

## **PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 8, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 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 Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman, Douglas DeKoskie.

### 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

### 2. BIRCHES -- D O H

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that there is nothing new to report. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if there is any grease problem; Superintendent Kiernan did not know of any problem, since there is no trespassing on the property and the pump station is locked.

### 3. FOREMAN REPORT

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

#### 4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT

Superintendent Kiernan and Commissioner Larry VanVliet met with Cindy Lusk, sales representative for Statewide Aqua Store tanks. Superintendent Kiernan and Dennis Larios are of the belief that the best alternative—and the simplest—would be to build a new tank. This company could not put a new tank on an old foundation; they would want their own foundation. Mr. VanVliet reported that this company's tanks are guaranteed for five years. If cathode readings are good, then it would be guaranteed for another five years. An Aqua Store tank is thick glass lined and steel bolted, erected on-site, overlapping seams with sealant, an aluminum roof. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if Aqua Store does the installation, and length of time to install. Superintendent Kiernan replied that yes, they install in four to six weeks. Mr. VanVliet offered to call more places.

Chairman Douglas DeKoskie stated that, first of all, look at the property acquisition. At some point we will need it, and acquisition could take some time. He suggested surveying the property, doing a proposed lot line adjustment, then bringing this to the owner with a formal offer. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked board members if they were all in agreement that this is how we should begin. All board members agreed. Mr. VanVliet recommended asking the Town Board to make a formal motion to approve survey work. He also stated that it is necessary to get some federal or state funding. Superintendent Kiernan will call the town of Rosendale to ask how they obtained funding from New York State Facilities Corporation. Dennis Larios is prepared to submit an engineering proposal to this board. He will also ask Cindy Lusk to speak to this board.

#### 5. METERS

Superintendent Kiernan relayed to the board that the Town Board wanted to know if this should go out to bid. Mr. DeKoskie suggested asking other towns how they procured their meters; if they went out to bid. Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that, when the software is purchased, their meters must be used. Since under General Municipal Law, items over \$10,000 go out for bid, Commissioner Ronald Phillips suggested that, at this time, buy sixty meters and the accompanying software then, next year, buy one hundred meters.

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the City of Kingston is switching to Badger meters. Mr. Tronolone reminded the board that meters have to be compatible with software. Mr. Phillips recalled that Badger came in with the lowest quote. Mr. VanVliet inquired about what is unique about Badger meters. Superintendent Kiernan will call Badger to find the answer, and will go back to the Town Board.

6. BOND -- KINGSTON W W T P --LETTER TO MAYOR  
10.42% OF 190,000 -- POSSIBLE 30 YEARS

Superintendent Kiernan and the board discussed this. After receiving the superintendent's letter, Kingston's mayor phoned him to say John Toughey would call. Mr. Toughey does not yet know the facts and figures about the bond repayment. Mayor Gallo will keep us informed of what is happening through Allan Winchell. Mr. Phillips stated that we should have at least 10% representation regarding the waste water treatment plant. Mr. DeKoskie stated that we should receive copies of what upcoming plans are, not just receive a bill. Ralph Swenson has told our superintendent that Kingston has no Board of Public Works.

7. E C S

Superintendent Kiernan reported that they keep calling and he keeps telling them no. The next time he will tell them that this is the final "no."

8. MISCELLANEOUS

There are no items this month.

9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

## 10.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board