

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Present: Nicholas Butler, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Doug DeKoskie, Chairman
Kevin Rentfrow
Mike Tronolone
Town Board Liaison Jared Geuss
Foreman Mike Dauner

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2022 MEETING – Upon Motion of Mike Tronolone, seconded by Kevin Rentfrow, and all in favor, the minutes were approved.

The Water & Sewer Board had received a Notice of Intent for the Esopus Planning Board to serve as Lead Agency on the SEQRA review of the Lighthouse Village Site Plan (George Cuney) application. The W&S Board members present consented and the Chairman signed the letter of consent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Equipment Purchase – Meters and fire hydrants needed to be purchased. Meter quote came in at approximately \$15K for 50 meters from Schmitz. Mike Dauner's calculations was to keep 20 on the shelf for emergencies and Schmitz had been the agency from which to purchase Badger meters. Solid quotes would be provided at the next meeting and time was of the essence to determine what was left in 2022 budget for these items and/or what it would be for 2023.

Carmel Winwater was providing hydrant at a \$1200.00 discount with an attachment which corrects height and Mike Dauner would like confirmation that the price would be locked in regardless of when it was purchased. The meter price quote would be valid if it was locked in and would not go up if approved now but installed in 2023.

Kevin Rentfrow motioned to approve the meter purchase quote of approximately 30K for 100 meters, seconded by Chairman Doug DeKoskie and all in favor.

A sewer pump for the North Broadway Pump Station had not been purchased. Nick Butler had held off the purchase (although the W&S Board had motioned to approve the purchase), he will act on the purchase accordingly if Gartner agreed to be bound by the previous quote of \$16,700.00. Mike Dauner confirmed that Gartner agreed to be bound by the original quote and the purchase would come out of the 2023 budget.

Water rate and water minimum bill increase of 5% had been approved by the Town Board. Apparently, there was 31K in the account beyond previous account balances and that could be placed in a reserve account. Increase will become effective in January 2023 and Flexi billing will need to be updated to reflect the change.

CHPE – Results of the hydro plowing testing had not been received to date.

Mike Miller had been chosen to fill the sixth employment position and would be starting November 21, 2022. Six candidates had been interviewed in person.

Water Plant Upgrades – HVAC and Plumbing electrical bids were opened by Town Clerk with Supt. Butler on November 9, 2022. Bids were provided to the Members. The Town Board would decide what agency would win the bid most likely with the advice of Dan Valentine of Tighe & Bond.

Big 3 – The Town Board would decide who the contractor would be for the water plant upgrades.

Vouchers were circulated for Members to review.

Board of Health Report – Nothing significant to report.

Vouchers – Upon Motion of Kevin Rentfrow, seconded by Doug DeKoskie, the motion to approve vouchers for payment was approved.

Superintendent Butler extended an apology to the Members for not consulting with them all prior to determining the 5% water bill increase – time became a factor that necessitated a decision.

Chairman DeKoskie left the meeting at 7:47 p.m. resulting in no quorum.

As discussion only, Superintendent Butler reviewed numbers provided in 2019 for the water treatment plant and what effect inflation would have on the original numbers.

Water tank – plans are in John Davidson’s possession and the final draft would be sent by him to the NYS DOH.

East Main Street and East Stout were being considered by Town Board to be added to the water main infrastructure improvements. Looking to move on the Route 9W corridor improvements ASAP.

Upon Motion of Kevin Rentfrow, seconded by Mike Tronolone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dated: December 2, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mance, Secretary

Approved: December 13, 2022