

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2012 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Peter Koelli, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Ronald Phillips

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Larry VanVliet

Absent was Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2012

At this time commissioner Larry VanVliet made a correction to Agenda Item 3, Part A, last sentence. The minutes should read: "The Water/Sewer Board is in agreement with the Health Department's request." This correction will be made and submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Board.

2. FOREMAN REPORTS

Foreman Koelli's weekly reports are included with this agenda.

3. BIRCHES -- EASEMENTS -- NO WORD

A. MEETING W PAUL KELLAR

B. HEALTH DEPT. MEETING

Chairman Douglas DeKoskie asked if the pump station and grease trap were specifically requested at the meeting. Superintendent Kiernan's reply was yes. Commissioner Ronald Phillips inquired as to who requested the upcoming meeting. Superintendent Kiernan responded that Steve Aaron

requested the meeting last Wednesday, August 8th, but did not attend. Mr. Aaron has requested another meeting for Monday, August 20th.

4. FEMA/SEMO

A. FINAL LETTER ?

Superintendent Kiernan has brought the entire document to this meeting, for Board members to look over. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if it is FEMA that is holding up the final payment. Superintendent Kiernan responded that yes, the Federal government must pay first, then the State will pay our town. Judith Stone from SEMO has apologized for FEMA's delay. Superintendent Kiernan is in contact with Susan Speer from Kirsten Gillibrand's office.

5. PLANT LIGHTING

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the plant lighting is now finished. There were three lights that were inaccessible, so \$300 was subtracted from a new contract. Final inspection from Central Hudson is necessary so that Lime Energy can be paid.

6. BOND RENEWAL

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the 1.1 million dollar bond is renewed every April. There is a \$10,000 cost associated with this.

7. PROPANE BIDS

September 10, 2012 is the receiving date for propane bids.

8. 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.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. There was a bank slide on property on Tilden Street. Foreman Koelli called New York Rural Water. There are no issues involving the Water/Sewer Department. Home owner will contact the Town
- B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about our Town being accountable for any of the costs associated with the sinkhole in Kingston. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie commented that we pay 10.42% of the operating costs. Superintendent Kiernan will e-mail the Mayor of Kingston about this. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked about comparing the year-to-year costs. Superintendent Kiernan could do this—every six months, going back ten years.
- C. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked about the City of Kingston looking at a new odor killer. Superintendent Kiernan spoke with Allan Winchell. Mr. Winchell has received no response to his inquiry.
- D. Superintendent Kiernan has the transfer switch for the Rondout Harbor generator, which should be here the end of August. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked where the generator money will come from. Superintendent Kiernan replied that at the end of the year the money will probably come from the fund balance. Commissioner Larry VanVliet inquired if all is okay at the Rondout Harbor pump station, and if it is deeded to us, if we have a right of way, etc. Superintendent Kiernan responded that twenty years ago all this was worked out.
- E. Hydrants will be flushed the end of September.
- F. Smoke testing will continue as time allows.
- G. Commissioner Larry VanVliet requested that Superintendent Kiernan check on the employee who is out on compensation after lifting a manhole cover.
- H. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie asked about the dewatering pumps, and if they are working properly. Superintendent Kiernan replied that all the pumps are working, especially pump number five; they work all the time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT 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