

**HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 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, Chris Fitzpatrick, Bob Baumgartner, Mayor Marino  
Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Regina Flammer, Councilman Garrett, Mike Schneider

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2014. All in favor.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Vinnie Busted to open the meeting to Individual Cases, Regina Flammer and Mike Schneider. All in favor.

**Individual Cases**

Board members have a seven (7) page list of outstanding unpaid water/sewer accounts. Regina Flammer explained to the Board that the list is not up to date as to who paid and who did not. She said that according to the letter she included with her delinquent notice, they had until Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to pay. As of Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, they would be charged the \$50.00 service fee for non-payment but we were not turning off due to the holiday and the short amount of time to do turnoffs.

The Board discussed turnoffs due to non-payment of water bills. Mayor Marino said that perhaps the \$50.00 is not enough of a deterrent. He is not quite sure what the answer would be but it is not fair to those who do pay. Residents are not taking this bill seriously! It is work on the office and road dept. staff. Councilman Garrett said that some really can't afford to pay and Regina said that she tells them to come in to set up a payment plan so they don't fall behind. She sends out letters with an explanation of this also but very few take advantage of this.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to make 50% of the bill the service fee should the resident become delinquent and the ordinance should reflect this change.

**DISCUSSION**

Jerry Truppi said that he hated to charge 50% of the bill for the people who can't pay their bill in the first place. Regina said that a lot of the people on the list are repeat residents but there are some that have set up a payment plan. Others have asked to set one up but never send back their signed copy. Mike Schneider stated that they know Mike said that many residents wait until they see the road dept. truck in front of their house and then rush down to pay.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to amend the motion to \$100.00 service fee for the first quarter, with \$200.00 for the second quarter, \$200.00 max.

Regina said that in March the weather is sometimes too cold to do shut offs so it may have to wait until May to do them.

All in favor.

This recommendation will go to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Garrett asked about the State law with regards to turn-offs, following their guidelines from November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. Not all towns follow the same guidelines but do continue to do shut offs all year long. With all the condos in town, Mr. Schneider advised against turning those off, causing damage to other units around them.

Mayor Marino asked about going with a monthly billing company, saying that years ago the Borough did have an outside company that did bill quarterly.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Jerry Truppi to look into a monthly billing company. All in favor.

**Hatch Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent  
Sewer Flows- September 2014**

The sewer flows look good, with a slight increase back in May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Generator at Well #2**

Councilman Garrett mentioned the bid opening for the generator at Well #2 is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

**Interlocal Connection**

Mayor Marino mentioned that there was a meeting with Hardyston and the engineers will meet and discuss the interconnection.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to close to Individual Cases, Regina Flammer and Mike Schneider. All in favor.

**Public Portion**

None in attendance

**Correspondence**

**Adjournment**

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 1/14/15

Minutes Released 1/14/15



Kathy Garrett  
Secretary