

PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 with the following members in attendance:

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

Absent were Peter Koelli, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman and Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 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

Superintendent Kiernan has arranged with Scott Davis, the engineer for Birches, to meet during this week regarding maintenance issues and take a look at the pump station. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about how frequently the pump station is maintained. Superintendent Kiernan pointed out that there is

a letter from Mr. Davis of Peak Engineering included with this agenda, which addresses the degreasing program for pump stations. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie commented that the Town does not have a legal easement as yet to the pump station at Birches.

4. FEMA/SEMO

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that the situation remains unchanged from last month. Mr. DeKoskie asked if, in preparing for Hurricane Sandy, a claim will be filed, since Ulster County has been opened up for eligible claims related to Hurricane Sandy. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the County contacted him. Using FEMA's numbers, our department approached \$8,000 in labor and equipment and benefits. The total figure for our town will be about \$15,000.

5. BUDGETS ADOPTED - RATE INC/DEC

Superintendent Kiernan notified the board that, as of this meeting, the new budget has not yet been adopted. It is expected that sewer rates will increase and water rates will decrease.

6. HURRICANE SANDY

Superintendent Kiernan gave the board a report about the results of the hurricane. He feels we were very lucky since nothing was lost. Sandbagging continued the night of the storm. (1,500 sandbags were used.) At the Sleightsburg pump station sandbags were piled 5 ½ feet high; flood waters came 6 inches shy of the sandbags. At the Connelly pump station flood waters were 1 ½ feet high outside. At the water treatment plant another 6-8 inches would have flooded the diesel tank on the generator. Central Hudson cut the power at the water treatment plant at 11:45 PM; it was turned back on at 4:45 AM on Tuesday. Mr. Tronolone asked if the diesel fuel at the water treatment plant was affected; Superintendent Kiernan replied that it was alright.

7. PERSONNEL

Superintendent Kiernan advised the board that at the end of this year Peter Koelli will resign as Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman. A letter from Foreman Koelli will be forthcoming.

8. TANK INSPECTION

Included with this agenda is a quote from PCA Engineering, Inc. to inspect the 4,000-gallon storage tank at the water treatment plant. Superintendent Kiernan notified the board that this inspection will take place every five years. Superintendent Kiernan would like it scheduled for the middle of January or February; the \$1,875 cost would be covered in Contractual Expenses in next year's budget. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked if PCA Engineering is certified/registered. Superintendent Kiernan replied that yes, it is.

9. SPILL PREVENTION PLAN

The Spill Prevention Plan is in need of an update.

10.VA & ERP UPDATE

These updates are needed by January 1, 2013.

11.DYNO - CITY OF KINGSTON/ESOPUS AGREEMENT - DISCHARGE

Superintendent Kiernan informed the board that Dyno Nobel has underground fuel tanks that are leaking. Dyno is responsible for this situation and will go through the City of Kingston and the Town of Esopus to solve it. The fuel oil must be taken out, the ground water must be treated and metered and go through Dyno's pump station before being discharged into the sewer system. Discussion took place among board members and the superintendent regarding the amount of discharge, no pumping during peak months, charging normal sewer rates, length of time involved, violations and fines—or waiving of these by the City of Kingston. Chairman DeKoskie requested that Dyno Nobel submit a plan to address the situation.

12.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY KEVIN RENTFROW TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

13.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Ronald Phillips inquired about the sewer department during the month of October, and how the budget fared. Superintendent Kiernan explained that the \$45,000 reserve has not been tapped; contractual expenses have been exceeded, however.
- B. Mr. DeKoskie would like to know who to contact in a flooding emergency, to make sure no boats or barges are near the water treatment plant. The Coast Guard should be aware of all boats in the area, to direct them up river or down river, away from the plant. Superintendent Kiernan was aware that the Coast Guard was on site during the storm.

14.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS DEKOSKIE 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