

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Ronald Phillips  
Kevin Rentfrow  
Michael Tronolone  
Larry VanVliet

Absent were Douglas DeKoskie and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting Chairman Ronald Phillips.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2015 MEETING

Commissioner Larry VanVliet corrected agenda item number three, page two of the minutes. Town Supervisor Kyle Barnett's name will be included. The sentence will be amended to read, "Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that Mr. Carl D'Anna, Jr. phoned after receiving a letter from Town Supervisor Kyle Barnett."

The minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting were then approved by the board members who were present.

2. FOREMAN'S REPORT

Foreman Balash's report is included with the monthly reports. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked about the repair of a sidewalk on Broadway. Superintendent Kiernan spoke about mark-outs; a mark-out not done after forty-eight hours is considered late, and not all mark-outs are done on time.

3. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- WAITING TO HEAR FROM OWNER

Superintendent Kiernan has received no communication of any type from Mr. D'Anna, the property owner. The superintendent will e-mail him tomorrow.

4. MAPPING/VALVE BOOKS/SEWER TIE SHEETS -- HYDRANTS -- MIKE & TIM  
--DIGITAL RECORDS

5. BIRCHES -- MEETING WITH LAWYER -- JOE ERIOLE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that Mr. Joe Eriole called the Health Department to rescind a letter concerning the grease trap issue at Birches. This is now a matter for the DEC; the Health Department does not have anything to do with sewage. The DEC is aware of the history of the grease trap issue. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if there have been any problems. Superintendent Kiernan mentioned that a third pump is needed and the roads in Birches need to be deeded to the Town of Esopus. He would like to read the records regarding the maintenance of the pump station.

6. HYDRANT FLUSHING SEPT 28 TO OCT 2

Superintendent Kierman reported that the major hydrant flushing will get rid of the rusty water being reported on Clay Road. Directional flows are being done.

7. PROPANE BIDS

Information about propane bids will be in the newspaper later this week.

8. METER READING AND BILLING

Meters are being read; billing will take place soon.

## 9. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY VOUCHERS. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 10. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Superintendent Kiernan spoke regarding Dyno Nobel. They have a water meter and a sewer meter. No sewer flow is being registered. They still use water for steam-heating their buildings, so their water bill is significant. Superintendent Kiernan stated that he has spoken with an accountant about this. Since the town is losing three million gallons per quarter, the sewer rates may have to be raised. Discussion took place concerning the amount of money currently in the sewer district, obtaining this information from the bookkeeper, looking at the actual numbers in the sewer district, monitoring the pump station numbers.

Superintendent Kiernan referred to the monthly sewer report: Even though the Town uses 7%, we pay the City of Kingston 10.42%. The contract cannot be re-negotiated. We also pay to have the meters calibrated.

Commissioner Larry VanVliet inquired about the large amount of money in the water district fund balance, and the fact that only a portion of this money can be used to help pay for the new water tank. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the Town Board will address this inquiry.

B. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the Water/Sewer District pays a percentage when the Highway Department paves streets after the winter months. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes, maybe one-third.

C. Mr. Tronolone inquired about the number of new meters that have been installed. Superintendent Kiernan replied over three hundred. Mr. VanVliet asked if, when a new meter is installed, is there a check for check valves.

- D. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if Harris has called about a new server, because the old one needs to be shut down. Superintendent Kiernan replied no, it is the town's server and the town's software program, and so to be addressed by the Town Board.
- E. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board about poly aluminum chloride, relating to preparing for the upcoming winter. He would instruct that two hundred gallons be kept on hand at the water treatment plant.

#### 11.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water/Sewer Board