

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

MARCH 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Also in attendance were Town Supervisor Shannon Harris and Erin Moore, Senior Project Manager from Tighe & Bond Engineers.

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie. Erin Moore presented the drinking water infrastructure assessment to the Board and to Supervisor Harris (see Agenda Item Number 6).

At 8:48 PM the Board addressed the evening's Agenda.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

The Foreman's Report is not included with the monthly reports.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - LEGAL WORK

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that on March 19, 2019 a public hearing will be held on the matter of eminent domain for the property necessary for the tank replacement. Findings from the public hearing will be determined by

April 2, 2019. Thirty days from April 2, 2019 the matter will go to the Supreme Court. Mr. D'Anna has not been notified of the public hearing; he will be notified of the findings on April 2, 2019. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie asked the superintendent if Mr. D'Anna could be offered \$20,000 (as was originally offered) in order to bypass the eminent domain procedure.

The following was discussed during Erin Moore's presentation to the Board:

Commissioner Michael Tronolone stated that the new water tank is critical. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if timing would be an issue. Erin stated that the scheduling is okay; she has no environmental concerns about re-opening SEQR on the new parcel. Portable tanks would be brought in at no charge, and drones could take pictures of construction of the new tank. She felt the eminent domain hurdle is key.

4. CANAL ST - GENERATOR AT SOUTHWORTH

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the Canal Street generator is waiting for the electrician.

5. FENCING CANAL ST P/S

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that the fence has been moved ten feet and is now ready; he will e-mail

6. DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT - TIGHE & BOND 45,700

Erin Moore, Senior Project Manager from Tighe & Bond, gave an overview of this project. This infrastructure project needs a grant. She recommends the town do a water infrastructure assessment, which will be a big plus for obtaining a grant. There will be an engineering report. An engineering design proposal will be coming from Brinier & Larios. Erin spoke of the "Hudson Seven" and developing a source water protection plan. As an example, she shared a pictorial overview of the Tivoli water system. Erin recommended moving as quickly as possible on a water infrastructure assessment. The regional Economic Impact Council weighs in for future grants whenever the procedure is followed through on current grants

step by step. Erin advised the Board that it will be important to compare alternatives, such as: What would it take to upgrade the plant? Would the town connect to the City of Kingston? What would the City of Kingston charge? If the Board decides to make Tighe & Bond the lead engineering firm, they are eager to move ahead.

Erin explained that Tighe & Bond was founded as a water resource and waste water resource firm in 1911. The Rhinebeck office is one of nine. Approximately three hundred fifty people are employed by the firm.

Supervisor Harris advised the Board that she has the beginnings of another grant application, and urged the Board to attend a meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019. A priority meeting would be scheduled after the report is done.

Commissioner Michael Tronolone stated that a group of seven (the “Hudson Seven”) is stronger than one; his concern is to begin to consider water source alternatives. Port Ewen’s water treatment plant has always been functional.

Mr. DeKoskie emphasized that it is good to scope out the future; the assessment is a good idea. Superintendent Kiernan has done a great job over many years with upkeep of the plant, the department and the district.

At 8:25 PM Erin concluded her presentation and discussion. The Board thanked her for her time.

7. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ASSESSMENT - TOWN OF ESOPUS

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the Town of Esopus volunteered to be the lead applicant to develop a source water protection plan.

8. ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY STATEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that the statement has been approved and is going out.

9. SCADA - PLANT

Superintendent Kiernan is looking into the SCADA system. It is a stand-alone system; the tank level, pressure gauges and mixers can be seen; all of the turbidimeters—and a dozen more—could be hooked up. The SCADA system is costly--\$12,000 to \$14,000. Superintendent Kiernan is getting more quotes. There will be more information next month.

10.ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

Superintendent Kiernan is looking into this, since customers want it. He is getting quotes. Right now the superintendent likes “Invoice Cloud.” It seems easy and works with Harris.

11.BIRCHES UPDATE

The pump station is being maintained. Superintendent Kiernan showed a recent picture to the Board.

12.DISCUSSION ON METER REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that there are 250 meters in stock; 100 more are to arrive tomorrow. There are larger places that also need replacement meters, such as Riverview and Dutcher’s. The superintendent suggested several approaches for those customers who will not comply with accepting a replacement meter:

- The Town of Woodstock charges \$75 per quarter.
- The meter would be in the house with a digital read outside. A service fee would be charged to read the meter. The customer would pay the difference between the regular new meter and the more costly digital.

13.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

14.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie reminded the Board that a decision needs to be made about recommending a firm for the assessment. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow cited the need to decide where long-term information will be stored. Also, it will be necessary to decide if existing maps will be used, or if people will go out into the field. Mr. DeKoskie stated that it is important to utilize whichever maps are most useful, and to update them as we go along.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO RECOMMEND TO THE ESOPUS TOWN BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING TIGHE & BOND ENGINEERS/ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS AS THE LEAD ENGINEERING FIRM TO CONDUCT THE DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the Dyno Nobel site is being remediated. After this is complete, the zoning would go back to Light Industrial or Commercial. There are five areas of soil removal at a cost of \$10,000,000.
- C. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if the Board could tour the plant in April or May—and also see the water tank. Superintendent Kiernan suggested choosing a date at the next meeting.

15.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST 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 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board

