

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 with the following members in attendance:

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

Absent were Douglas DeKoskie and Donna McAuley, 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. FOREMAN REPORTS

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

3. BIRCHES - OIL/GREASE SAMPLE AND GENERATOR (SOUTHWORTH)

Superintendent Kiernan and Foreman Koelli met with the Birches' custodian. The sample was above the parameters in the sewer code. The two observed three to four inches of grease on top of the pump station. Photos were taken and the Health Department was contacted. Today, Superintendent Kiernan notified

Southworth not to service the generator at Birches because we do not own it. There was discussion among board members about obtaining permission to service the generator, requesting a decision by town supervisor John Coutant whether or not to go ahead with servicing it, problems at the business nearby because of grease, and again mentioning that we do not own the pump station. Superintendent Kiernan will speak with engineering representative Scott Davis.

4. FEMA/SEMO

Superintendent Kiernan phoned Marian Caledon, who advised him that the letter is written and is waiting for the regional director to sign. He has received no other word. Commissioners Ronald Phillips and Larry VanVliet suggested contacting Kirsten Gillibrand's aide and Maurice Hinchey's office.

5. PROPANE BIDS - LOW BIDDER HERITAGE @ 1.39/GAL - SAVINGS OF 0.5833/GAL

Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about other fuels. Superintendent Kiernan replied that diesel fuel is bought for generators. Currently \$3.60 per gallon, but it fluctuates.

6. RONDOUT HARBOR GENERATOR - COMPLETED

Superintendent Kiernan complimented Foreman Koelli and the Highway Department for a well-coordinated operation. The residents at Rondout Harbor are pleased. Michael Tronolone asked about the old generator. Superintendent Kiernan replied that it is in pieces. Larry VanVliet asked about the total cost. Superintendent Kiernan replied that it is approximately \$21,000, but he will have the exact figure for the next board meeting.

7. HYDRANT FLUSHING

This was completed at the end of September, between 10 PM and 6 AM.

8. LIME ENERGY

A copy of the invoice for light replacement at the plant is included with this agenda.

9. CENTRAL HUDSON - CRITICAL CODE NOW ON ACCT (LINDA HARRISON)

Superintendent Kiernan explained to the board that Central Hudson will now respond sooner to repair an outage. He also asked about clearing our line, and will ask again if Central Hudson does not call back. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow inquired about not running the plant if a big storm is coming.

10. FUND BALANCE - SEWER APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE UNTOUCHED - 45,000

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the board that this \$45,000 is an unappropriated surplus. He has advised the Town Board that the Water District is doing well; the Sewer District has some issues. In balancing the Water/Sewer budget, the Town Board may approach this by lowering water rates and raising sewer rates. Michael Tronolone inquired about the fund balance paying for the generator. Superintendent Kiernan replied that yes, it did.

Accountant Brian Pickard joined the board meeting at 8:00 PM. Brian addressed the board's concerns about the fund equity in the Sewer District and the surplus which came from prior years; he explained about the surplus in the Water District and that there is a difference between surplus cash vs. fund balance.

11. 2013 BUDGETS

The proposed budgets for the Water District and the Sewer District are included with this agenda. The board discussed the budgets with Brian Pickard. He will be working with the Town Board in how to balance them.

12. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

13. MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the City of Kingston has responded to our inquiry about the tunnel. Superintendent Kiernan replied that no, they have not responded yet.

14.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE 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 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board