

# HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 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 Chairman Ron Garrett at 7:33 PM. Certification of proper notification was given by the Chairman.

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

## **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dan Shane to approve the minutes of May 11, 2011 Regular meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to open the meeting to John Ruschke, Jerry Kastner, Mike Schneider, and Regina Flammer. All in favor.

## **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 is substantially complete. 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** – The contractor is scheduled to start within two weeks with the installation of the generator, switches, etc. Once he starts the project, it should be completed within one month.

**Orchard Street**- This project is also substantially complete, with mostly restoration and clean up to finish, along with one basin. Mr. Ruschke discussed paving and when he would recommend doing so. The roadway needs to settle, so he would recommend letting it settle for six months before paving, and stated that he will discuss this with the Council. Mayor Marino said that he would like to pave in the spring. Mr. Ruschke brought up complaints he received from two residents on Orchard, but contacted the contractor and the issues were taken care of or will be soon.

## **Well 1A –**

Mr. Kastner said that according to the DEP permit, a fence needs to be constructed around the well. Six companies were contacted for estimates but only one estimate was returned. For an 8' high, 10X10 fence with a gate, the estimate came in at \$1600.00. Mr. Kastner said a claim will be placed against the developer's performance bond.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dan Shane to approve said estimate of \$1600.00 for

the construction of the fence for Well 1A. All in favor.

### **Maintenance Programs**

Jerry Kastner and Mike Schneider said that the material, dirt and debris, around the outside of the water tanks is just about gone, and as there are only shovelfuls left, the Road Dept. personnel will take care of the remaining. The following week Mountain View Landscaping & Construction will come in and perform the approved power washing of the 3 water towers, including the removal of mildew stains and apply mildew inhibitor, all labor, machines, and materials needed to complete job are included at a cost of \$5400.00.

### **Water Main Replacement Route 23**

Mr. Ruschke said that the Borough Clerk should be advertising the project and once that is done, it should go quickly.

### **Lorterdan**

Mr. Ruschke said that the developer was not being responsive to finishing the project. There has been no new building there so he can understand the developer's position but believes the DEP needs to now be involved as to get the developer to finish the project.

### **2011 NJEIT Grant Roads**

The DOT approved the construction plans that were submitted so Mr. Ruschke said that hopefully the paving will start soon on the following roads: Gov. Haines, Urban Street, Prince Street, Limekiln, and Wishing Well Road.

### **Meter Replacement Program**

Mike informed the board that Badger Meter Co. is discontinuing the sale of the remote reads that the town uses. This will affect our whole town, and as we are in the middle of replacing defective meters now, Mike would recommend purchasing some meters until a decision is reached as to what new meter system we will be purchasing.

Regina informed the board that she sent out 20-25 letters in July and was waiting for responses. Since Regina has sent out the letters and the Board wants to continue with the replacement of meters and Mike stated that he only has 12 on hand and would like to have at least 50 meters on hand, it is necessary to order at least 38 of the meters. These meters cost approximately \$110.00 each.

Mike continues discussing converting the system to the radio reads at a cost of \$200.00 each, plus the computer system of approximately \$35,000.00. As the old meters go bad, they would be changed to the new system, so the town would not get hit with a huge bill.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to authorize the order of 38 meters to continue on with the replacement program. Mike Schneider is also authorized to look into the computer system and get prices on the touch meters. All in favor.

**Leak Detection**

Jerry informed the board that he had just received the leak detection report in his mail box today before the meeting so he had not any time to review the findings. He did report that there were 2-3 leak repairs done that made a 10% impact on the system already. He and John will review the findings and report next month.

**Booster Station**

The one remaining pump could not keep up when the sprinklers went on at 2 AM so the system went down. Jerry said that one pump started out being repaired but then ended up with both pumps being repaired at a cost of \$5900.00 but the rebuilt pumps should be good for approximately 3-5 years. One of the fire pumps still works off a generator.

**9 Holly Drive – water leak**

Ms. Sugar left a message with Kathy stating that the repair was being made and she (the homeowner) was disputing with the insurance company about payment of the bill. There was a possibility of it being hit by lightning. This would make a difference as to who pays for the project.

**Estimated Bills**

Regina asked Attorney Clemack if she could estimate bills for those who do not respond to the meter repair notices at 5000 gallons higher than their original bill, which would total to \$80.00 for the quarter, in addition to the sewer bill. Attorney Clemack stated that would be acceptable as long as they were notified.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to approve said action. All in favor.

**Payment Plans**

Regina discussed **37 Summit Ave**, a tenant, who hasn't paid since April 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$100.00. The owner did pay the 2010 charges to keep it off tax sale but there is still an outstanding balance of \$550.08.

The last payment received on **124 Heritage** was on June 1<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$50.00, leaving a balance of \$481.89.

**34 Hamilton Street** went on tax sale so everything is current.

**78 Burlington Court**

Regina stated that the payment plan for this address has been kept current at \$50.00 a month.

Regina asked the Board how they would like to handle the payment plans that did not stay current. She advised them that a new bill would be coming out, with turn-offs on August 11<sup>th</sup>, the day after the August meeting. This way, if someone would like to come before the Board they would be able to. At this time, no action will be taken against the individuals of the above payment plans.

**Block 20, Lot 2-Dr. Joe Territo-EDUs rescinded**

The project for Block 20 Lot 2, Dr. Joe Territo was discussed. Dr. Territo was granted final approval of 9 EDUs for block 20, lot 2 in January 2010 at the Mayor and Council meeting. This approval was granted for one year with a six month extension. Since Dr. Territo has not pursued any applications with Land Use or extensions with this Board, motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to rescind the 9 EDUs that was granted.

All in favor.

A letter will be sent to Dr. Territo stating above action.

**Individual Cases****25 Rt. 23, Mrs. Peter Torrance – water leak**

Mrs. Torrance discussed with the board that her water was turned off due to an oversight on her part and when it was turned off, it was paid the next day. What she did have a problem with was when the Road Dept. truck came, it parked on her front lawn, causing ruts in the lawn, when there was a driveway available. She would like to know what will be done about that. Mike Schneider said that he did not know why that happened but he will have his workers fix her lawn.

A leak was also detected on her property and Mrs. Torrance said that years ago the Borough fixed a similar situation as it is in a “grey area” between the property of the State, Borough, and homeowner. Even though Mrs. Torrance was informed that the town’s ordinances state that the homeowner is now responsible for anything past the curb stop, she believes that since the town fixed this problem once, and due to the fact that the Road Dept. truck was on her property, they should fix it again. She will discuss the situation with her husband and return in September.

Mr. Torrance also questioned the catch basin and concrete by her hedges on Orchard Street. Mr. Ruschke said they were just there temporarily and everything will be put back together as it was.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dan Shane to close to Individual Cases. All in favor.

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Dan Shane to close to the Professionals. All in favor.

**Public Portion**

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dan Shane to open to the public. All in favor.

Russell Law – Holly Drive – with regards to 9 Holly Drive and the water leak there, said he was speaking with the contractor and the insurance company was trying to determine if the line was hit by lightening. If it were then it would be covered by the insurance company.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Dan Shane to close to the public. All in favor.

**Correspondence**

Asbestos Monitoring Waiver Program for the Nine-Year Compliance Cycle 2011-2019

**Adjournment**

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.  
All in favor.

Date Approved 8/10/11

Minutes Released 8/10/11



Kathy Garrett  
Secretary