

**PORT EWEN WATER & SEWER BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 11, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 with the following members in attendance:

Donald Kiernan, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent

Eric Balash, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman

Douglas DeKoskie, Chairman

Ronald Phillips

Kevin Rentfrow

Michael Tronolone

Larry VanVliet

Absent was Donna McAuley, Liaison from the Esopus Town Board.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Douglas DeKoskie, chairman.

1. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2013 MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARRY VAN VLIET AND SECONDED BY RONALD PHILLIPS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2013 MEETING. ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

2. BIRCHES

Superintendent Kiernan advised to the board that there is nothing to report concerning this agenda item.

3. SAMPLING N BWAY -- RESULTS

Superintendent Kiernan reported that the sampling results are included with this month's report.

#### 4. FOREMAN REPORT

Foreman Balash's report is included with this month's agenda. There were two water main breaks in the month of November, one on Thanksgiving.

#### 5. INSURANCE

Our insurance carrier for the last seven or eight years, Trident, will not be renewing the policy. The reason given: "Premium to losses." A lawsuit was filed against the Port Ewen Water District, dating back to 2006, of which Superintendent Kiernan was not made aware. At this time Quilty, Dwyer & Larkin are comparing three carriers for the Water & Sewer District, which will be effective January 14, 2014.

Inventory was completed on December 11, 2013, the last one having been taken about ten years ago. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked where the district's vehicles are insured; Superintendent Kiernan replied that they are all insured through the same insurance company. Commissioner Larry VanVliet inquired about the insurance on the pump stations that are in a flood plain—Canal Street, North Broadway and Connelly. The superintendent will check on this. Currently, only the water plant has a flood insurance policy—a separate policy for \$500,000 of protection—and that policy is increasing by 25%.

#### 6. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Superintendent Kiernan asked Commissioner Michael Tronolone if he agrees to be re-appointed to another term. Mr. Tronolone agreed.
- B. Commissioner Tronolone inquired about Heritage Energy's reimbursement to the Water/Sewer District in the amount of \$1,198 for the tainted gas supply. Superintendent Kiernan replied that the amount has not been reimbursed yet.
- C. Commissioner Larry VanVliet asked about the status of Tucker Pond. Superintendent Kiernan will not sign the certificate of occupancy until it is proved that the sprinkler system will work. The contractor changed what the Planning Board approved; an engineer needs to okay the changes. At this time Superintendent Kiernan will only attest that the meter was correctly installed.

- D. Commissioner VanVliet inquired about the project at the end of Doris Street. Superintendent Kiernan replied that drainage is an item. Ten-inch water mains were approved; it seems the developer believes that twelve-inch water mains are needed. The Town Board is to meet with the developer and attorney.
- E. Superintendent Kiernan will check into lead-free meters which last five to ten years. They are very expensive. He will look into a grant for new meters; the cost to change 1,400 meters could be \$650,000. Commissioner Ronald Phillips asked about the current cost per meter; Superintendent Kiernan replied that the cost is \$135, but the meters are no longer being made. Foreman Balash is looking into several companies that utilize a touch pad or an LCD digital remote. He will complete an informational report.
- F. Superintendent Kiernan discussed a cost-saving initiative with the board. Partnering with Central Hudson—a company called E C S—will result in a rebate if a generator is run during peak electric demand use times. The board of commissioners was not in favor of this idea.
- G. Commissioner Michael Tronolone asked about the Dyno Nobel plant. Superintendent Kiernan will take a look at the meter book; it is possible that there are only three people working there.

## 7. PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

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

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RONALD PHILLIPS AND SECONDED BY LARRY VAN VLIET 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