

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

JUNE 10, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, June 10, 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 7:31 PM by acting Chairman, Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES - D E C EMAIL

Superintendent Kiernan reported that there are no new developments concerning Birches. Birches still owns everything. The Health Department, as the Water/Sewer Board, still wants a grease trap; the Health Department has not rescinded the grease trap issue.

3. FOREMAN REPORT

Foreman Balash's report is included with this month's reports. There were a couple of water main breaks this past month.

4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan distributed a report to the commissioners which included facts and figures about painting the old tank vs. constructing a new tank and an estimated bond payment schedule, should this project go forward. He has also e-mailed the report to the Town Board.

The board discussed this item at length.

Property: There is a legal right-of-way through adjoining land that pick-up trucks can use. A portion of adjoining land would be needed as a staging area and the roadway would need to be cleared of trees. This parcel may not be within the Water District boundary, which would then have to be extended. This would involve legal fees. It is estimated that two acres could cost \$100,000.

Old tank: The old tank would continue to be used while a new tank is being built on adjoining property, then would be dismantled at some point. Superintendent Kiernan estimated the cost of dismantling the old tank to be about \$150,000.00. If this tank is kept and painted, it will need to be painted again in fifteen to twenty years. This tank holds two million gallons, which is an adequate size for growth. If taken down, the old tank has salvage value.

New tank: Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow offered an idea of having two tanks, with a new one on the mountain property. If a new tank is being built on the existing spot, the plant would run 24/7. There would be no fire protection during this period. A new tank would be constructed of either concrete/steel/concrete or concrete/fiberglass/concrete, requiring no maintenance.

Chairman Douglas DeKoskie recommended that Dennis Larios do a feasibility study of the site. The commissioners' concerns would be communicated to Dennis. After learning how much land we would need to build a new tank or if a lot line adjustment would be necessary, then the land owner could be approached. Superintendent Kiernan will call or e-mail Dennis about this; he advised the board that engineering fees may be part of this, as well as fees for surveyors.

5. METERS

Foreman Eric Balash and Superintendent Kiernan are in favor of the Badger meters. Badger is on New York City's

approved list. Foreman Balash has asked some other water districts—they favor Badger also. Badger offers a three-year deal, during that time their prices would go up by about 1.7%. (Neptune's prices would not go up.) Chairman Douglas DeKoskie is familiar with Badger's standard Ranger III data collector. Foreman Balash stated that fifty or sixty meters need to be replaced now. Superintendent Kiernan stated that the Town Board would have to release funds. There is \$95,000 left over in a "class account;" another \$118,000 would need a resolution from the Town Board to change the purpose of these monies; in the next budget there is \$50,000 set aside as a reserve. Board members unanimously agreed on the following notice:

THE PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE ESOPUS TOWN BOARD PURCHASE ONE HUNDRED BADGER WATER METERS, USING CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PORT EWEN WATER DISTRICT.

6. SWITCH INSTALLATION

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that the switch is installed, is operational, and is working great.

7. BOND - KINGSTON WWTP

Superintendent Kiernan reported that there is a new bond ordinance of \$1,904,452 for repairs to the City of Kingston's Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is a thirty-forty year bond. Ninety percent is to be paid by FEMA (from Hurricane Sandy). However, 10.42% of what is left over would be paid by us.

Chairman Douglas DeKoskie pointed out that our town needs representation on the City of Kingston's Water Board. We pay 10.42% of everything; at the minimum, the City of Kingston needs to tell us what their plans are. Superintendent Kiernan will ask the Town Supervisor to write to Kingston's Mayor, asking him to advise us of what is going on so that we may budget accordingly.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ESOPUS TOWN BOARD APPOINT A LIAISON TO THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL FOR ALL MATTERS REGARDING THE CITY OF KINGSTON WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

8. INGERSOLL RAND - PLANNED CARE PROGRAM

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that Ingersoll Rand services three compressors every three months, and in the past billed us every three months. The company is now requesting a one-year contract. The first year's cost is \$3,177; the cost will go up each year. Superintendent Kiernan and Foreman Balash are happy with Ingersoll Rand. The superintendent advised the board that he chose the one-year contract.

9. RONDOUT HILLS - RONDOUT HARBOR

Rondout Hills is a private system, but our town maintains the pump generator and force main at Rondout Harbor. The sewer line from Rondout Hills crossed the road to Rondout Harbor.

10.MISCELLANEOUS

(See Agenda Item Number 7)

11.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board