

## **PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 13, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Mike Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman

Michael Mulligan

George Post

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

Absent were Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman, and Kevin Rentfrow.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by acting Chairman Michael Tronolone.

### 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL MULLIGAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 MEETING. MICHAEL TRONOLONE ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

### 2. TIGHE & BOND - GRANT - DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE - BILLS, ETC

Engineering work done by Tighe & Bond in the amount of \$17,000 is included with the monthly vouchers. The list of completed tasks is included in an e-mail in the monthly reports. So far, Tighe & Bond has bills totaling \$24,000.

### 3. TANK REPLACEMENT - ACCESS ROAD - APPRAISAL - EMINENT DOMAIN

Tank replacement cost will total approximately 3.1 million dollars. One million will be borrowed from a bonding company. Superintendent Kiernan is hoping for a low interest loan or additional grant money. This process will begin in January, 2021. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if we have had to pay any amount so far. Superintendent Kiernan replied that already we have spent \$100,000 of the \$200,000 we have put aside to go toward the new tank. Brinier & Larios is putting the design on paper and soil

borings have been taken. Liaison Chris Farrell notified the Board that the Town Board has approved the appraisal for the access road. The Town Board has also authorized the action of eminent domain for the access road right of way. This road has been used since 1972.

#### 4. WATER METERS - DUTCHER, RIVERVIEW, CAPRI

Dutcher: The meters there are thirty years old. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that we have offered to give forty meters to Dutcher; they will install them; we will bill the customers. A meter purchased by Dutcher does not meet UL standards and was not allowed to be installed.

Riverview: There is a tentative agreement for Riverview to replace one master meter in 2021 and the other meter in 2022. A letter from Riverview is included with the reports.

Capri Motel: The meter will be replaced by the Capri.

#### 5. RAW WATER PUMP QUOTES - PUMP/INSTALLATION

Superintendent Kiernan is waiting for a quote from Gary Arold for the raw water pump. There is a possibility that this could be part of the infrastructure improvement for the water plant. If that is the case, 40%-60% of the cost would come back to the town.

#### 6. LAKE SHORE VILLAS - SEWER DISTRICT - EMAIL INFO

Superintendent Kiernan has not received any word from Lake Shore Villas about their interest in extending the sewer district.

#### 7. PETER KOELLI - PART TIME - VACATIONS

Peter is working about twelve hours a week. This is very helpful, since the department is down a man. Commissioner George Post asked about hiring another man. The superintendent replied this would take place after the first of the year, since some of the employees still have vacation time coming.

## 8. COVID 19

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that we are essential personnel. The superintendent is hoping there will be no talk of layoffs.

## 9. NY RURAL WATER OPERATORS COURSE

Newest employee Shawne is taking this on-line course, with five months to complete it.

## 10.FOREMAN REPORTS

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that Mike Dauner is very busy. His report is included here with the other monthly reports. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked about the number of water main breaks. Foreman Dauner replied that there were two breaks in September: Minturn Street and Second Avenue.

## 11.HYDRANT FLOW TESTS - NO WORD - SENT EMAIL

Self-explanatory item.

## 12.HYDRANT FLUSHING - COMPLETE - WINTERIZING HYDRANTS

Self-explanatory item.

## 13.VALVE BOX CLEAN OUT

## 14.BILLS SENT

Water bills total approximately \$300,000. They have been sent out.

## 15.PROPOSED BUDGETS 2021

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that there have been changes to benefits that differ from the enclosed reports. Also, the superintendent has asked the Town Board to consider raising the sewer rate by twenty-five cents per one thousand gallons. If the rate is approved after the 2021 budget is adopted, the rate will show up on the January bill.

## 16.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that we are now sampling quarterly for PFOAs and PFOs. The EPA has set guideline numbers. If quarterly sampling results are negative, the time frame will become annually.
- B. Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that we have signed with Southworth Milton for three years to service our generators.

## 17.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS - JULY 2020

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. MICHAEL MULLIGAN VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

## 18.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL MULLIGAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MICHAEL TRONOLONE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board