

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 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 Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman and Wayne Freer, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2014 MEETING.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Insurance

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that two other companies want to bid on the insurance package for the Water and Sewer District. They are Global Insurance and Quilty, Dwyer & Larkin Insurance Agency. In the past it has been beneficial for the district to go away from the company that covers the Town, but the superintendent is not sure about that now. The other companies will be reviewed.

B. Safeco

Superintendent Kiernan reported that everything is moving forward with wireless phones at the pump stations; he will make sure that there are no hidden costs.

C. Odor

Commissioner Larry VanVliet inquired about a continuing odor at Van Loan's Beverage. Superintendent Kiernan will do a smoke test at BOCES, but this needs to be done when no one is there. The manhole covers will need to be removed. The superintendent will call so that Mr. VanVliet can be present.

3. FOREMAN REPORT

Foreman Balash's monthly report is included with this agenda. He is not at tonight's meeting due to a water main break.

4. TANK PAINTING/REPLACEMENT -- SURVEY COMPLETE -- LOT LINE -- OWNER LETTER

The survey map is attached to the monthly reports. Dennis Larios is preparing a letter to the property owner. This board will see the letter before it is mailed.

The board discussed how much to pay for this property. Chairman Douglas DeKoskie suggested an amount no more than a certain percentage over the assessment. Commissioner Larry VanVliet mentioned making an offer of one dollar, since the piece we are taking is land-locked, affecting the property's value. He hopes the owner would be agreeable. Superintendent Kiernan suggested paying no more than \$10,000. The property owner does have frontage on Route 9W.

The board discussed the tank's location. Mr. DeKoskie spoke about keeping the fifty-foot right-of-way open. It makes sense to keep the new tank outside the right-of-way, allowing for maintenance. If more property could be acquired it would allow more "elbow room." This could be included in our letter of intent.

Commissioner Michael Tronolone recommended bargaining for a larger parcel of land. Superintendent Kiernan will check with Dennis Larios about this.

Superintendent Kiernan reported that Dennis Larios is leaning toward recommending a concrete tank. A concrete tank costs about \$100,000 more. The superintendent learned that in this part of the country, concrete tanks have a mixer. It is his recommendation that, whichever type of tank is chosen, that it has a mixer.

Also, the superintendent stated that the tank's location will require grading; some test bores will be made to make sure the ground is stable enough. This will be a three-year project. Visits will be made to other area tanks in New Paltz and Saugerties.

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

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that on Monday or Tuesday going on the system will be finalized. He is still working on this.

6. LOCAL LAW TOWN OF ULSTER -- METERS

Included with this agenda is a local law adopted in the Town of Ulster. People who own large water meters will maintain them and have them tested on a regular basis. The Town of Ulster has no problem with the Town of Esopus adopting their local law; there could be a cost involved, however. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow stated that this local law makes sense. Superintendent Kiernan will make a list of where the large meters (bigger than ¾-inch) are located. Mr. DeKoskie suggested sending a letter, requiring calibration on old meters (ten or more years old). He also recommended approval by the Water Department for large meters.

7. TANK/PUMPS ETC FOR NOSOX AT N BWAY

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the temporary tank is almost ready.

## 8. BILLING

The bills have been sent.

## 9. TAX ROLL LIST -- WATER \$41,698.92 -- SEWER \$42,696.16

Superintendent Kiernan stated that there is approximately \$84,000 owed to the district, which is comparable to last year. Each year there are penalties that total about \$10,000 to \$12,000.

## 10. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

There were no vouchers available for this meeting; the Town Board was reviewing them.

## 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 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary  
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board