

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2012

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 7:40 PM. Certification of proper notification was given by the Chairman.

Roll Call: Chris Fitzpatrick, Jerry Truppi, Bob Krysiak, Maria Marino, Mayor Marino
Absent: Ron Garrett, Dan Shane
Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Councilman Kelly, Ron Piccolo, Jerry Kastner, Mike Schneider

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011 Regular meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to open to Individual Cases. All in favor.

Individual Cases – Executive Session

14 Gov. Haines St. – revised payment plan needed – was not able to attend due to illness. She was able to send in a \$200.00 payment and advised Kathy Garrett that she definitely will attend the February meeting and will be sending more money in before that.

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to close to Individual Cases. All in favor.

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Bob Krysiak to open to the Professionals. All in favor.

****Ron Garrett arrived at 7:47 PM**.**

Mr. Garrett took the Oath of Allegiance and took his place at the dais.

Regular Agenda is suspended to finish the Re-organization Agenda

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to nominate Ron Garrett to serve as Chairman. As there were no other nominations, all Board Members present in favor.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Maria Marino to nominate Jerry Truppi to serve as Vice-Chairman. As there were no other nominations, all Board Members present in favor.

Hatch Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent

Mr. Ron Piccolo of Hatch Mott gives an overview of the 5 Year Plan for the Borough. On page 10 of the report is a summary of the capital improvements implementation plan that Hatch Mott is proposing. The total overall cost of the 5 Year Plan is \$1,083,000.00. The I/I (Inflow and Infiltration) work has been started when the major leak was found on Rt. 94 and Lawrence Street of 100,000 gallons. That accounts for the spike in our sewer flows. This could be from the crazy weather we have been having: the hurricane, earthquake, and tremendous amount of rain. \$50,000.00 was approved by the Mayor and Council to begin the work. This is the wettest fall and summer on record. SCMUA flows in general are up 22%, with Hamburg's flows up at 29%. The cracked pipe on Rt. 94 had stones in the bottom of it, with a small geyser coming up. Jerry Kastner said that Mr. Ruschke would like to start tomorrow to clean the pipe and examine it. He will come back with a camera to decide what the best course of action is and have more information for the next meeting.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Maria Marino to continue with the cleaning and report back to the

Council. All in favor.

Jerry Truppi questioned the \$30,000.00 that was allocated for the installation of new water meters and wondered if that were enough. Mike Schneider stated that each complete set-up for the touch pad meter is \$140.00 and approximately 100 are installed a year. Ron Garrett questioned the \$80,000.00 that BPW would be paying for the purchase of a new back hoe and wondered if that should be a Council purchase. Mike said that it would be used for the excavation of water leaks, etc.

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Chris Fitzpatrick to recommend to the Mayor and Council to approve the 5 Year Plan for The Borough of Hamburg as submitted by Hatch Mott MacDonald. All in favor.

Mr. Piccolo informed the board that Orchard Street paving will be in the spring and the road resurfacing project (the 5 affected roads) will also be in the spring.

Heritage Lakes Sewer Pump Station Improvements

Mr. Piccolo stated that the construction phase of the project is complete. The contractor is now working on the punch list.

Well #1A Permit

Mr. Kastner stated that the DEP has not issued the permit yet but he is hopeful that he will have it within 30 days. There are still issues with the clubhouse and pool and he is not able to report to the State yet with a monitoring schedule.

Sewer Flows

Mr. Kastner is in touch with Mr. John Nugent at SCMUA with regards to our sewer flows, who is glad to hear that we are pro-active with our sewer flows. When asked about the penalty that SCMUA imposes when we exceed the amount of flow put through the system, Jerry did not believe we would exceed the penalty figure. He stated that we caught the leak early enough plus it is early in the year.

Rt. 23 Water Main

Ron Garrett asked about the water main replacement project on Rt. 23 and the progress of that project. Mr. Piccolo was unsure of the status and would find out. He believed it was going out to bid.

Meter Replacements

Mike Schneider said that they are working on digging up the broken curb stops but it is going slow. They do the replacement of meters, find more broken, so it is an endless list. He does feel like they are making some progress.

Fireman's Pavilion

Mayor Marino brought up the use of water at the Fireman's Pavilion. He said that Recreation and the Road Dept. use it and the Fire Dept. is having monetary problems with their budget. Since we do use it, he would like to propose to waive the bills. Councilman Kelly asked if they charge rent for functions. Mayor Marino replied yes but that they are still having the monetary problems. Chris Fitzpatrick would like to waive the fees. Jerry Kastner said that the board is able to waive the fees but he would still need to monitor the flow. Councilman Kelly wondered if the fees were waived if the flows would go higher. Mayor Marino mentioned then giving the Fire Dept. a discount. Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to give the Fire Dept. a 50% quarterly deduction on their water and sewer bill.

Bob Krysiak asked if there were a time frame on this and was answered no. Roll call showed all board members present in favor. Ron Garrett abstained.

R & J Control Inc.-generators

The board received information from this company requesting time to give a presentation on their product. Mr. Kastner stated that he is very happy with the current company Kraft, of which Mr. Schneider echoed his thoughts. Mr. Kastner said that he had service within two hours of the last major storm because we had the contract with them. He also requested that an email be sent to R & J Control stating that at this time we are not interested.

Chris Fitzpatrick asked about the contractor that was stealing water on Michael Court and the outcome of the situation. Mayor Marino and Councilman Kelly replied that Attorney Clemack was getting more information on the matter but that this would be hard to prove that the company caused the pipe on Rt. 23 to break; we would have to prove that they did it. Chris asked that Mr. Clemack be asked for next month's meeting.

Employment Contracts

Gerald Kastner presented his employment contract for Water Superintendent for the 2012 year. Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to recommend to the Mayor and Council to approve Gerald Kastner for the Water Superintendent for the Borough of Hamburg for the 2012 year. All in favor.

Gerald Kastner presented his employment contract for Chief Transmission Operator for the Borough of Hamburg for the 2012 year. Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to recommend to the Mayor and Council to approve Gerald Kastner as Chief Transmission Operator for the Borough of Hamburg for the 2012 year. All in favor.

An employment contact was presented for Michael Schneider for Assistant Transmission Operator and Plant Operator for the Borough of Hamburg for the 2012 year. Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to recommend to the Mayor and Council to approve Michael Schneider for the Assistant Transmission Operator and Plant Operator for the Borough of Hamburg for the 2011 year. All in favor.

The contracts will be submitted to Finance for the financial review and the 2% increase that Borough employees receive and then to the Mayor and Council at the February meeting for their approval.

Public Portion

None

Correspondence

SCMUA – Actual Annual Charge 2011; Quarterly Estimated Charge 2012

Adjournment

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 2/8/12

Minutes Released 2/8/12

Kathy Garrett
Secretary