

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2014

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 Jerry Truppi at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Jerry Truppi, Bob Krysiak, Vinnie Busted, Bob Baumgartner, Mayor Marino.
Absent: Chris Fitzpatrick.
Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Councilman Garrett, Gerald Kastner, Mike Schneider

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2014. All in favor.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bob Krysiak to open the meeting to Jerry Kastner. All in favor.

Hatch Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent
Sewer Flows- July and August 2014

Jerry Kastner was surprised that on July 5th and 6th there was a spike in the flows, showing there was a "flash flooding", the water coming thru the manhole covers. Mr. Kastner stated that this is just something to keep an eye on; our flows are very low and stable so there is no concern for now. Also, on May 1st, the flow chart is showing a spike, meaning severe rain.

Generator at Well #2

As John Ruschke has sent the "Notice to Bidders" in to the Borough for publication, Mr. Kastner said the bid opening is scheduled for November 13th. The total bid project is around \$100,000.00 for the generator, wiring and switches. Mayor Marino said that we could access the Capital Improvement Fund for the money but there may be money left over from the budget that we could use without having to touch the bond money. The Road Dept. will be doing the site work and the entire project will take approximately 180 days to complete. Jerry Kastner stated again the great shape the town is in with their generators and how this portable one will add to it, should one go down, being able to take this to that site, plug it in and everything would be up and running again.

Old Business/New Business

VersaProbe – Warranty Renewal

Members have the correspondence that was received regarding the renewal of the warranty for the Versa Probe wand for reading meters. Mr. Kastner reviewed the contract and recommended renewing the warranty, stating that the cost of \$311.00 was a small amount of insurance to pay for such a delicate instrument.

Motion by Jerry Truppi, seconded by Vinnie Busted to renew the warranty on the Versa Probe wand at a cost of \$311.00 for the year. All in favor.

DeBoers Auto Sewer Hook up

The DeBoer sewer line has been completed at a total cost of \$6719.81 and the resident is very pleased with the job.

NJ DEP

Mr. Kastner informed the Board that the NJ DEP came and performed the annual inspection and audit of his records and he believes it went well.

Generator Well #3

The generator transfer switch at well #3 is malfunctioning. It is 16 years old and is heavily used and is more cost effective to replace the part than the cost to repair it. Although Jerry is not laying blame, there are power surges at night and it could be the power company as they do a lot of work at night. The cost of the transfer switch is approximately \$10,000.00 due to the size of the generator. Should Mr. Kastner put a "band-aid" on it, this would cost around \$4-5,000.00 and only be a temporary solution. For the moment, Jerry wants to see it malfunction again before he takes any action on this.

Chris Fitzpatrick arrived at 7:55 PM.

SCMUA – Proposed FY2015 Rate Schedule Effective December 1, 2014

Jerry Kastner said that, although he just received the report today, the fees look good, and it seemed the energy rates remained the same.

Interlocal Connection

Councilman Ron Garrett discussed the interconnection between Hamburg and HTMUA water systems along Oak Street. Jerry Kastner brought to light many points for discussion when Hamburg and Hardyston meet. Although this is to be a temporary situation while Hardyston is painting their tanks, Mr. Kastner stated that there are portable tankers for this purpose. He stated that Hamburg is in a good situation right now, with three good working wells, and the Council and employees worked hard to get to this point. Should we hook up with Hardyston, the DEP will regulate both us and Hardyston more, requiring additional expenses to us. Some other concerns Mr. Kastner had included contamination in their system infiltrating ours; this may increase their firm capacity, increasing their development capabilities and then would we have to continue to supply water; would we be liable for any of the above?

Although the board members are aware that talks have not yet begun, a motion was made by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bab Baumgartner that this board is not in the position to approve the Shared Services with Hardyston regarding the Interconnection between Hamburg and Hardyston until more information is received. Roll call vote showed all members present in favor.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busted to close to Jerry Kastner and Mike Schneider. All in favor.

Public Portion

None in attendance

Correspondence

Notice: DEP – Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List Document and the Proposed Intended Use Plan for Super Storm Sandy
Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee Minutes

Adjournment

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 11/5/14

Minutes Released 11/5/14

Kathy Garrett

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Secretary