

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

January 11, 2017

Open Meeting / Flag Salute / Certification

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with regards to notices, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamburg Board of Public Works is called to order at 7:10 p.m., January 11, 2017.

Roll Call

Present: Bob Krysiak, Chris Fitzpatrick, Vinnie Busteed, Bob Baumgartner, Pat Berado, Casey Frayko, Mayor Marino

Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Mike Schneider, Jerry Kastner, Councilman Garrett

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to approve the November 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to approve the November 2, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. All in favor.

Individual Cases

Mayor Marino stated that this years' budget will need the State approval; last year it was self-examination. He mentioned to Mr. Kastner to go ahead with the projects as the water budget was in good shape and there would not be an increase with the water and sewer rates this year. Mr. Kastner is coming up with a new 5 year plan that will not require bonding for any of the projects. Mayor Marino also stated this Board was doing a good job with preventive maintenance also.

Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to open the meeting to Water Superintendent Jerry Kastner and Road Dept. Foreman Mike Schneider. All in favor.

Sewer Flows from SCMUA – November 2016

Mr. Kastner relayed that even though our flows were low for the 2016 year, a letter was received from SCMUA that Hamburg would owe additional charges on the annual charges. He stated that the additional charges did not come from the flows.

Employment Contract:

The following employment contracts were presented for approval:

Gerald Kastner Water Superintendent- \$7702.24 annual salary

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to approve the contract of Gerald Kastner as Water Superintendent at \$7702.24 annual salary. All in favor.

Gerald Kastner Collection System Licensed Operator -\$1082.12 monthly salary

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Pat Berado to approve the contract of Gerald Kastner as Collection System Licensed Operator at \$1082.12 monthly salary. All in favor.

Michael Schneider Assistant Chief Transmission System Operator and Plant Attendant - \$541.06 monthly salary

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Pat Berado to approve Michael Schneider as Assistant Chief Transmission System Operator and Plant Attendant at \$541.06 monthly salary. All in favor.

Chris Fitzpatrick questioned Jerry Kastner about the dollar amount on the contracts with Mr. Kastner replying that Hamburg pays him for the licenses that he holds, adding that it is approximately \$20,000.00 annually for

10 hours a week for six licenses.

Chris Fitzpatrick questioned Mike Schneider about the dollar amount on his W2 for the town and Mr. Schneider replied approximately \$50,000.00.

Old Business/New Business

Leak Detection Program

Jerry Kastner stated the leak detection has been completed. Mr. Schneider worked at night with the contractor. There were approximately a dozen items found and some have already been addressed. Mr. Kastner stated he can already notice a difference with the reports he is receiving.

One report the he does get – the unaccounted for water – 15% is acceptable with 20% a State violation – is a report that he will be getting shortly and will report on those findings at the February meeting.

Booster Station

The new generator was started and it ran the fire pump. The diesel fire pump is now off-line and can be removed. The contractor will now bring in the new electric fire pumps. At this point, we are half way through the project and should be completed in the next two months.

Public Portion

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Sid Crum – Fire Dept Treasurer – questioned his water bill last quarter of 174,000 gallons. He stated that the department just spent \$12,000.00 to re-do the sinks and toilets at the pavilion so he cannot understand how they could have such a high water bill of \$452.00 when it usually runs less than \$80.00. At the present time, the meter has been taken out and Mr. Schneider will replace it in the spring and then we will wait a quarter to get the readings. Mayor Marino suggested putting the bill on hold.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to put the bill for the Fire Dept. for the pavilion on hold until the new meter is in and a reading is taken. All in favor.

Daniel Soriano – 31 Heritage Lane – had a high reading of 187 when the readings are usually around 30. The meter was changed the last week of December. The Board did not have any paperwork to view. Regina Flammer will look into this. Mr. Soriano will come back after one quarter after there is a meter reading.

Merrill Wettasinghe - Heritage Village – stated he bought the property last October and put in two washing machines as a service to the 17 tenants and only they have access keys to the laundry room. Mr. Wettasinghe brought paperwork to show water usage for the machines. He was advised that Hamburg follows SCMUA's rate chart for usage for a laundry, charging 2.5 EDUs per machine, and since he has two, he was being charged the five EDUs. He would like Hamburg to not charge him for the machines, saying that it is not an actual laundromat. He added that the tenants do not have washers in their apartments. Councilman Garrett stated that then we would have to police the situation, which this should not be on the Borough to do so. Mayor Marino suggested that the rent be raised an additional \$20.00 per month per unit to cover the costs. Mr. Wettasinghe was given a number for SCMUA to discuss the situation with them as he was not satisfied with the answers given by the board.

Mike Schneider – thanked Board members for approving his contract for another year.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Pat Berado to close to the public. All in favor.

Correspondence

SCMUA Adopted FY2017 Rate Schedule

SCMUA Sewage Treatment Services - Charges

Bill list

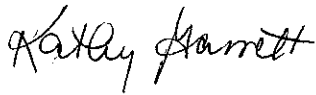
Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to close to Jerry Kastner and Mike Schneider. All in favor.

Adjournment

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 2/8/17

Minutes Released 2/8/17



Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary