

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

MARCH 12, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 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

Michael Tronolone

Larry VanVliet

Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting chairman, Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2013 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FEMA/SEMO - CHECK

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that FEMA has sent a check in the amount of \$106,000. He will try to obtain the \$8,000 remaining. Once the bond is paid, \$96,000 will remain and will be returned to the Water District. From this, the amount of \$20,000 will pay for the bonding attorney and for bonding. Commissioner Larry VanVliet requested that the town bookkeeper provide a note so the board will know just where the money is.

3. DEC - VIOLATIONS

A. DELIVERY OF CONTAINMENT UNIT

The containment unit has not yet been constructed.

B. INSTALLATION

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that he has spoken with Highway Superintendent Michael Cafaldo, who basically expressed that installation would be done for no charge. The Superintendent will check on this again to make sure this would be the case.

4. DYNO - CITY OF KINGSTON/ESOPUS AGREEMENT - DISCHARGE

As of this date, Superintendent Kiernan reported that there is no further word.

5. WATER BREAKS

The water breaks are included with Foreman Eric Balash's Field Work Report.

6. BIRCHES - SCOTT DAVIS CALLED 2 TIMES

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that he was not able to speak with Scott Davis on the occasions of the phone calls, due to a death in the superintendent's family.

7. H A C H PROPOSAL

The proposal for all new turbidimeters is in the budget--\$47,000 in equipment expenses. Discussion was held among the commissioners and the superintendent concerning HACH's service contract, when the contract is due and the length of the contract. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that HACH is the sole supplier of turbidity equipment at this time. He will find out if we can have a six-month contract or a six-month extension. Commissioners Larry VanVliet and Kevin Rentfrow recommended that no action to replace all turbidimeters be taken at this time; rather, order them thirty days before the contract ends.

8. BOOKKEEPER LETTER

A copy of Bookkeeper Debra Kain's letter to the board is included with this agenda, stating the balance in the Capital Account as of February 28, 2013.

9. CANAL ST GENERATOR - INJECTORS

Foreman Eric Balash took care of this. All work was done on the premises and was finished on Monday, March 11, 2013. A temporary generator was rented for seven days at a cost of about \$1,200.

10. FOREMAN REPORT

The Foreman's Field Work Report is included with this agenda.

11. 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.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that the budget figures are as of last week's payroll. Liaison Donna McAuley reported that everything will be final at the end of the month.
- B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about the procedure to set aside funds; if it is necessary to make a resolution. Superintendent Kiernan replied that this is done at budget time in September. Amounts could be earmarked for infrastructure improvements, for example.
- C. Superintendent Kiernan referred to the amount in the Capital Account mentioned in the bookkeeper's letter. About fifteen years ago, \$100,000 was set aside for a land purchase next to the water plant. In order to change the purpose of this account, the Town Board must have a public hearing. Superintendent Kiernan asked the board to consider asking the Town Board to do this, in order to have the money to re-paint the storage tank (which cost \$80,000 the last time it was painted). Over the next few months, he would like the board to suggest how this money be used, since it will not be going toward a land purchase.

Chairman Douglas DeKoskie stated that it is important to anticipate capital improvements, putting funds aside for other projects. The Town Board would lead the way, finding a better way to do this, so we don't have to bond everything. It is

important to know how to have access to monies. Commissioner Michael Tronolone felt that more needs to be discussed by the Water/Sewer Board if an expenditure is coming up. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked which areas are most critical, and to begin putting away money each year in the annual budget for expenses.

D. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if there are any projects at this time. Superintendent Kiernan listed these:

- Re-paint the storage tank in a few years (maybe 2015)
- New tank on Snake Hill (this could cost two million dollars)
- Replace water lines (many cast iron mains date back to 1935. The cost could be \$225 to \$250 per foot)
- Filters rehabilitated at the water treatment plant (within the next ten years)

13.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board