

PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 with the following members in attendance:

Nicholas Butler, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Superintendent
Michael Dauner, Port Ewen Water & Sewer Foreman
Chairman Doug DeKoskie
George Post
Michael Tronolone
Mike Mulligan – (7:35 P.M.)
TB Liaison Jared Geuss

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman DeKoskie.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING - UPON MOTION OF GEORGE POST, SECONDED BY MIKE TRONOLONE AND ALL PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR, THE NOVEMBER MINUTES WERE APPROVED 4-0.

The Members welcomed Councilman Jared Guess as the new Town Board Liaison to the W & S Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Civil Service Exam – Superintendent Butler was notified on December 23, 2021 that he had passed the civil service exam.

Confined Space Equipment – Equipment had been purchased.

Connelly Interceptor Inspection – Doug DeKoskie mentioned previously that smoke testing had been performed. Mike Dauner stated that the interceptor had been visually inspected and several manhole covers were required but nothing inside had been addressed and the line had not been inspected to his knowledge. Fred Cook had previously conducted work and could possibly be contracted for future camera inspection. Superintendent would like to revisit in the Spring and obtain quotes from engineering firms.

Water Bills – Bills had been issued on January 3, 2022. Superintendent had worked with previous Superintendent to become familiar with the process and all information is on Flex Bill. Trainings is needed to effectively use the system and Superintendent Butler was contacting a representative to provide instruction for more efficient use of the system (the process currently eats up a lot of time). Harris Solutions would provide instruction for a fee and Superintendent would like to look at options.

New Business:

Mike Foreman's report (annexed hereto) and made a part hereof.

UCDOH Water Flow Report – Provided – nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Flexibill – Last reading needs to be prepared for sellers for closing. When sales occur at the end of the billing cycle, new owner is not charged for prior owner’s usage. Final bills could be created through Flexibill and training was available for final billing at a cost of \$175.00 per hour. Superintendent was coordinating training with Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk. Superintendent looking to schedule training at a later date for others.

Badger Beacon training – Scheduled for late February 2022.

Job Vacancy - 7 applications had been received and listing had been taken off social media. Interviews with standardized questions would be conducted with all applicants by Mike Dauner and Superintendent Nick Butler no later than January 18, 2022. Results of initial interviews would be forwarded to the Town Supervisor and Board.

Rapid Pump – Quote for gates at the water plant had been received by Rapid Pump – approximately \$10,000.00. Raw H2O was coming directly from Hudson River and should be fixed as soon as possible since it directly effected and hindered the production of water supply. Mike Dauner stated that he highly recommended Rapid Pump which has previously saved monies for past services. Superintendent would contact Rapid Pump to see what supply chain would look like and what materials would be available 2-3 months from now. March/April 2022 would be the time to move on making selection and requesting approval from the Town.

American Shoring Trench Box – Quotes were needed. Loose soil created an issue and looking for trench boxes to address safety concerns. Esopus had an old box which was not user friendly, approximately 5’ high and could be re-certified for approximately \$7,800.00. A new Trench Box could be purchased for approximately \$10,200.00 that was 12’ high and operated hydraulically which would be more cost effective. The different options would be provided and the Board was asked what was its preference. Additional quotes were requested.

Wurts Street Bridge - \$200.00 per month was being billed and received for the equipment rental fee.

Water & Sewer Contractual Accounts via Quicken – Superintendent using program for vouchers (didn’t mirror Town’s Bookkeeper’s records exactly).

Motion to approve vouchers – Upon Motion of Member Post, seconded by Member Mulligan, all in favor – motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Member Tronolone, seconded by Member Mulligan. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Dated: February 5, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Mance, Secretary
Approved: April 12, 2022

Port Ewen Water /Sewer District
Monthly Field Report

January 2022


- Markouts
- Took (5) BAC samples
- Took Sewer Sample
- Checked all generators at pump stations
- Cleaned /organized garage. Cleaned trailer and tools
- Assist in covering shifts at water plant
- Received material deliveries (repair sleeves, couplings, pipe) /restocking material
- Cut pipe for repair pieces
- Picked up new jumping jack tamper and put into service
- Cold patched water break sites as needed.
- Snow plowing /shoveling from storms
- Performed final water inspection and meter install at 206 Tilden St.
- Met with several customers regarding high water bills and completed meter history extraction on water meters. Provided to Nick for follow up.
- Winterized several hydrants
- Performed general maintenance at all pump stations
- Completed Confined Space Entry Program paperwork and reviewed with employees
- Leak tested propane system at water garage for possible leak.
- Assisted with prospective employee interviews
- Performed several emergency service calls for frozen services during the month.
- **On January 15th, 2022 with NY Rural Water, Mike and Andy performed a leak detection survey of the entire system due to leak in system in unknown locations. First time in fifteen years this has been done. Found two frozen hydrants with active leak, multiple hydrants with valve leak by – all shut off. Found a unknown leak at Iron Mountain. Spoke later with Operations Manager who acknowledged they have had a leak there for ten plus years never notifying water department. Taking steps now to have matter corrected.**
- Contracted with Ulster Excavating to repair two water breaks due to in house crews working multiple hours to repair breaks and cover plant due to water loss. Contractor was supervised by PEWD Foreman during repair work.
- Performed valve inspection of all valves isolated during water breaks to ensure they are fully on.
- Installed new thermostats at water garage
- Shut off water to 108 1st St for water leak. Replaced meter base and turned water back on.
- Re-read several water meters for high reading
- Met with owner of 399 Broadway regarding damaged driveway from water break. Temporarily cold patched top of driveway and forwarded info to Nick.
- Milton Cat performed service on all generators
- Standpipe gauge stopped working due to issue with Verizon underground service line. From 1/22/2022 until 2/2/2022, crews went to standpipe twice a day to read standpipe level manually.
- Leak detected near MHVFCU for possible water leak at request of Verizon – nothing found.
- Shoveled fire hydrants from storms
- Performed storm cleanup
- Assisted with service issue at 347 James St in Connelly Terrace.
- Thawed out two frozen fire hydrants and placed back into service.

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- Repaired and mapped out water service to vacant lot on Park Lane
- Cleaned grease from North Broadway Pump Station with Busy Bee Septic. Sewer spoon broken and purchased replacement for contractor.
- Received quote for new pump at Connelly P/S. Working on obtaining three quotes.
- Troubleshooting billing and Badger system.
- Met with Busy Bee Septic to quote pumping out debris at Canal St P/S to floor.
- Repaired fire hydrant on Connelly Rd used by bridge contractors.

Water Breaks

1. 1/5/2022 – 127 East Stout Ave – 6" Ring Crack
2. 1/9/2022 – 354 Broadway – 10" Hub
3. 1/14/2022 – 127 East Stout Ave – 6" Hub (approx. 100' from 1/5 break)
4. 1/16/2022 – 177 West Stout Ave – 6" Ring Crack
5. 1/16/2022 – East Stout & Hoyt St – 6" Hub
6. 1/16/2022 – 177 West Stout Ave – 6" Ring Crack (10' away from last)
7. 1/16/2022 – 133 Broadway – 6" Ring Crack
8. 1/17/2022 – 161 Broadway – 6" Ring Crack (**Organtini repaired**)
9. 1/17/2022 – 399 Broadway – 6" Hub (**Organtini repaired**)
10. 1/18/2022 – 227 Park Lane – 6" Ring Crack and 3/4" service repair
11. 1/19/2022 – 182 Hasbrouck Ave – 6" Ring Crack

Signature: 

Mike Dauner

Foreman

2/8/2022