

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 13, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 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 Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Town of Esopus Town Board.

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

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2013 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2013 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. DYNO - CITY OF KINGSTON/ESOPUS AGREEMENT - DISCHARGE

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that there is nothing new concerning this agreement. Dyno is still using water. It will still be necessary to have access to read the meters, even if/when Dyno becomes a federal clean-up site.

3. BIRCHES - GREASE AND OIL SAMPLE

Superintendent Kiernan noted that two and a half to three inches of grease are on top, but are not going into the pump system. Commissioner Larry VanVliet felt that even though this problem is not going into the pump system, new pumps should be installed if Birches wants the Town to take over the station at some point in time.

#### 4. SAMPLING N BWAY - COMPOSITE SAMPLES

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that twice per week samples are being taken to Smith Labs in Hyde Park. This procedure will continue for six months. At that time, if there are no problems, less sampling will be necessary.

#### 5. FOREMAN REPORT

The foreman's field work report is included with this agenda.

#### 6. FACEBOOK - PORT EWEN WATER/SEWER DEPT

Superintendent Kiernan notified the board that the Department now has a page on Facebook. It contains information, phone numbers and pictures. The page can be interactive with postings. The monitor of the page is Tim Byron.

#### 7. 2014 BUDGETS

Superintendent Kiernan brought the budget for the board to review before he gives it to the Town Board. The board held an extended discussion.

##### Sewer District:

- Two generators—Canal Street and Connelly—are almost thirty-five years old. Consider, over the next two years—or even now—replacing them. The cost could approach \$180,000 for the two natural gas fueled generators. This is not included in the budget, but is something to think about.

- An increase of 2.5% (\$15,000) to property taxes is listed. This is of concern. Rather than raise taxes, metered sales could be increased. Also, Dyno's usage could affect the figures; their state needs to be examined before the budget is submitted.

Water District:

- Painting of the water tank is a priority. Much attention will be paid to the process of hiring an engineer, preparing a report, submission to the Health Department, its approval, and going out for bids. Bidders need a performance bond. The contract will be very specific about painting requirements (curing process, time of year to be done).
- This budget reflects a reduction of \$50,000 paid off by FEMA (although payroll and benefits would drive it up). Several board members suggested leaving this amount in the budget to go toward painting the tank or for emergency repairs. By putting a surplus in the budget taxes are not increased and we could wean ourselves off of borrowing. Superintendent Kiernan will call the Association of Towns for information about capital reserve funds.
- The reminder was voiced to ask the Town Board to change the designation of funds, which must be earmarked for a non-specific Water District project.

8. PROPANE BIDS 9/9/13

Bids are due by this date; we do well each year with bids.

9. VPN

This virtual private network, to be able to get on-line from the water plant, is being worked on by Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Commissioner Larry VanVliet inquired about the UPS unit for controls. Superintendent Kiernan is working on this.

#### 11.TANK INSPECTION FRI 8/30

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Underwater Solutions is scheduled to do the inspection: They will go into the tank, pump the bottom of the tank, take pictures and do a report. This report will then be approved by the Health Department. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that having this inspection done is being pro-active. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie affirmed that this will give us time to plan for needed work.

#### 12.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 13.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VANVLIET TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board