

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

MAY 13, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, May 13, 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
Michael Tronolone
Larry VanVliet

Absent were Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES

Superintendent Kiernan stated that there is nothing new concerning this agenda item.

3. FOREMAN REPORT

Foreman Balash's report is included with this month's reports.

4. TANK PAINTING - AMSTAR HERE IN MAY - DETAILED COST/DENNIS LARIOS

Amstar will be in Kingston during May; at that time Dennis Larios will talk with them about the cost of our tank painting.

5. METERS

Tom Sprague, of Schmidt's Wholesale in Monticello, NY, gave a presentation to the commissioners about Badger meters. Manufactured in Milwaukee, WI, meters carry a twenty-year warranty. Our billing system would be matched, training provided, 24/7 tech support line to Milwaukee. Foreman Balash has the price quotes for the Board's inspection.

6. SCRAP METAL - \$1,032.60

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that our all-bronze meters could provide \$7,000 to \$10,000 in scrap.

7. TRANSFER SWITCH - CONNELLY P/S - \$3,903.75

The old generator switch at this pump station was twenty-four years old. The wires on the switch burned out. The new switch was delivered today, May 13th.

8. SWITCH INSTALLATION - QUOTES

TIANO - \$5,300.00

PEAK POWER - \$5,875.00

Quotes from both companies are included with the monthly reports. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that we now use Peak Power for our generator repairs. Foreman Balash prefers Tiano. Superintendent Kiernan will call Peak Power to see if they will give a better price. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if the new transfer switch would be installed above flood stage. Foreman Balash replied that the current height is eighteen inches off the floor; to install it higher could cost another \$1,000.00. He will see if Tiano will install the switch higher.

9. WATER QUALITY REPORT

This report is included with the monthly reports.

10.MISCELLANEOUS

A. TANK PAINTING

The Board discussed painting the current tank or building a new tank. The current tank was last painted in 1995. It is located on one acre, inside a fence. We have a twenty-five-foot right-of-way through the surrounding land. A new tank, built on the same location, would be maintenance-free. It would take three to three and a half months to build it; we may need to lease or buy surrounding land. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired if this would be a bonding issue. Superintendent Kiernan replied "yes." Commissioner Larry VanVliet spoke of either painting the existing tank or acquiring property for a new one. Superintendent Kiernan is waiting to see what Amstar recommends. In ten years our tank will still be part of the "county" system.

11.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS DE KOSKIE AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

12.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 WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board