

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2025

Present:

Chairman Doug DeKoskie
George Post
Kevin Rentfrow
Mike Mulligan (arrived at 7:47 p.m.)
Nicholas Butler, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Mike Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM by Superintendent Butler.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING - UPON MOTION OF GEORGE POST, SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR, THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED 4-0.

There was no meeting in December 2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

Big 3:

Distribution System: Still on hold with NYS Health Department for installation at East Main and East Stout Streets. Meeting to take place with Dan Valentine of Tighe & Bond to discuss "next steps" regarding the previously approved water main on Route 9W and Hasbrouck loop and commence the bid process and the status of East Main and East Stout streets.

Water Treatment Plant: An extension had been granted regarding the use of funds secured through ARPA to be used for the control panel. Bid specifications had been provided by Avante Control Systems but Dan Valentine was tasked with taking all of the bid spec files to create the PLC bid for the Daily Freeman.

Water Tank: Foreman Dauner stated that he had been at the site Christmas Eve and the foundation, meter and water lines were installed but the water lines were not going online until the Spring. Superintendent Butler welcomed anyone to arrange a visit to the tank site. Aquastore was finishing a tank installation in the Town of Ulster and would be coming to Esopus next for the tank installation.

Task List:

Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) – Monthly meetings had occurred until November 2024. Discussion with Tighe & Bond relative to the sewer collection system study was that grants would

become available in the Spring of 2025 and Tighe and Bond would research applicable grants specific to wastewater. Four options had been provided – 1 to do nothing, 2 tighten up pump stations and collection system, 3 more detail on pump stations and 4 – side by side/mule for access to interceptor locations (which was an option that Superintendent supported).

UCHD Report – Nothing to report for December 2024. Water draw report due in March yearly was in the works as well as waste transporter permit (due in March) and the annual water quality report.

Lead Service Line Inventory – October 16, 2024 was deadline Statewide. Within 30 days from that date, a letter was required to be sent to any outstanding individuals which letter had been mailed in November. Foreman Dauner was anticipating having an updated list by March 2025. Ten percent was required to be reported yearly thereafter and getting details from Dutcher Park helped to meet the requisite 10% of “unknowns.”

Hudson 7 – CHPE no longer the main topic of discussions. Reports were posted on the website which provided informative information with regard to issues concerning the Hudson River.

Foreman Report:

December 2024 Report had been provided by Foreman Dauner (annexed hereto). Delivery of the new 5500 Dump truck had occurred.

2024 Watermain Break Totals – George Post remarked that most of the breaks were occurring near Broadway and Hoyt Street and asked if there was anything in the budget to fix the issue. Foreman Dauner stated that the Hasbrouck and 9W lines had been planned for 2025. Design work from Hoyt Street to Harriman (south end), Tilden and Minturn lines had been completed but there was nothing budgeted. Superintendent Butler stated there had been a break at 169 Broadway together with three (3) others in December 2023. March/April 2024 Superintendent received a letter from an insurance company which was followed by another claim in December to pay regarding damages at 169 Broadway which included a questionnaire regarding breaks along Broadway line and the claim was currently active. Since 2022, there had been two breaks in the same vicinity with 4-5 others within 200 yards of 169 Broadway.

2024 Year End Report – Provided and reviewed by Foreman Dauner (annexed hereto). The superintendent extended his gratitude for the work done by the Department.

Lake Shore Villa Update – No action had taken place on the part of the representatives of Lake Shore Villa regarding the connection to the Town sewer system. Attorneys had commenced conversations which included what records were required and a meeting had taken place the previous day. Brinnier & Larios (had been hired by Lake Shore Villa) had prepared a draft planning report for the proposed new district and the conversations were on-going.

Chairman DeKoskie stated that discussions had taken place in prior years regarding the possible creation of a new sewer district in the vicinity of Lake Shore Villas and had included the Water & Sewer Board. Superintendent Butler had included Lake Shore Villas when he had been requested to calculate flow capacities for new large development projects that had been presented to the Planning Board.

Supt. Butler would be seeking a peer review conducted by an independent third-party engineer to confirm the flows calculated were accurate. A meeting was anticipated with Brinnier & Larios to discuss appropriate charges (taxes, etc.) Supt. Butler was requesting comments to provide at the next meeting. There were numerous details that needed to be considered and there had been no decision to accept the proposal. The Town had not committed and had been working with the Water and Sewer Department. Nothing was going to happen for quite a while.

Meetings were occurring approximately every two weeks and Supt. Butler had been working on action items, ie. flow rates, provide IRA with Kingston, etc. to provide to Dennis Larios, P.E. Chairman DeKoskie stated that it was important to know where the Town picked up the ownership of any new system. The W&S Board felt it was important to get input from it at the current stage. Supt. Butler had been briefing the W&S Board since discussions first commenced in March of 2024 but no significant progress was made until the past December. Historically, similar projects would have been presented to the Water & Sewer Board in the initial stages of development. Supt. Butler suggested that it could be proposed that the W&S Board be given monthly updates, be copied on documentation circulated in the interim, and it be given the opportunity to provide input prior to decisions being made. Foreman Dauner provided §104-10 of the Town Code which referenced Town's responsibility relative to ownership of pump stations. Supt. Butler confirmed with the Members that he would convey that the W&S Board wanted the Attorney to confirm the interpretation of §104-10 and have Members attend the bi-weekly meetings. Chairman DeKoskie was willing to have a conversation relative to the duties of the Water & Sewer Board and its purpose in the Town. Supt. Butler would provide past digital folder with materials provided to him to the Members of the W&S Board. Discussion ensued relative to the Water & Sewer Board and its role in the Town. Ultimately, Supt. Butler would communicate directly with Chairman DeKoskie moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Ram Dump truck – The Town had taken possession of the truck.

Membership – Vacancy on the W&S Board needed to be filled. Any candidate needed to reside in the water district.

Vouchers- Distributed to Members for review. Upon Motion of Member Post, seconded by Member Rentfrow, the vouchers were approved for submission for payment.

UPON MOTION OF KEVIN RENTFROW, SECONDED BY GEORGE POST AND ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR,
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:28 P.M.

Dated: March 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Mance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Lisa Mance, Secretary

Approved: March 12, 2025

Port Ewen Water /Sewer District
Monthly Field Report

December 2024

- Mark outs
- Took (5) BAC Samples
- Checked all generators
- Changing /Servicing Water meters
- Service Line Inspections
- Read Radio Read Meters
- Read Manual Read Meters
- Shut off water to Rondout Harbor pool for winter and puled meter
- Storm clean up and plowing
- Performed inspections and assisted as needed at Standpipe construction
- Met with Riverview Condos management and assisted with reviewing valve locations on a walk thru
- Assisted Verizon with standpipe phone line issue
- Serviced hydrant pump and ordered new one. Serviced pressure washer
- Truck 21 to 1st Place for heater repair
- LSL Paperwork
- Clean up and repair yard at 246 Broadway for break
- Cleaning /organizing garage
- Meter billing prep and re-checking meters with issues for billing
- Took delivery of new 5500 dump body

Sewer Repairs /Inspections:

- Sewer Jet mains at New China and La Roma for preventive maintenance

Water Breaks:

1. 12/8/2024 – 115 East Stout Ave – 6” Ring Crack
2. 12/18/2024 – 246 Broadway – 10” Hub and re-tapped ¾” service at the Hub
3. 12/23/2024 – 148 Hoyt St – 8” Hub
4. 12/30/2024 – Hoyt St just north of Herriman St – 8” Hub

Signature: _____

Mike Dauner

Foreman

12/6/2024