

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 with the following members in attendance:

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

Absent was Michael Tronolone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by acting Chairman, Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES

Superintendent Kiernan stated that there is nothing new to report concerning Birches.

3. SAMPLING N BWAY -- RESULTS

CITY OF KINGSTON AND SAMPLING FREQUENCY

Superintendent Kiernan met with representatives from the City of Kingston for sewer inspection at Hudson Micro Imaging (Medrex); also to see about sampling and pre-treatment and water usage.

4. FOREMAN REPORT

WATER BREAKS, FREEZE UPS, ETC.

Foreman Balash's report is included with this month's agenda.

5. NYS DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

Dennis Larios is working on the paper work, to be submitted soon.

6. FLOOD POLICY RENEWAL + 25%

PUMP STATION ELEVATION CERTIFICATION -- (SURVEYOR)

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that elevation certifications are needed for pump station flood policies. These would be from 1980, when they were built. He is in communication with John Dwyer, who is getting a quote ready. Dennis Larios suggested putting flood doors on the Connelly and Sleightsburg (North Broadway) pump stations. The superintendent replied that water would not be entirely stopped by doing that—it would stop a rush of water, but not water passing through masonry.

The flood policy is up by 25%, to \$8,800. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked if savings would be retroactive, since there is legislation in the works to reduce this expense. Superintendent Kiernan will ask John Dwyer about this.

There is grant money available for sewer work.

7. 2013 -- WATER AND SEWER TOTALS -- CONSUMPTION REPORT

This report is included with the month's agenda.

8. TANK PAINTING -- E-MAIL FROM DENNIS LARIOS -- NO NUMBERS YET

By March, Dennis Larios will have numbers regarding the cost to paint the tank. His early estimate to paint our existing tank is \$800,000.

Foreman Balash has been checking into other types of tanks in other towns. For example, New Paltz has two new cement tanks—one for 1.5 million gallons and one for 2 million gallons. They are composed of concrete/fiberglass/concrete. The tanks are pre-cast, with sections formed on the spot. The outside of the tank looks like stucco, with no seams. No maintenance is ever required. Foreman Balash will provide more information as he obtains it.

9. NEW TOWN BOARD LIAISON

The appointed liaison from the Town Board is Wayne Freer.

10.MISCELLANEOUS

A. Superintendent Kiernan reported on service quotes for the generators (servicing twice per year). The quote from Peak Power was \$4,000 less than that from Southworth Milton; the numbers are in the monthly reports. However, it is more expensive to rent a generator from Peak Power—30% higher. In the past, we have bought two generators from Peak Power.

<u>Peak Power</u>	<u>Southworth Milton</u>
\$125/hour	\$114/hour
\$187/overtime	\$148-\$171/overtime
Travel included	\$85/hour + \$3/mile for travel (110 mi.)

Superintendent Kiernan noted that we have until April 4, 2014 to decide this matter. Commissioner Larry VanVliet suggested asking Southworth Milton if they can do better on their quote, and asking Peak Power if they can do better on their hourly rate. Superintendent Kiernan will do this.

B. Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that ten days ago there was a small fire at the water treatment plant; a heating unit caught fire. Two heating units were replaced at a cost of about \$7,000.

C. The New York State Rural Water Association conference will take place on April 15, 16 & 17. Superintendent Kiernan asked the board’s permission to attend. There is money in the budget for the conference. He will receive thirty hours toward certification.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT KIERNAN’S REQUEST TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE ON APRIL 15, 16 AND 17, 2014. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

11.METERS

Foreman Balash has met with four companies in working on this item. Two of them seem promising; one is in Massachusetts, one in Pennsylvania.

- The Badger system guarantees their radio receiver batteries for ten years. The whole top of the meter would then be replaced. Meter is read remotely.
- The Neptune system guarantees their radio receiver batteries for twenty years. They have been in business for over one hundred years. Meter is read remotely.

These systems use radio controls or a touch pad. When the battery dies, there is no remote signal. Our meters are obsolete; the company is out of business. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked about how much it will cost for new meters. Foreman Balash replied about \$250,000; but the meters would almost pay for themselves. The board discussed installing new meters by our department over either a three-year period or a five-year period. Foreman Balash will know more by the March board meeting.

Mr. VanVliet suggested inviting a representative to one of the monthly board meetings, bringing along a meter and the software program. He also asked about the possibility of available grant monies. Superintendent Kiernan will check on this with the New York State archives. Commissioner Ronald Phillips mentioned buying the meters we currently use from other municipalities when they replace them, knowing that they are in used condition.

## 12.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW 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.

## 13.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board