

## PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

MAY 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Ronald Phillips

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Larry VanVliet

Absent were Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman Eric Balash and Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by acting chairman, Ronald Phillips.

### 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2013 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2013 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

### 2. D E C - VIOLATIONS ????????

#### A. CONTAINMENT UNIT INSTALLED - COMPLETE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that the DEC was in error; our chemical was not on the violation list. In addition, the DEC knew on December 5, 2012 that they were in error. The Water District spent \$15,000 on actions taken, none of which was required. A time line of actions and dates is included with this month's agenda. All that remains to be finished is the repair of the parking lot. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if we should seek the expenses involving the tank—its cost, draining the alum tank, cleaning it and inspecting it. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie stated that, for the record, a letter needs to be sent to the DEC affirming that our Water District was forced to take these measures, which were not

budgeted. Superintendent Kiernan will ask Alan Dumas of Brinier & Larios to write the letter. The superintendent has applied to the DEC to de-regulate our tank, while continuing monthly inspections and reports. In five years another (five-year) inspection will be done. Commissioner Ronald Phillips inquired if it is worth de-regulating the tank; Superintendent Kiernan replied that it proves a point.

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

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there is nothing new to report.

4. WATER BREAKS - BLACKTOP

Superintendent Kiernan informed the board that, as people are available, blacktopping is being done.

5. BIRCHES - PUMPED OUT 5/3/13 - DEGREASER ADDED 5/10 ADDITIONAL GREASE BUILDUP

Superintendent Kiernan reported that on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> the pump stations were pumped out. The grease buildup was witnessed on both occasions. The Esopus Town Supervisor, the tenants of Birches and the landlord received a letter from Central Hudson stating the intention to terminate electric and gas service because of non-payment. Two days later the intent was cancelled. The board realizes that the town still does not own the pump station and still does not own the road.

6. ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY STATEMENT

The statements have gone out to customers. Superintendent Kiernan gave a copy to all board members. Next year the statement can be posted to the April bill; it will not have to be mailed separately.

7. H A C H - EQUIPMENT HERE - INSTALL 6/3, 4, 5

Superintendent Kiernan notified the board that the equipment from HACH is here at the plant. The Health Department knows what will be taking place. A software man will be coming on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the district pays for installation; Superintendent Kiernan replied yes. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked

about the UPS unit(s) to be mounted above the turbidimeters. Superintendent Kiernan replied that Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow checked on this. Kevin suggested that what might be best is a small unit for each group—four or five—with batteries replaced every three years or so. Also, before we go ahead, it needs to be determined if power filtering is built into the devices.

#### 8. FOREMAN REPORT

The April Field Work report is included with this month's agenda.

#### 9. E R P & V A APPROVED

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that our Emergency Response Plan and Vulnerability Assessment has been approved.

#### 10. CITY OF KINGSTON WASTEWATER AND SAMPLING B O D, T S S

Superintendent Kiernan met with Alan Winchell regarding the sampling procedure for biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids. Taking a "grab sample" every three months is not the best way to test; some of our sample results have high numbers. A new composite sampler, at a cost of \$1,400, has been ordered for the North Broadway Pump Station. The City of Kingston has done the same. For the next six months, a sample will be taken each month.

#### 11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Discussion was held concerning the standpipe—to hire a diver to dive into the tank, take pictures, and pump out up to six inches of sediment (which contains calcium, lime and aluminum sulfate). The cost would be \$4,160 for the first day, then \$3,900 for a second day if needed. The Health Department has not required this yet, but Superintendent Kiernan is confident it will be coming. This would give us information as to when the tank would need to be painted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO HIRE A DIVER FROM UNDERWATER SOLUTIONS, INC. TO CARRY OUT STANDPIPE SERVICING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Discussion was held concerning painting the water storage tank. There is \$97,000 left in the FEMA/SEMO account after the bond was paid off (in the Water District). Superintendent Kiernan mentioned painting the water storage tank. Topics included getting estimates on paint, whether or not an engineer's report would be needed, what time of year to paint, waiting to drain the tank until the time to paint is necessary, creating an escrow account with the \$97,000, how long the tank would be out of service, and when an inspection by the State Health Department could be required.

The possibility of another storage tank and its cost was mentioned. Superintendent Kiernan felt it could cost three-four million dollars bonded out over twenty years; at this time another storage tank would be on a "wish list."

#### 12.ANNUAL REPORT - TOWN OF ESOPUS

This report is included with this agenda.

#### 13.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

#### 14.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET 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