

**PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022**

Present: Nicholas Butler, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Michael Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman  
George Post  
Mike Mulligan  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Mike Tronolone

Also present: Town Board Liaison Jared Geuss

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2022 MEETING** – Upon Motion of George Post, seconded by Mike Tronolone, the minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Central Hudson LED lighting upgrade which was part of the Go Green initiative in Esopus had been completed. Water plant and water garage had been upgraded and 75% of the cost had been covered by Central Hudson.

Water Breaks – Breaks on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 639 Third Avenue and July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 224 Broadway had occurred.

Superintendent Butler had spoken to Ned Sullivan (Scenic Hudson representative for Dutchess County individual lodging a complaint) regarding painting of the clarifiers and would be following up with him to have a conversation. Foreman Dauner stated that there may be a reason why the clarifiers were painted white to facilitate reflection. Question was raised what agency would be responsible for the painting.

Engineering Planning Grant had been submitted by Tighe & Bond on July 29, 2022. The request was supported by the fact that Esopus is sending Kingston more than septic than necessary and the repairs to the infiltrated interceptors could reduce the volume. If Esopus was a recipient of the grant, it would cover most of the necessary infiltration repairs. In the interim, on August 4, 2022, an \$11,000.00 quote from TAM to repair the 2 worst manhole infiltrations had been submitted to the Town Board and was approved. There was adequate funding in the W&S budget to cover the request.

Mike Mulligan inquired if replacement of gas lines being conducted by Central Hudson could be coordinated with the Town's replacement of the water main on Broadway to minimize impact on the Town for re-paving. Supervisor Butler had met with Central Hudson representatives to discuss their plans and the existing problems with the water mains in the Town. Hamilton Street appeared to be the only common site for work being conducted by both the Town and Central Hudson. A Town meeting on the Central Hudson proposal was anticipated.

Mike Mulligan inquired if a discussion had taken place regarding the possibility of having alternates to the W&S Board. Superintendent would follow up with the Town Supervisor.

Mike Mulligan inquired if an Esopus representative have been selected to attend the Kingston City Sewer Board meetings. A meeting had taken place with Mayor Noble, the City Comptroller, Esopus Bookkeeper and Esopus Supervisor. Superintendent Butler spoke with Alan Winchell, the Chief of the Kingston Sewer plant would provide notification of meetings in the future so that Esopus could provide representation.

Members of the W&S Board were welcome to be included with discussions with the Town if any member wished to participate. Superintendent Butler noted that the meetings currently taking place were to basically pin down what was needed to move forward on current projects with Tighe & Bond. Councilman Geuss confirmed that the meetings were to make sure all was in place to move on timelines for projects (water tank, WTP and distribution).

Mike Tronolone inquired if the revenue from the Wurts Street Bridge could be used toward infrastructure repair, but those funds needed to remain with the water district revenue. In support of repairing the 2 offending manholes out of the current budget, in the event the grant was not obtained, information would be available to show what was necessary for repairs to remaining manholes and what result of the repairs yielded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike Dauner provided a review of his July 2022 report (annexed hereto).

Since January 2022, there had been 8 water main breaks which issue was now becoming a concern. Councilman Geuss suggested that Sheriff's services may be provided for initial traffic control while equipment was being set up for the repairs.

The County had conducted a vulnerability study at the treatment plant. The results had not be provided to the Supervisor to date.

A water plant employee was on temporary leave and returning in a week. The individual had been out since July 27<sup>th</sup> and that they were also down one other employee that had been injured and out since May. Superintendent requested documentation from doctor allowing individual to return to work or if that person may ever be able to return. With team of 5 (currently down 2), Superintendent believed the department was undermanned. Discussion had transpired between Foreman, Superintendent and Supervisor to discuss the situation.

Water Tank – John Davidson will have plans to submit to the State Department of Health by the end of September 2022.

