloria VanVliet will ask the bookkeeper if the superintendent can have a copy of current budget figures each month for the Water/Sewer district.

C. Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that Commissioner Larry VanVliet has resigned. Larry was always concerned about the town, and his presence on the board will be missed.

#### 4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT

Vendors are beginning to ask when this project will go ahead.

#### 5. BILLS MAILED

#### 6. TREES ON OLD STANDPIPE PROPERTY

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that the amount of the invoice from the tree service is included with this month's reports. In order to take down a very large tree, the tree service needed access through the lady's property. She did not want the bucket truck to drive across her property. The tree will not be taken down until she allows the needed access.

#### 7. CANAL ST P/S PUMP REBUILD -- 7,777.00

Superintendent Kiernan reported that this rebuild includes balloons for the pumps and check valves also. Check valves for the Connelly pump station were ordered, too.

## 8. HIGH SERVICE MOTOR AT PLANT -- REPAIRS/REPLACE

The cost of replacing the motor was close to the cost of repairing it, so superintendent Kiernan purchased a new motor.

## 9. CHECK VALVE REPLACEMENTS -- CONNELLY P/S AND CANAL ST

The check valves should be here within two weeks.

## 10. MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

The Board's 2016 meeting schedule is included here. It is also available on the town's website.

## 11. GENERATOR SERVICE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that, through a New York state-wide program, waste water treatments plants are being considered taken off the grid (for no more than eight hours at a time) when power is needed in peak months. For example, during summer months, more power is needed for air conditioning. The generator would be used then. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow mentioned running off the tank for several hours, so as not to use so much diesel. Savings, according to this state program, could amount to \$4,000.00 to \$7,000.00 annually.

## 12. ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that BidURenergy, Inc. submitted a proposal for an 18-month to 2-year agreement. They project a 21% savings. The representative will be calling the superintendent tomorrow, after this board's meeting. The board discussed the use of solar energy. Liaison Gloria VanVliet related that the Town Board is still looking for a solar plan with acceptable rates. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie suggested, and commissioners agreed, that now is not a good time to lock into utility rates; better to wait at least six months.

### 13.INSURANCE

Quilty, Dwyer & Larkin is the insurance agency that will again be used. The flood policy premium is \$1,500.00 higher than last year and is due to be paid in March. Superintendent Kiernan will call FEMA about the possibility of dropping the flood policy.

### 14.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

### 15.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS 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 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board