

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2023

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 p.m., May 10, 2023 with a flag salute.

Roll Call

Present: Ron Garrett, Pat Berado, Vinnie Busteed, Bob Krysiak, Mayor Krasnomowitz

Also present: Kathy Garrett, Regina Flammer, Alec Yanish, John Ruschke, John Perry

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Pat Berado to approve the April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

All members present in favor.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to approve the April 12, 2023 Executive Session Minutes.

All members present in favor.

Executive Session

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Pat Berado to enter into Executive Session. All members present in favor.

29 Circle Drive

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to return to the Regular Meeting. All members present in favor.

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Pat Berado to accept the payment arrangement made of 29 Circle Drive, that a payment of half of the bill due would be made on May 11th with the remainder to be made by the end of May. All members present in favor.

Individual Cases

Regina Flammer

Accurate Forming Water Charges

Regina did get some readings from the new meter that was installed at Accurate Forming and although she is unsure of what did happen, the owner will receive a credit on his bill. She will not issue a refund but will leave the credit and by the end of the year, Accurate will only own the Borough approximately \$2000.00.

Accurate will not receive neither a water nor sewer bill till the December billing.

John Ruschke also added that if Accurate is going to change his EDU amount, it is on them to do so with the State.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Bob Krysiak to accept the plan that Regina has come up with for Accurate Forming with regards to billing, that a quarterly charge will be subtracted from the outstanding total that is now on their bill and will continue until the December billing, until, at the time of the December billing, the remaining number will be the amount that will be owed by Accurate Forming for the quarter.

Roll call showed all members present in favor.

Water Disconnections

There were 40 residences on the disconnect list for non-payment of the water bill, 14 of those were still left to turn off and some of the 40 were empty residences. Some of the residents came in to pay, wanting their water turned on the same day.

Water/Sewer Ordinances Review

There is a discrepancy on the water bill notices that Regina sends out -with the due date and billing date, that does not coincide with the ordinances and the water and sewer ordinance do not mirror each other with regards

to billing. This will be corrected and sent to the Attorney for an ordinance change and then sent to Council. Regina also advised members the Liliwop plan from the State started up again to give residents assistance with their bills. The next application date is in September.

Regina also mentioned stretching out disconnections until residents are two quarters behind instead of one. Members disagreed and said that could bring on more trouble for the residents and their wanting to make payment plans, etc.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Bob Krysiak to open the meeting to the professionals. All members present in favor.

Engineer / Water Superintendent Report

Sewer flows – January -March 2023 – John Perry took these flows and made a comparison chart -showing daily flows for water and sewer which were very consistent for the three months and the water pump rates with the daily sewer flows – the water pump rates were higher than the sewer flows – Hamburg drinks / uses more water!

LimeKiln Sewer Station

The Council passed Resolution #2023-55- authorizing an emergency pump purchase at the Limekiln pump station. This has been ordered with an 8–10-week delivery time frame and will be deducted from Coppola’s contract for rebuilding the Quarry Road pump Station as the contract says each pump station will receive a new pump.

Booster Station Control Panel

North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC

Tam Enterprises

After discussion, two more quotes will be sought to finalize the booster station control panel update.

Pipe material in Mains – Map attached

John Ruschke construed the map to show what year and what the mains were made of. The newer mains are not galvanized or lead, but the older ones John is unsure of. Residential homes also need to change out their galvanized lines but it can be quite costly to the homeowner. John also stated that there is a survey that can be sent home to residents / or be put into the newsletter for them to answer online about this. This was done in one of his towns and about 30% of the residents did respond. But the responses could also give an idea of the sections / areas where there are galvanized lines. Also, if the homeowner does not want to do the work, we can do it and charge him for it.

Email from John Perry re: Water Violation #39742

John Perry informed the board that the violation notice was from Well #1A – 3 notices were sent and he will now call them in an attempt to straighten out the matter. The other violation notice was from when he was out sick and a coliform sample was not sent in; it has since been updated. There are no other outstanding notices.

Lift Stations Cleaning

Alec presented two new proposals for the cleaning of the lift stations. Champion Environmental Services presented a proposal totaling \$4055.00 while Tam Enterprises presented estimate #4712 totaling \$4210.00. No overtime should be needed.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bob Krysiak to accept the estimate from Tam Enterprises for the pump station cleaning and disposal, estimate #4712, not to exceed \$4500.00. Roll call showed all members present in favor.

Well 1A

John Perry and Alec will go through the control systems to see if they work and backwash the well to see if it really does work. John will also be checking for the chemical POAF, and if not present, it will be a good positive sign.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Pat Berado to close to the professional. All members present in favor.

Public Portion

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busted to open the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

Wendy Brick – will be taking over as BPW Secretary. Ron Garrett mentioned that this may be Kathy’s last meeting if there is not a meeting in June as she is retiring mid-June. Kathy also thanked her board members and professionals for all the dedication they have given to this board throughout many, many years that she has been the secretary.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busted to close to the public. All members present in favor.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Motion by Pat Berado, second by Bob Krysiak to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. All members present in favor.

Date approved 7/12/2023

Date released _____

Wendy Brick
Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary Wendy Brick