

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Douglas DeKoskie
George Post
Kevin Rentfrow
Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent were Marc Phelan and Michael Tronolone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM by acting Chairman Kevin Rentfrow.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2018 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2018 MEETING. KEVIN RENTFROW ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent Kiernan introduced the commissioners to Mr. Chris Farrell, the liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

The Foreman's report is included with the rest of the monthly reports. Superintendent Kiernan and the Foreman meet on Monday mornings and also on Fridays to review what has been done during the week.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ATTORNEY TO PROCEED

Superintendent Kiernan has e-mailed the attorney to advise that it is time for this matter to proceed.

4. TANK COST ESTIMATE 2014 - ENGINEER WORKING ON UPDATED COST

An updated cost estimate has not yet been received by the superintendent.

5. CYBER SECURITY - PLANT - IMPLEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan met with the internet technicians. Now each user must use his own identification and password. There will be another update soon to allow more users.

6. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the plan and the assessment are complete and have been forwarded to the Health Department.

7. GENERATOR - CONNELLY

Superintendent Kiernan will probably order the new generator for the Connelly pump station within the next several days. There is no violation of bid requirements because it will be bought under state contract. At an earlier date the Board approved the generator cost of \$76,000.00.

8. TTHM'S VIOLATION - ENGINEER - UPDATE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that February samples had to be repeated; there is still a chance of a TTHM violation. After discussing the situation with Brinier & Larios, their recommendation was to consider switching to potassium permanganate during the warmer summer months. A chemical engineer will be coming to discuss this with Superintendent Kiernan. The TTHM samples are now being taken by the superintendent.

Another possibility is to purchase a portable flushing device, which could be moved to various locations, to put on some dead ends (there are thirteen dead ends). To commissioner Kevin Rentfrow's questions, the superintendent replied that a portable flushing device would be used on the ground, using a thousand gallons every other day.

Last week there was a meeting at Town Hall with speakers and a question and answer period about the TTHM violations.

9. TTHM FACT SHEET

10. METERS - 300 PURCHASED

11. WATER BREAKS

Superintendent Kiernan has compiled thirty years of tracked water main breaks, which will be put on a spreadsheet. This information could be useful when applying for grants, among other things.

12. DRINKING SOURCE WATER PROTECTION SCORECARD - MEETINGS

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that these regular meetings provide the opportunity for communication among towns, sharing information, and seeing familiar faces. This began with Riverkeeper and a source water protection program.

13. COST ESTIMATE FOR REPAIRS AT PLANT - NEAR BACKWASH PUMPS

There is leaking at the water treatment plant from around the backwash pumps. Repairs have begun, but are not yet complete.

14. PENDING LITIGATION

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board of this suit, which resulted from basement flooding in September 2017 when the hydrants were being flushed.

15.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

16.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. A product—Gridbee—aids in air diffusion, to help with the TTHM problem. The new tank will have a mixer, which will also help.
- B. Superintendent Kiernan brought to the Board’s attention that every three years there is a lead and copper analysis taken at twenty sites. Now we must develop a plan before samples are taken, taking into consideration the age of the house and trying to identify it as a Tier 1, 2 or 3. Mr. Rentfrow asked about this plan. The superintendent replied that it seeks to identify how many of these twenty houses have lead solder in basement piping. Eventually new regulations will be coming. Our new plan could probably be written by the end of March. Superintendent Kiernan mentioned that Mike Dauner and Tim Byron are excellent in helping with this.

17.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAQS MADE BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. KEVIN RENTFROW VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board