

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman
Kevin Rentfrow
Michael Tronolone
Larry VanVliet

Absent were Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman, Ronald Phillips and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY LARRY VANVLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES -- DOH

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that Birches will allow the superintendent to inspect the pump station; it is being treated every two weeks. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if we ever received the maps showing the rights of way to the pump station. Superintendent Kiernan replied no, he has not seen a legal document for the rights of way; a document for this has never been filed with the county.

3. FOREMAN REPORT

Eric Balash's report is included with the reports in this agenda.

4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT - SURVEY ALMOST COMPLETE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the new tank will be placed back a little—toward Lake Shore Villas. The Town owns the parcels, on four separate deeds. The right of way to Lake Shore Villas is through Ken Silver’s property. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if more land will need to be purchased. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes.

5. METERS -- RADIO READ INFO

Superintendent Kiernan has available reading material provided by a customer who does not want a new meter. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if we would charge a premium for customers who do not want a new meter. Superintendent Kiernan replied that some other water departments do charge.

The board discussed “commercial” meters. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that the larger meters are not commercial as such, but are larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Commissioner VanVliet asked about new meters for the twenty or so businesses with larger meters. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the Town Board would have to put this in the Code (the Water & Sewer Board could recommend this). Chairman DeKoskie asked about upgrading the larger meters to Badger meters, then setting a date to comply. The superintendent replied that the Town Board would have to put this in the Code also. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked what could result if the customer is not in compliance and something breaks. The superintendent replied that, if the customer refuses to make repairs, they could be notified of the possibility of water being shut off at the main. However, the health department does not like service shut off to anyone. Superintendent Kiernan will call to check prices and Mr. DeKoskie will keep in touch with the superintendent about this.

6. HYDRANT FLUSHING SEPT 21 TO SEPT 26

The hydrants were flushed; two are to be replaced. They have “out of service” markers on them.

7. HARRIS -- METER READ INTERFACE -- INSTALL 10/21

On October 21st the meter reading interface will be downloaded. Two days of training will follow by Badger, possibly in mid-December or early in January.

8. PROPOSED 2015 BUDGETS

The Esopus Town Board is meeting this evening regarding the 2015 budgets.

9. TANK/PUMPS ETC FOR NO SOX AT N BWAY

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the tank is housed in a small building, the pumps are installed and it is ready to go. Kingston will have access to the tank; at least once a week they will come in. Riverkeeper requested a sign with the permit number on it, indicating if there are questions, call the water plant or the DEC at their spill hotline.

10. BILLING

Superintendent reported that the bills have gone out.

11. SEWER SMELL AT VAN LOANS -- SEALED MANHOLE -- BLDG. INSPECTION -- VENT

Following a complaint of an odor at Van Loan's, Superintendent Kiernan walked through the building. He noticed a bathroom vent coming out of the side of the building. The superintendent ordered sealer and the manhole was sealed.

12. SAFECO

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that he has asked for a quote to replace the current telephone land lines with a cellular system. The total quote is \$2,570, which includes equipment, installation and monthly monitoring. The cost could be reduced next year from \$380 per month to \$168 per month. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if there is a battery backup—the superintendent replied “yes.” Commissioner VanVliet asked about the frequency of checking the cell connection—the superintendent replied that Safeco would know whenever the system goes off-line. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked if

the land lines would be eliminated—the superintendent replied “yes.” Mr. Rentfrow stated it seems there are advantages to this system and the price is reasonable.

13.MISCELLANEOUS

None

14.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW 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 LARRY VAN VLIET 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 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board