

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Douglas DeKoskie. The Board welcomed Michael Mulligan, a town resident who is interested in filling the available Board member position.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. TANK REPLACEMENT - CLEARING - BORINGS

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that he has been up to check out the tank several times over the past month; surveyors were up on November 11th. In two to three weeks some tree clearing will take place for four or five boring samples. The elevation has been shifted about four feet for placement of the tank. The monthly report contains the engineer's outline of the project schedule. The SEQRA process is complete. Road access from Lake Shore Villas will be around the playground. Construction will begin in 2020. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked which type of tank will be used. Superintendent Kiernan replied that we will have to wait and see: Aqua Store (glass-lined, pre-fab) meets the specs; the tank could also be a concrete one. The superintendent advised the Board that Mr. D'Anna phoned the town's attorney, who notified Mr. D'Anna that the Town now owns the property.

3. DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT - TIGHE & BOND

Superintendent Kiernan has not received recent information, except that Tighe & Bond has requested an additional amount of \$2,000.

4. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION ASSESSMENT - TOWN OF ESOPUS

Superintend Kiernan has not received recent information.

5. DISCUSSION ON METER REPLACEMENT - SERVICE CHARGE - LEGAL

Background information was given to Mr. Mulligan on meter replacement by the superintendent, with respect to customers who choose not to have their old meter replaced. The new meters are much less dangerous than other home appliances. Replacement of the meters at Lake Shore Villas is also planned.

6. BUDGETS - RATE INCREASE

The budget is on-line at esopus.com. A small water rate increase, beginning January 2020 was adopted by a Town Board resolution.

7. TAX ROLL LIST

The list of \$112,000 in unpaid water and sewer bills was sent to the County today, November 12th. The amount due will be included in customers' tax bills. In reply to a question, Superintendent Kiernan stated that unpaid bills of the trailer park tenants are dealt with by the trailer park's administration.

8. HYDRANT FLUSHING SEPT 22 TO OCT 2, 2019

Flushing of hydrants during late night hours went well. Very few complaints of rusty water have been received.

9. EMPLOYEE MATTER

On November 13, 2019 a hearing will be held regarding an on-going matter. The superintendent and this Board's liaison to the Town Board will testify.

10.PETER RETIREMENT 2/18/20

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that, after thirty-five years, Peter Coelli is retiring. There will be a party for him in the new year; Peter will be missed.

11.NEW HIRE - CIVIL SERVICE

An attempt must be made to hire a new employee from the County's Civil Service list. Superintendent Kiernan is pre-interviewing three candidates at this time. A new hire may not come from the Civil Service list, either. The position is covered by a union contract, with benefits, \$23.50 per hour, eighty comp hours and one week's vacation.

12.ANSWERING SERVICE - ANSWER CONNECT

The answering service company is "Answer Connect," and began two weeks ago. This service will save \$6,000 next year by eliminating four man-hours and a cell phone.

13.LEGAL - RUZZO - DEPOSITION 12/23

This event happened in September 2018 at the dead end off of Canal Street. The deposition filed by Erin Ruzzo claims water damage from a two-inch crack in her basement.

14.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

15.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Markouts: Two men working forty hours each were required to just do markouts.
- B. Roof of plant repaired: In December Colonial Roofing will repair the roof for approximately \$9,200. This is a rare company that will repair a flat commercial roof. There is extra money in the budget for this repair.

- C. Commissioner Michael Tronolone inquired about generator updates. The superintendent replied that there is one remaining—the smallest.
- D. Commissioner Kevin Rentfrow asked about a GIS (Geographic Information System) and the need for a server. The superintendent replied that there is an iPad and this server is quite full.
- E. Commissioner George Post asked if additional money will be required for the tank replacement. The superintendent and Chris Farrell replied it is possible that Tighe & Bond will be able to recommend grants for additional funds.

16.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE AND SECONDED BY GEORGE POST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board