

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, February 11, 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 7:34 PM by acting Chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Pipeline Solutions (for Central Hudson) will be coming to meet with him. They are developing risk assessment in conjunction with the public service commission; they will be viewing how their facilities are aligned with ours. Our town's water and sewer district maps will overlay on their gas maps.

B. Foreman Balash reported to the Board that delivery of the new trailer was delayed due to the number of snow storms. This worked in our favor, since the new trailer is fourteen feet instead of twelve feet long.

C. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that two new Ingersoll Rand compressors are needed at the water plant. The cost of buying a new

compressor is actually less than sending the old one away for testing/repairs.

3. Foreman report

Foreman Balash's field work report is included with this month's agenda, along with the list of water main breaks over the past eighteen months.

4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- OWNER LETTER, SPOKE WITH OWNER

Superintendent Kiernan telephoned Mrs. D'Anna and spoke with her son, Carl D'Anna, Jr., who is handling his mother's business. The superintendent met with some resistance. Mr. D'Anna was of the belief that the property abuts on Route 9W and that the proposed tank would be an eyesore. He also asked how much money the town would give for the property and if the town couldn't do something else.

The board and the superintendent discussed obtaining an appraisal of the property, the zoning of the property (Light Industrial), current taxes on the parcel, and the possibility of extending the boundaries of the water district to include the property, thus creating a staging area for the new tank. Superintendent Kiernan will speak with the town's lawyer and will find out the current taxes.

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

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the meter read interface is installed and is operational, and he has been shown how to input information (a .pdf test file was done). To date, sixty meters have been installed. There is \$50,000 available in appropriated surplus to buy three hundred more meters. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow recommended keeping a record of the make and model numbers of the new meters being installed.

6. LOCAL LAW TOWN OF ULSTER -- METERS

Superintendent Kiernan has not recently spoken with someone from the Town of Ulster about their new local law.

7. METERS

Superintendent Kiernan detailed the procedure of reading the new meters in this way: When the system is automated, the superintendent will access the flexi-bill system; the test file will be downloaded to the hand-held Badger device; driving by, the meters are read, the operators then download the reading back to the flexi-bill system; the system prints out the bill.

Mr. VanVliet suggested waiting until the system is operational before including the large meters. He asked that, at some point, man-hours saved and billing time saved be reported. Superintendent Kiernan stated that rates will go down accordingly; it will take at least five hundred meters to know. Commissioner Ronald Phillips commented that, if revenues increase, rates should go down.

8. STATE AUDIT -- FEMA

Superintendent Kiernan has not heard anything about an audit.

9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

10.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board