

**PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023**

Present:

Doug DeKoskie, Chairman  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Mike Tronolone  
Mike Mulligan (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)  
George Post

Also present: Nicholas Butler, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent and W&S Foreman Mike Dauner

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2022 MEETING** – Upon Motion of George Post, seconded by Mike Tronolone, and all in favor, the minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**“BIG 3” -**

**Water Tank** – Nothing new to report. Supt. Butler had not heard back from John Davidson, P.E. of Brinnier & Larios and would reach out to Dennis Larios if he hadn't heard from Engineer Davidson by the end of the week.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Update ties into a preconstruction meeting held on January 6, 2023. Meet and greet to provide various contacts. Improvements to the plant are ready to commence anticipating that W.M. Shultz is anxious to start work in the next few weeks. Sass electric wanted to evaluate the panel.

**Distribution Infrastructure** – Anticipating that Engineer Dan Valentine will have plans ready for the 12" main going in on the East Side of 9W from Citgo to approximately Wood'n Wheel area would be generated and ready to submit to the NYS DOH in the near future. The second action to take place as part of Phase 1 would be to prepare plans repairs to East Main and East Stout.

**Water Main Breaks** – 3 breaks had occurred in December (repair sheets provided to Members). Provided a good training opportunity for the newest employee Mike Miller. A report of breaks for 2022 was provided showing that there had been 28 breaks in the year and provided information which indicated what season most breaks occurred and common locations.

**Foreman's Report** – (annexed hereto). Lindy's fire hydrant had been damaged (unknown identity). Salvageable but the hydrant is higher than it should be and an offset had been ordered. Fire hydrant located adjacent to One Town Hall Way by location where house was demolished had been sealed and had been slated to be taken out of service (never occurred). When the house was demolished, the hydrant was utilized with an RPZ, froze and broke up. In the Spring the hydrant will be cut off after the valve, hydrovaced and cap the line

Quotes are being received from Tiano Electric for Connolly and North Broadway pump stations are experiencing power issues. Loose wires were tightened up which helped and quote was being provided for surge protector at North Broadway. Mike Dauner was contacting Central Hudson to install a meter to monitor power for surges or drops.

Inhouse improvements were being done at the garage. Office had been demolished and was being renovated. Looking at the 2023 budget to determine what improvements can be made to the garage.

**UCHD Report December 2022** – Nothing significant to report. The performance standard leaving the plant is .3 NTU. Anything over the .3 needs to be reported. There was one day out of 86 samples that was over a .3 on December 28, 2022.

**Bids** - The bids for the Plumbing, HVAC and electrical work to be conducted at the WTP had been awarded on December 16, 2022. Plumbing contract went to Wilkinson Mechanical, HVAC awarded to W.M. Shultz and electrical contract was awarded to J & J Sass. All agencies attended the pre-construction conference held on the January 6, 2023.

**NYS DEC Noncompliance Report** – Report was generated on December 23, 2022 as a result of storm surge and an extremely high tide. North Broadway pump station overheated due to debris in the pump. Significant to note was that the Connolly pump station didn't overflow during the extreme conditions. Superintendent Butler was now satisfied that the repairs made to the 2 interceptors in 2022 was helping to keep the discharges from entering the system. Superintendent Butler would support opinion that the pump stations can handle any discharges generated by proposed developments within the Town. Repairing the remaining infiltrated interceptors would only help improve the situation. It was his opinion that the numbers for discharges were going in the right direction.

The actions necessary for the staff during the storm reinforced the need to exercise an emergency response plan, particularly relative to any new staff.

#### **New Business:**

**Water Bills** – Mailed 1/3/23. The number of telephone calls apparently were reduced in the first quarter and could possibly a result of the installation of the Bager meter readers.

The Wurts Bridge Invoice for the first quarter realized a bill generated in the amount of \$5K+ for water usage and equipment rental. Initializing billing in 2022 to track water usage for agencies using the Town's water has resulted in generating additional monies.

**Rapid Pump** – Quote for pump at the WTP had been received in the amount of \$31,846.00. There were 3 distribution pumps at the plant – 2 of which were usually in use at one time. The plant has been generating a declining amount of water since 1991. The plant was designed to generate 1,000,000 gallons per day. The pump curve is not operating at that level and single point of failures needed to be addressed and looking to replace Pump B (which is run alone quite often). Superintendent requested a quote for just a new motor as well as quote for installation and removal process. The recommendation was that the installation be performed by a technician from the company but that the Town retain the old pump for scrap. Pump B was generating 420 GPM and Foreman Dauner would like to see generation at 500 gpm. Superintendent Butler would get more information regarding the number of feet and effect it may have on GPM as well as looking into other companies that can provide pump that can generate 500 gpm.

Engineer John Davidson could provide usefully information and Superintendent would reach out regarding depth and pump. Chairman DeKoskie stated that the new tank be specked somewhat identical so that the same pressure is maintained. If a new tank and new pump are being installed, want to ensure that the new pump can offset any differences that the new tank would provide. Mike Dauner provided a photograph of what the pump looks like in the clearwell.

Shaun Degroat had been cleared for duty and the staff now consisted of 6 employees.

**CHPE** – Nothing to report. The Hudson 7 was meeting the following Thursday.

**Vouchers** – The vouchers were circulated for review. Upon Motion of George Post, seconded by Kevin Rentfrow, the Superintendent was directed to submit vouchers for payment.

Upon Motion of Mike Mulligan, seconded by George Post, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dated: January 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mance, Secretary

Approved: February 14, 2023

Port Ewen Water /Sewer District  
Monthly Field Report

January 2023

- Mark outs
- Took (5) BAC samples
- Changed water meters
- Checked all generators.
- Installed plywood on roof over office and organized storage.
- Cleaned all tools and trailer.
- Purchased office supplies and material for office remodel.
- Assisted with billing and posting of water bills.
- Rebuilt two sewer check valves at Canal St P/S
- Shut off water to Town Hall for sprinkler repair and restored when work complete.
- Installed and painted water proof plywood sheathing on north interior wall of garage and replaced electric. Relocated and organized all tools on same wall.
- North Broadway Sewer P/S flooded due to valve at City of Kingston Sewer Plant being inadvertently shut off. Trouble shooted, found problem and got P/S back up and running. Did not cause a sewer overflow in system. Station cleaned and returned to service same day.
- Meeting at plant with contractors for plant renovations
- Wash vehicles and cleaned inside.
- Installed new stanchion and safety chain at Canal St P/S wet well.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> spent majority of month demolition of old office and remodel.
- Picked up new dump trailer from Trailer King and had in service training.
- DMV for registration paperwork on new trailer and Andy, Billy, and Mike M. registered at UC Personnel for Civil Service test.
- Checked Connelly P/S pump #2 several times for electrical issues. Found to be defective soft starter. Removed from service and attempting to send out to manufacturer for repair.
- Met with Nick and John Davidson regarding design of new storage tank.
- Performed Meter History Report on 179 Hoyt St and 35 Rondout Harbor
- Final meter reads and rereads.
- Checking on standpipe and inspecting equipment for design of new tank
- Jar testing with Holland Company at water plant
- Assisted with plant coverage.

Water Breaks

1. 1/5/2023 – 179 Green St – 6" Ring Crack
2. 1/7/2023 – 211 Salem St – 6" Hub

Signature: 

Mike Dauner

Foreman

2/2/2023