

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

MARCH 11, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, March 11, 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
Michael Tronolone
Larry VanVliet

Absent was Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by Douglas DeKoskie, chairman.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF February 12, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VANVLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there is nothing to report concerning this agenda item.

3. SAMPLING N BWAY - RESULTS

CITY OF KINGSTON AND SAMPLING FREQUENCY

The City of Kingston has been extremely busy; the city's engineer, Ralph Swenson, has been unable to reply to Superintendent Kiernan's e-mail.

4. FOREMAN REPORT

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

5. N Y S DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

The preliminary engineer's report is due the end of April. Dennis Larios is working on it.

6. FLOOD POLICY RENEWAL

PUMP STATION ELEVATION CERTIFICATION - (SURVEYOR)

Superintendent Kiernan is trying to obtain the necessary elevation certifications for the pump stations before there can be a quote. They must come from an engineer. Built in 1980, some flood zones have changed. The amount of a flood policy will likely be similar to that of the water treatment plant—approximately \$8,000 per year. Superintendent Kiernan has contacted engineer Dennis Larios regarding the elevation certifications.

7. 2013 - WATER AND SEWER TOTALS - CONSUMPTION REPORT

This report has been sent to the health department.

8. TANK PAINTING - EMAIL FROM DENNIS LARIOS 600,000 TO 850,000

This amount is a "ball park" idea of the cost of painting the tank.

9. METERS

Bryan Connor, of Ti Sales in Sudbury, Massachusetts gave a presentation to the board about Neptune water meters. He answered questions from all of our commissioners and thanked the board for the opportunity to speak about the product.

10.FLOOD DOORS \$ 8,700.00

Superintendent Kiernan pointed out to the board that \$8,700 is the cost per door. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie stated that it is hoped that the doors would be part of a grant from the New York State Revolving Loan Fund.

11.FLEXIBILL - ONLINE BILL PAY

A representative from this on-line bill paying company will be contacting Superintendent Kiernan with information.

12.HACH SERVICE PROPOSAL

This proposal from HACH will cover service for turbidimeters from May 2014 to May 2015 and will cost \$9,400. Last year we only paid \$4,500, because of the installation of the new turbidimeters.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO PAY H A C H FOR THE SERVICE PERIOD OF MAY 2014 TO MAY 2015 FOR THE TURBIDIMETERS AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

13.MISC

A. Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there may be a turbidity violation this month. For a couple of days the readings were borderline for turbidity. The river water was so cold (33 degrees) and the suspended particles are so small, that the aluminum sulfate was not working so well. The last few days have been fine. A notice will be published in the newspaper with certain language regarding a violation. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow suggested closing the plant and relying on storage tanks for a couple of days. Superintendent Kiernan said that would not solve the problem; it is better to keep everything running.

B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about the status of Dyno Nobel's water usage, and if there is a noticeable difference. Superintendent Kiernan replied that their water usage is approximately half of what it was; their sewage use is a lot less.

14.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

15.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VANVLIET TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board