

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Michael Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Michael Mulligan

George Post

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Chris Farrell, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM by acting Chairman Kevin Rentfrow.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2020 MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GEORGE POST AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL MULLIGAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2020 MEETING. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. TIGHE & BOND - GRANT - DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE - COMBINED APPLICATIONS

No new information to report.

3. TANK REPLACEMENT - EMINENT DOMAIN

Superintendent Kiernan reported to the Board that the project is 95% ready to go out for bid in January, 2021. Construction would begin in the spring. Letters have been sent to Lake Shore Villas and Ken Silver Associates to make offers on the properties, based on the appraisals. The offer to Lake Shore Villas is \$1,500; the offer to Ken Silver Associates is \$2,500.

4. WATER METERS - DUTCHER, RIVERVIEW, CAPRI

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the Capri Motel has two functioning meters. Our department purchased them for \$1,400. The Capri has reimbursed us.

Dutcher has agreed to take our meters and install them. Our department will then bill the customers.

Riverview has agreed to install one meter in 2021 and the second in 2022. The superintendent estimates the cost of each to be about \$50,000.

Lake Shore Villas will receive a new meter when the tank replacement project is accomplished.

The new water meters will change from radio reads to digital reads, which will require a cost of about \$4,000. Commissioner George Post inquired about meter installation due to the Covid-19 situation. The superintendent replied that we do have meters for installation.

5. FOREMAN REPORTS

Foreman Dauner is busy in the district. Today (November 10, 2020) there was a water main break. A pipe saw was purchased for \$3,800. This purchase was budgeted.

6. HYDRANT FLOW TESTS - NO WORD - SENT EMAIL

7. HYDRANT FLUSHING - COMPLETE - WINTERIZING HYDRANTS

8. VALVE BOX CLEAN OUT

9. TAX ROLL LIST

Superintendent Kiernan notified the Board that the amount of \$147,000 on the tax roll list is a record amount. Connelly Terrace Trailer Park is a separate parcel.

10. PROPOSED BUDGETS 2021

The superintendent reported to the Board that the 2021 budgets have been adopted.

11. SEWER RATE INCREASE

Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that he has requested a sewer rate increase of twenty-five cents per one thousand gallons. This request will not need a resolution; it will be done at a Town Board Workshop.

12.MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Connelly Pump Station pump valves will cost approximately \$11,756. Superintendent Kiernan will bring the proposal to the next Board meeting.
- B. The annual inspection was conducted by the Health Department.
- C. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked if the district is all set for the winter. Superintendent Kiernan replied yes.
- D. The cost of the pump for the Rondout Harbor Pump Station is \$7,800. New rails, also.
- E. Superintendent Kiernan advised the Board that the department is still operating with one less man. Mr. Tronolone asked if interviews are taking place. Superintendent Kiernan replied no. The Civil Service list has been exhausted. The hiring freeze must be lifted.
- F. Superintendent Kiernan thanked Board members who have served our country as Veteran's Day is here. Commissioner George Post will be at the Town's Veteran's monument on November 11th. The weather forecast may discourage attendance.

13.PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

14.ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KEVIN RENTFROW AND SECONDED BY MICHAEL TRONOLONE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meschi, Secretary
Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board