

**HAMBURG BOROUGH
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 11, 2011

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act with regard to notification of the meeting of the Hamburg Board of Public Works was called to order by Vice -Chairman Jerry Truppi at 7:30 PM. Certification of proper notification was given by the Vice-Chairman.

Roll Call: Jerry Truppi, Robert Krysiak, Ron Garrett, Chris Fitzpatrick, Maria Marino,
Dan Shane, Mayor Marino
Also Present: John Ruschke, Jerry Kastner, Mike Schneider
Absent: Kathy Garrett

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to approve the minutes of April 13, 2011 Regular meeting. All in favor. Maria Marino abstained.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Bob Krysiak to approve the minutes of April 13, 2011 Executive Session meeting. All in favor. Maria Marino abstained.

Individual Cases

No Individual Cases

Hatch Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Maria Marino to open the meeting to John Ruschke and Jerry Kastner. All in favor.

Falcon Ridge -Mr. Ruschke informed the Board that the Falcon Ridge sewer interconnection project work on the Board of Education property has been started. Work on tunneling under the railroad should start next week and will take around one week to complete. Of the 900' of piping to be laid, 750' of it has been completed. Once the tunneling has been done, the rest of the pipe will be installed, hooking up to the pump station, which will then eliminate that station.

Heritage Lakes is active with providing shop drawings for the pump station rehabilitation. The contractor has not started yet, but once he does, Mr. Ruschke stated that the project will go quickly.

Orchard Street project is moving ahead slowly, with the contractor, John Garcia Construction, dragging his feet but not yet in breach of contract so we do not need to take any action on our part as of yet. John did receive a call from SCMUA regarding a right-a-way and not receiving notice or drainage drawings about the work that was being done. He will contact them and discuss the situation with them.

Well 1A –

Mr. Kastner has been trained by the manufacturer of this well and although it is complicated, as it is a treatment process, he understands it better now and is licensed to run it. He has done an analysis of the water there and it is good, with the iron levels being down, no coliform, along with other minerals. Jerry spoke to John and said he wants to move on getting the permit from the State to get ownership of the well. His ultimate goal is to alternate Well 1A and Well 3 and will keep the cost minimum to get it on line to communicate with each other. Jerry will be working with a contractor to get the right telemetry at a good cost to get this on line with the other wells. John said now we have to keep on the contractor to finish with the punch list items. They are waiting on the DEP with the permit as the well is ready to go.

Maintenance Programs

The DEP is pushing for maintenance programs for generators, etc. and we are in good shape except for the water tanks. Jerry would like to show the DEP that we are working on it by doing the water tanks by sending in the divers to clean the inside of the tanks and also power washing the outside. John suggests doing the outside this year and the inside next year; this would be the plan to show the DEP that we are working on it and Jerry is comfortable with this. Mike Schneider said that he only received one other estimate for this project. Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to approve the estimate of \$5400.00 of Mountain View Landscaping & Construction for the power washing of the 3 water towers, remove mildew stains and apply mildew inhibitor, all labor, machines, and materials needed to complete job is included.

DISCUSSION

Jerry Kastner said that this contractor has been used in the past work in the town. Mayor Marino suggested approving this so in case we do not have a meeting in June and the DPW gets caught up with their other work they could move ahead with this project. All in favor.

This will go to the Council for approval at their June meeting.

Water Main Replacement Route 23

Mr. Ruschke hopes to have the drawings done shortly so this project can go out to bid. The entire project consists of approximately 1400' of pipe and should take around 2-3 weeks. All pipes replaced will be new up to the curb stop where the homeowner takes over.

Water Flows

Some of the flows are high, especially in March. At the moment we will just watch them, as our annual average is still alright. The flows are anticipated to come back up, once the economy comes back, the industry will come back, etc. so Mr. Ruschke said we still need to be cautious.

Meter Replacement Program

As of May 4th, 16 repair letters were sent out, with 7 residents responding and meter repairs completed. Nine second notices will be going out to these residents. Regina Flammer will be sending out the next set of letter around May 16th. Mike said that he is running into some problems with the installation of the meters or not being able to wire the remotes for some strange reasons. For the most part, it is going well.

Leak Detection

Jerry stated that one major leak has already been detected in the booster zone. The contractor was called in on a Friday and by Monday the leak was repaired. Although he doesn't have any numbers, Mr. Kastner knows that this leak was substantial and it made an impact on our system. The leak detection program is still ongoing and the company is notifying him if and when a leak is detected. We will receive a report when the work is completed.

CCR Report

Jerry Kastner said that he emailed Kathy Garrett the 2011 CCR report to be distributed to all residents by the June 30th deadline.

9 Holly Drive – water leak

Mike Schneider sent a letter to this resident as a water leak was found on her property from the leak detection project. At the moment the homeowner, a single mom is fighting with the insurance company who is stating that they will not pay for the repair. She called Kathy Garrett and said at the moment she does not have the \$3000.00 estimate to fix the problem. Board discussed the situation and a second letter will be sent stating that although the Board is sympathetic to her situation, the water leak is the homeowners' responsibility and she needs to repair it.

Glenside and Woodland

Chris Fitzpatrick said that there was an active sump pump that runs constantly all year long. In the winter there is an accumulation of ice on the roadway and this also affects the condition of the road. Mike said that he knew of the situation, spoke to the home owner and stated that he was going to put in a small catch basin. He is hoping to have this done by the fall.

Water / Sewer Ordinances

Mayor Marino stated that we have received a 26 % increase from SCMUA and so according to the advice of the CFO and auditors, the Council decided to raise the water and sewer rates by 5%. These have not gone up in many years, and as much as he did not want to have them go up, Mayor Marino said that the system needs to be maintained and updated and instead of hitting the homeowner with a huge increase, the Council decided to raise it 5% for the year at this time. The 5 Year Plan will be useful for the maintenance of the system along with the meter repairs bringing in more revenue also. Jerry Truppi said that with the raising of the rates the Board will see a lot more people in here to make payment plans as this raise in the rates will be a hardship on them. Hamburg has the lowest rates of the surrounding towns.

Silver Fox

Board discusses the amount of water-turnoffs in the Falcon Ridge development and not being able to turn them off for non-payment of the water bill as they are in a bankruptcy situation. After much discussion, motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Maria Marino to ask Attorney Clemack if there is any action the water board can take to pursue the payment of the water / sewer bills.

Roll Call showed all members present in favor. Bob Krysiak abstained.

Estimated Bills

Regina asked if she could estimate bills for those who do not respond to the meter repair notices at 5000 gallons higher than their original bill. Although this does appeal to the Board and they believe it would be a way to get the attention of the resident, John cautions that there would be certain rules, regulations and procedures to follow and advises to contact the attorney before any action is taken.

78 Burlington Court

Board discussed the payment plan that was set up for this resident. A reminder letter will be sent for the \$50.00 a month payment or this resident will be asked to come before Board.

Correspondence

Payment plan letters - confidential

Memo from Regina Flammer re: minimum percentage of water charge

Adjournment

Motion by Ron Garrett, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 7/13/11

Minutes Released 7/13/11



Kathy Garrett
Secretary