Water Treatment Plant – Timeline to put the bid for construction out had been pushed to August 4, 2022. Superintendent Butler passed bid notification (utilizing Bidnet) for Members to review. Nick had met with Town Clerk, Town Supervisor and representative from Bidnet.

Distribution – More work needed and will be discussed at upcoming meeting. Dan Valentine was surveying to include East Main Street and East Stout Street.

Mike Mulligan inquired about the status of the chlorine changeouts. The request may qualify for financing through ARPA funds. Issue will be addressed if ARPA funding is not granted.

Mike Tronolone inquired if the Town distribution system could accommodate the addition of proposed housing developments. The Planning Board was requesting data, particularly in relation to sewer. Superintendent was confident that the water supply was adequate. New equipment being installed would be up to 2022 standards and would improve the system. Overflows at the pump stations was the main concern and how to avoid those incidents. The infiltration of the manholes was a culprit and the repair of the two worst offenders could provide positive results in the reduction of flow.

CHPE – The Hudson 7 had requested TDI to provide prior testing results. As Water Superintendent, Nick does not support the project, especially given the concern that could impact the water treatment plant. At the last meeting, TDI agreed to test at a simulated water plant at an undisclosed location and conduct a test plow. Superintendent Butler stated that if it was anywhere near the Esopus intake, he would shut down. Foreman Dauner and Superintendent Butler had developed a list of reasons why water system could not be compromised.

Superintendent Butler had met with the Town Board to address manpower and the possibility of hiring a sixth employee. The 2022 budget didn't support an additional employee and would be budgeted for 2023. Process with Civil Service had been initiated for a water treatment operator and a list would be provided. Superintendent's truck would be leased.

Tighe & Bond's Engineering Grant proposal had been provided for review.

Upon Motion of Kevin Rentfrow, seconded by Mike Mulligan, and the affirmative vote of all Members, the \$11,000.00 TAM voucher was approved to submit for payment.

Upon Motion of George Post, seconded by Mike Tronolone, and the affirmative vote of all Members, the vouchers submitted for payment were approved.

Upon Motion of Mike Tronolone, seconded by George Post, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Dated: August 25, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa K. Mance". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lisa Mance, Secretary

Approved: September 13, 2022

Port Ewen Water /Sewer District  
Monthly Field Report

July 2022

- Mark outs
- Took (5) BAC samples
- Changed water meters
- Checked all generators
- Topsoil and seed water break sites
- Cleaning equipment
- Lighting contractor upgraded all lights at water garage
- Assisted with water bills
- Located shut off at 277 Salem St and assisted customer with plumbing issue
- Installed new fire hydrant at Clay Rd & Lindorf St
- Cleaned up scrap pile and brought scrap to recycling company
- Mowed pump stations, garage, and standpipe
- Checked manholes on interceptor and had TAM quote for repair
- Cleaned all trucks inside /out
- Sawcut break sites and started paving. 28 River Rd and Clay Rd hydrant paved.
- Lowe's /Spinnenweber for supplies
- Repaired Broadway /Canal St Hydrant which was hit at unknown date and time
- Rapid Pump installed new pump #1 at Connelly P/S
- Pulled pump and cleaned check valve at Canal St P/S
- Cleaned up storm debris at North Broadway P/S
- Cleaned garage and organized equipment
- Met with electrician on warranty issues for North Broadway P/S wet well light. Replaced light lens. Waiting on new one to replenish stock.
- Inputted meter change out sheets
- Sexual Harassment /Workplace Violence Training
- Meeting with City of Kingston on sewer projects
- Several meetings on CHPE jet plowing
- Jetted filter lines at plant to clean of lime build up
- Assisted at plant with PAC Pump issues and repair
- Replaced valve seat on Connelly Rd /Millbrook Dr fire hydrant

Water Breaks

1. 7/19/2022 – 639 Third Ave – 6" Hub
2. 7/22/2022 – 224 Broadway – 10" Hub

Signature: 

Mike Dauner

Foreman

8/8/2022