

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

JULY 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent were Michael Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman, Douglas DeKoskie and Michael Mulligan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting Chairman Kevin Rentfrow.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2021 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2021 MEETING. BOARD MEMBER KEVIN RENTFROW ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. TIGHE & BOND - GRANT - DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that there are no new developments; the grant is there and will remain.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ACCESS ROAD

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the owners of Lake Shore Villas have signed off on their portion of the right-of-way. Owner Ken Silver's portion of the right-of-way will undergo the eminent domain process, which may take about ninety days.

4. WATER METERS - DUTCHER - RIVERVIEW

Dutcher Mobile Home Park's meters are being worked on. There will be forty new accounts in the system when this work is completed.

5. LAKE SHORE VILLAS - SEWER DISTRICT - NO WORD

The superintendent reported there are no new developments.

6. FOREMAN REPORTS

The reports by Foreman Michael Dauner are included with this month's agenda.

7. TIGHE & BOND - EFC REIMBURSEMENTS - REIMBURSEMENT OF \$115,485

The amount of \$ 115,485.00 represents sixty percent of what we have already spent.

8. STORAGE TANK BONDING

Superintendent Kiernan noted that there are no new developments.

9. JOB DESCRIPTION SUPT - DRAFT

A draft of the job description for the Town of Esopus Water & Sewer Superintendent has been submitted. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked about the transition to a new superintendent. Town Board Liaison Chris Farrell stated that the men of the department have agreed to the possibility of an interim superintendent.

10. CIVIL SERVICE TEST

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the deadline to apply for the Civil Service Test for his position is July 14, 2021. The test will be given on August 7, 2021. A minimum of three applications need to be received; as of today, one may be received. The test will not be given if only one has applied. It is possible that someone would be hired provisionally. The superintendent has spoken with the potential applicant and invited him to discuss the position in person.

11.SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that there are no new developments. "Hudson 7" is handling this program. The Town of Esopus will be actively involved with Hudson 7. Currently meetings are held via Zoom.

12.HOMELAND SECURITY - SECURITY QUESTIONS

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that the Vulnerability Assessment was re-done. Security question: What will be the security at the new water storage tank? The new tank will have video surveillance Security question: Instructing the public, "if you see something, say something." Security question: What is the security at the water treatment plant? With cameras on four sides, all comings and goings are recorded.

13.BADGER METER - UPGRADES

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that upgrades in hardware, software and a new reader are necessary within the next few months for the Badger Meter system at a cost of \$11,000. In this way the meters will match the program. Commissioner George Post asked if the new meter reading system is protected from hacking. Town Board Liaison Chris Farrell replied that the Town Board is in the process of addressing this concern and will handle it.

14.GLORIA MESCHI - RESIGNATION AS SECRETARY TO BOARD

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Gloria Meschi is resigning from her position as secretary to the Board, effective August 31, 2021.

15.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL TRONOLONE ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

16.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL TRONOLONE ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board