

**HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING**

**March 8, 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 7:00 pm, March 8, 2017.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Kathy Garrett, John Ruschke, Mike Schneider, Jerry Kastner, Regina Flammer, Councilman Garrett

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to approve the February 8, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Pat Berado to approve the February 8, 2017 Executive Session Minutes. All in favor.

**Individual Cases**

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to open to Individual Cases. All in favor.

**117 Falcon Ridge Way – request for payment extension**

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Pat Berado to grant a payment extension to the resident on his bill until the end of March. The current bill, which will have a due date of April 15<sup>th</sup>, the resident will pay half by that date and the balance by the end of April, bringing him current. All members present were in favor.

**951/2 Hillside Dr. – request for payment extension**

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to grant a payment extension to the resident on his bill until Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at which time he will pay in full. The current bill, due by April 15<sup>th</sup>, should be paid on time in April. All members present were in favor.

**Disconnect List – will be given out meeting night**

There are 31 residents on the disconnect list.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Pat Berado to open the meeting to John Ruschke. All in favor.

**130 Route 23 – request for EDU**

Property owner James V. Vallila submitted a letter authorizing his secretary Debra Caruso to speak on his behalf of requesting an EDU for this property. He is the owner of 130 Rt. 23, a single family home and would like to convert it into a 2 unit rental, commercial and / or residential, therefore asking for another EDU. It is presently zoned highway commercial. Mr. Ruschke did not foresee a problem with this, stating that the town would encourage the growth. Ms. Caruso understands there would be an additional connection fee should this be approved.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to grant one additional EDU to 130 Route 23.

Mayor Marino stated this would be contingent on site plan approvals from the Land Use Board and the Mayor and Council.

All Board members present in favor.

**Merrill Wettasinghe -Heritage Village**

Mr. Ruschke addressed the Board and Mr. Wettasinghe regarding the EDU situation at Heritage Village. He stated that in 2015, a resolution was granted from the Board during the Planning Board stages, for DEP regulations for commercial uses, for tenants, etc. This resolution would have certain stipulations and regulations on it that the Planning Board would require. The BPW would not re-evaluate the EDUs should anything change on the development. Any change in use would require a site plan approval and Mr. Ruschke added that he should have been billed for 36 EDUs from the beginning. He currently has 35 EDUs. Mr. Kastner and Mr. Schneider did a walk-through of the property units, noting that some units have been combined. Mr. Ruschke advised that just because these were combined does not necessarily mean that the EDU amount changes. Mr. Wettasinghe would have to go to the Planning Board to resolve the site plan approval (note: prior property owner was in the process of resolving the EDU amounts according to the existing / proposed floor plan). Mr. Ruschke reiterated #1- site plan and #2- account number - both of these items need to be deferred to the Land Use Board to straighten out and then return to BPW to see if EDUs are able to be adjusted.

Mr. Ruschke did inform Mr. Wettasinghe that he would assist him to start the process. Mr. Wettasinghe thanked everyone for their time and help.

**Billing Issue**

A billing issue that was discussed was one meter that services several units. Each unit on that meter needs to be billed at a minimum bill at least, depending on the water usage, plus EDU. Regina Flammer will have to look at this and make sure units are being billed correctly.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to close to Individual Cases. All in favor.

**Old Business/New Business****Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent****Sewer Flows from SCMUA – November 2016-January 2017**

Mr. Kastner stated our sewer flows were approximately 10% higher due to the snow and rain melts, which is not a problem as we are still recovering from a drought situation.

**Booster Station**

Mr. Kastner stated the generator service is completed. When asked about the moveable generator, Mr. Kastner said it can be hardwired in at any of our locations. A connection can be put in at crucial areas for approximately \$3000.00 per connection. He can get some quotes to do the wiring.

**Generators**

The generators performed well during the power outage; there were a few issues with some power outages 10 days ago but all ran ok. Minor items such as hoses and other minor things are needed that Mike Schneider will get quotes on.

**Public Portion**

No public in attendance.

**Correspondence**

Bill list – will be emailed when ready

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Pat Berado to close to John Ruschke, Jerry Kastner, and Mike Schneider. All in favor.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Casey Frayko to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 5/10/17

Minutes Released 5/10/17

*Kathy Garrett*

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BPW Secretary