

**HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING**

February 11, 2015

Open Meeting / Flag Salute / Certification

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with regards to notices, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamburg Board of Public Works is called to order at 7:30p.m., February 11, 2015.

Roll Call

Present: Jerry Truppi, Bob Krysiak, Vinnie Busteded, Chris Fitzpatrick, Bob Baumgartner, Mayor Marino

Also Present: Kathy Garrett, John Ruschke, Jerry Kastner

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to approve the January 14, 2015 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to approve the January 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Individual Cases

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Jerry Truppi to open the meeting to the professionals and the Highlands Council. All in favor.

Margaret Nordstom, Christine Danis, and Casey Ezyske of the NJ Highlands Council

The representatives from the Highlands Council discuss with the Board that there are 16 parcels within the Borough that they need information on that are in a water deficit zone. Although these parcels may be exempt, we need to look at these, give them a report, and then the Highlands Council will decide where this goes. Mr. Ruschke stated that Bank Street, Falcon Ridge, the Mulvihill Farm, to name a few, are all single family homes, with no intense development, and we have enough water / sewer allocation to accommodate our build out. We have been watching it very closely. The question was raised about whether we would be able to develop these properties should the occasion arise. The representatives responded no, they just wanted to know about ground deficit if any; they were dealing with water conservation. They also thought it would be a great idea for all five towns, Vernon, Hardyston, Sparta, Franklin and Hamburg -- to be together at one time and talk. John Ruschke said that Sussex County sent over draft documents for review and said we will coordinate with the county, as we are looking to adopt a county plan.

Chris Fitzpatrick asked about density issues. They responded that Hamburg fell into an overlay within a deficit of the municipal plan.

Mayor Marino asked what the criteria was and they stated that according to the Land Use capability map, the water supply within that deficit and water conservation.

Mr. Ruschke said the ultimate goal is an approved wastewater management plan.

***Councilman Garrett arrived at 7:55 PM.

Mayor Marino reiterated that Hamburg lost allocation years ago, and now we are dealing with larger town and so he is skeptical that we will lose it again.

Chris Fitzpatrick stated that he would want them to be part of the process. The representatives said they don't control the allocation of a town, to which Mr. Fitzpatrick replied the DEP does, and you answer to the DEP. Councilman Garrett stated that he has attended the Water Quality meetings, and as interesting as they are, most of it does not pertain to Hamburg.

Ms. Danis will let us know when we are on the agenda for the SC Water Quality meetings. She asked that we submit the report as soon as we could.

The Board thanked them for their time and for attending.

Municipal Wastewater Management Chapters – Hamburg Borough

Mr. Ruschke stated that there are DEP regulations items for him to complete on this report. At one time it was on the town level, but is now on the county level. They are in the process of gathering information. Mr. Ruschke mentioned the low flows from Ames and Accurate Forming due to the economy also affecting them and their production. We will put this information on the report.

Hatch Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent Sewer Flows- December 2014

Mr. Ruschke stated that the sewer flows remain down and that all the infiltration work that was done on the system was a success. We will continue to monitor on a monthly basis.

Sanitary Survey & Water Allocation SCI-Water Supply Compliance Activity #SCII50001

Mr. Ruschke said that Mr. Kastner received an A+ on this report that was submitted to the State – that there were no issues whatsoever and everything was in compliance. He commended him on a terrific job.

Updates on projects

John Ruschke said the contracts were signed for the generator and the shop drawings should be in any day now. From that time, it would be approximately a 2-3 month time from to receive the generator.

Old Business/New Business

Last month, Mr. Kastner gave a brief update on the generator at the booster station to replace the fire pumps. Mr. Ruschke said that each time the fire pumps turn on, it is a violent hit to the water system. This is a diesel water pump that needs to be replaced. He is looking into two pump manufacturers and will have to look carefully at the size pump to put in there. Right now there is a 125 HP pump that pumps 1500-2500 gallons but Mr. Ruschke thinks he may be able to reduce it to a 75 HP pump. There are a few more rules and regulations he needs to consider. He will look into it carefully and get back to the Board.

Ordinance #1-2015 Change

Councilman Garrett informed the Board that the passing of the service fee ordinance did not happen at this past Council meeting and Mayor Marino added that the 2nd reading would take place at the March 2nd meeting.

Falcon Ridge update

Mayor Marino gave an update on the issue at Falcon Ridge inspections. A report was received from the Construction and Fire Official on Building #28, units 281, 282, 283, 284, and 285. There is one unit, 281, in which the water will be monitored for usage. The Construction Dept. does have a check list and so there is little room for error.

Chris Fitzpatrick asked about abandoned homes and buildings in town and how we could get a report on them. He stated that there seemed to be so many of them just in his neighborhood alone and more and more popping up all the time. He also wondered how we would know when someone would actually be living in one or perhaps “squatting” in an abandoned home. Mr. Ruschke said that we can look at water usage.

Notice regarding reading of water meters

Road Dept. Foreman Mike Schneider submitted a notice that, due to the weather conditions and depth of snow restricting access to the remote readers, the residents receive estimated bills for this quarter. Board members are in agreement.

Switching to monthly billing of utility accounts

Regina Flammer contacted MSI about changing quarterly billing of the water / sewer accounts to monthly and submitted the email that she received from them. Basically it stated that we could not read the meters quarterly

and bill monthly. Kathy informed the board that Regina did have a meeting with a company that does internet payments of credit / debit cards and she will update us on the results of that meeting when she attends the March meeting.

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

Public Portion

None

Correspondence

From DEP: FFY2015 Drinking Water Priority System, Intended Use Plans

Adjournment

Motion by Chris Fitzpatrick, seconded by Jerry Truppi to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved 3/11/15

Minutes Released 3/11/15

Kathy Garrett

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BPW Secretary