

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Michael Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman
Michael Mulligan
George Post
Kevin Rentfrow
Michael Tronolone
Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Also in attendance were Nicholas Butler, the new superintendent and Lisa Mance, the new secretary to the board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2021 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2021 MEETING. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. INTRODUCE NEW SUPERINTENDENT NICHOLAS BUTLER

Superintendent Kiernan introduced the new Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent, Nicholas Butler, who has been in this position for two weeks. Mr. Butler was welcomed by all present. Superintendent Kiernan also introduced Lisa Mance, the new Secretary to the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board, who will begin this position in September. She, too, was welcomed by all present.

3. TIGHE & BOND - GRANT - DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE - MEETING

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that a meeting was held today, August 10, 2021. Tighe & Bond is trying to stay within the budget of \$4,500,000. The national infrastructure bill that was just passed may provide assistance with water main and sewer projects. Taxpayers will provide twenty percent (20%) of the amount. The Superintendent will be discussing this with Town Supervisor Jared Geuss.

4. TANK REPLACEMENT - ACCESS ROAD - EMINENT DOMAIN - PUBLIC HEARING

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that a public hearing was held on August 5, 2021 regarding the access road to the tank property. Brinier & Larios was present to attest to the fact that the old access road will not work. Lake Shore Villas has already signed off on their portion of the right-of-way. The eminent domain process pertains to Silver Realty's portion of the right-of-way. It may be two months before the judge signs the determination. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if the access road will be moved. The superintendent replied no, the road will still go through Lake Shore Villas.

5. WATER METERS - DUTCHER - ALMOST COMPLETE - RIVERVIEW

Thirty-two (32) new meters have been installed in Dutcher Trailer Park. This should be finished in October. Then each new customer will be billed separately. Foreman Dauner is setting up times with the trailer park for the installations. The foreman noted that extending a manhole cover at Riverview may be necessary. Mr. Tronolone asked if the new meters are showing increased usage. The superintendent replied yes, there are larger bills. The foreman stated that there are now about 250 customers remaining; these are people who are hesitant about having a new meter. Connelly Terrace also remains.

6. LAKE SHORE VILLAS - SEWER DISTRICT - NO WORD

There has been no recent word about this. Superintendent Kierman mentioned that the cost of a Lake Shore Villas Sewer District could be \$750,000.

7. FOREMAN REPORTS

Reports from Foreman Dauner are included with this agenda.

8. TIGHE & BOND - EFC REIMBURSEMENTS - REIMBURSEMENT #2

Two reimbursement checks have been received toward the new tank project in the amounts of \$115,000 and \$185,000. Superintendent Kiernan estimates the project will go out to bid in April or May of 2022. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about bidding on the new tank. The superintendent replied that the tank company (Aqua Store) has to provide the drawings and necessary information for the foundation.

9. STORAGE TANK BONDING

Discussion is beginning concerning the \$3,000,000 cost of the new tank, \$1,000,000 of which will be bonded. Nothing is yet finalized.

10. CIVIL SERVICE TEST

The new superintendent, Mr. Butler, will take the Civil Service test for the position.

11.2 OPERATOR TRAINEES TO TAKE UCCC ONLINE CLASS

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that two operator trainees will take this class through Ulster County Community College, which requires three hours, twice a week, of computer work. The cost for each operator is \$1,700 which will be billed to the department/town. New Superintendent Butler asked for clarification of the above information.

12. BADGER METER - UPGRADES

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that there is new software and training for the water district. It is also necessary to work with Harris, the company that will transfer Flexibill to the server. The superintendent mentioned waiting for a new server to be installed at Town Hall, and asked liaison Farrell when that might happen. Mr. Farrell replied soon there will be a new server.

13. BUDGETS FOR 2022 - PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

At the next Board meeting Superintendent Butler will probably present the proposed increase of water rates, which will not be a large one.

14. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST 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 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board