

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 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., November 1, 2023 with a flag salute.

Roll Call: Chairman Ron Garrett, Pat Berado and Paul Marino were in attendance. Absent: Vinnie Busteed, Bob Krysiak, John Moeckel and Mayor Krasnomowitz. Also present: Wendy Brick, Regina Flammer, Councilman Haig, John Perry, Alec Yanish and John Ruschke, PE.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Marino, second by Berado to approve the October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. All eligible members in favor including Chairman Garrett.

Executive Session: Motion at 7:02 p.m. by Marino, second by Berado to enter Executive Session with all members present in favor.

Motion at 7:07 p.m. by Marino, second by Berado to resume the regular meeting agenda with all members present in favor.

Motion by Marino, second by Berado with all members present to extend the payment term for 59 Route 23 to November 9, 2023. Cash payment of \$262.57 required on that date.

Regina Flammer sent out 400 turnoff notices to property owners. She discusses the turn off list which includes a total of 114 properties both residential and commercial. The turnoff date would be November 7, 2023. Board discussion as to the increased number of notices and potential mail delay issues.

Motion by Marino, second by Berado with all members present in favor of suspending turnoffs and sending a second notice.

At 7:20 p.m., a motion is made by Haig, second by Marino with all members present in favor to open the meeting to Alec Yanish. Yanish discusses the meter reading issues and the cell service and internet issues. The signal search drains the meter's lithium battery. The meters located on the exterior of the properties are not experiencing the issue. Units are being replaced if they have dead batteries. Board discussion regarding the contract with the company. Ruschke to contact the company.

Engineer / Water Superintendent Report:

At 7:29 p.m., a motion is made by Haig, second by Marino with all members present in favor of opening the meeting to John Ruschke, PE and John Perry.

Perry informs the Board that he will inform the DEP that Well 1A is inactive. Brief discussion on Dupont Class Action suit.

Yanish updates the Board on the water leak at the Post Office which has been resolved after three weeks. 500-1,000 gallons were lost in that leak.

Yanish discusses the recent water main break at Weichert located where the road was recently paved by the State. The break was repaired. He suggests that the main be moved. Discussion on getting quotes for a truck and checking with surrounding towns to share services for the truck.

Yanish discusses the Limekiln Road culvert. The depths of the force main need to be confirmed. The work should take one week. Ruschke indicates that the DEP permits have strict timeframes to complete the work.

Yanish informs the Board that electrical permits applications are being finalized for the Limekiln Road sewer station. The work should be completed this month. The Quarry Road pump station should be up this month.

Quotes submitted by Wind River Environmental (\$3,300-\$3,500) and TAM Enterprises (approximately \$5,600) are discussed.

Motion made by Marino, second by Berado to send the Wind River Environmental quote to the Council for review and action with all members present in favor.

Discussion on the sewer flows which are lower compared to prior years.

Discussion on preventative testing which is not needed.

Board discussion on hardship cases as they relate to the recent water main break and water turnoffs and the sample form used by a utility company. Hardship appeals could be filed. Reverse 9-1-1 notifications could be utilized.

Correspondence:

No comments on the correspondence.

Public Portion:

There are no members of the public in attendance.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Berado, second by Marino to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Brick
Secretary to the Board of Public Works