

**HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING**

November 2, 2016

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 7:00 p.m., November 3, 2016.

Oath of Allegiance

Board Secretary Kathy Garrett administered the Oath of Allegiance to Casey Frayko, who then took his place at the dais.

Roll Call

Present: Bob Krysiak, Chris Fitzpatrick, Bob Baumgartner, Pat Berado, Casey Frayko, Mayor Marino

Absent: Vinnie Busted

Also Present: Kathy Garrett, Regina Flammer, Mike Schneider, Jerry Kastner, Councilman Garrett

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Bob Baumgartner to approve the August 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Chris Fitzpatrick and Casey Frayko abstained.

Individual Cases

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to open the meeting to Individual Cases. All in favor.

Vinnie Busted arrived at 7:08 pm

The following were discussed in Executive Session: 14 King Cole Road, 15 LimeKiln Road, 36 Bank Street, Heritage Village Laundry, Disconnect List, and Billing Procedures.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to return to the Regular Meeting. All in favor.

Peer – 14 King Cole – billing dispute

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Vinnie Busted to table this matter as the resident was not present to discuss. All in favor.

15 LimeKiln Road – payment plan request

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to accept the payment plan of \$125.00 a month due on December 1st and the 1st of every month after. Should payment not be received, the water will be turned off on the following day. All in favor.

36 Bank Street

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to give 36 Bank Street an extension of payment on the water / sewer bill until November 28th, at which time they will pay in full or the water will be turned off the next day. All in favor.

Heritage Village Laundry – request to remove EDUs

A letter was sent by Merrill Wettasinghe of Heritage Village requesting the EDU charges be removed from the laundry room at the property location, stating that it is not a commercial laundry open to the public and is only provided as a service to the tenants. No one from the complex was in attendance to represent or to state the case. Kathy spoke to Borough Engineer John Ruschke who was against it, stating that it would become the burden of the town to police the area and keep on top of the situation. Councilman Garrett suggested that the rent be raised an additional \$20.00 per month per unit to cover their costs. Since there is no one was in

attendance, given the details presented and according to the professionals, this will be denied.

Disconnect list – will be given out meeting night

There are 44 accounts on the disconnect list. Disconnections will begin on Monday, November 7th but the \$100.00 service charge will start on November 3rd as was listed on the notice that was sent to those residents.

Billing Procedures

Regina stated the tenants receive the bill as a courtesy but lately, landlords and management companies have not been advising her when a tenant moves out, so the bill goes to the new tenant, bringing them in or having them make an irate phone call complaining. With the next billing cycle, she will send out a notice stating tenants will no longer receive a duplicate bill and that it will be on the owner to give the bill to the tenant. When it comes to the disconnect list, then the tenant, along with the owner will receive the duplicate bill. All members were in agreement.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to close to Regina Flammer. All in favor.

Mott MacDonald / Water Superintendent

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Vinnie Busted to open the meeting to Water Superintendent Jerry Kastner and Road Dept. Foreman Mike Schneider. All in favor.

Warranty for Northrop Grumman – VersaProbe

Jerry Kastner stated the extended warranty from Northrop Grumman for the VersaProbe equipment that is used with reading the Badger meters is due for renewal. The cost of this warranty is \$403.00, which would cover the warranty period of December 2016 thru November 2017. He has reviewed the warranty quote from Northrop Grumman and feels that it is definitely worth the expenditure.

Motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Vinnie Busted to approve the warranty for the VersaProbe equipment from Northrop Grumman at a cost of \$403.00, which would cover the warranty period of December 2016 thru November 2017. All in favor.

Leak detection

Jerry Kastner stated that every five years leak detection is done on the system. The State contacted us as they thought there was an issue on Rt. 23 by Winding Brook but no leak was found so there was no cost to us. The leak detection is 80% complete with no major problems being reported: a few service lines have been repaired.

Drought Situation

Last meeting Jerry Kastner reported that the area was in a drought watch, but that has now been upgraded to a warning. Hamburg is a groundwater system, being we have wells in which we draw water from, and not from the surface, which would include reservoirs, etc. Since we are now in a warning, the DEP has the authority to monitor and direct utilities where to “feed” water.

Mr. Kastner also mentioned this is why he is not in favor of interconnections as Hamburg could be doing everything right with the aspect of the drought warning and another town could be abusing the warning, but we would be mandated to help out if an interconnection were in place.

The 3rd phase of the emergency of the drought situation is that the Governors would declare restrictions regarding outdoor usage, etc. As a town, we do not have to do anything right now.

Old Business/New Business**Sewer Flows from SCMUA – June – September 2016**

Mr. Kastner also stated the drought situation is a reason why our sewer flows from SCMUA are so low.

Booster Station

The concrete pad was poured for the generator and this should be installed and go on line before the end of the year.

DEP- Notice of Non-Compliance – PWSID No.: 1909001

Jerry Kastner stated that samples were taken on the right time frame but the DEP want the lab results within ten days, which is not available to receive. Therefore, a non-compliant letter is received. Since the lab results have been submitted, nothing needs to be done.

Well #2

Councilman Garrett asked about Well #2 and the power problem at that station, saying that recently it seems to be having quite a few issues with the electric company having to be called. Mr. Kastner stated the wires are old and it needs an upgrade. The alarms are working and he also keeps track of it by water pressure. There will be more discussion on this.

5 Year Plan

Councilman Garrett asked Mr. Kastner if he had any thoughts about the next 5 Year Plan for the Borough. Mr. Kastner did not care to elaborate on anything at this time.

Falcon Ridge – Illegal fire hydrant hookup

A company was pressure washing houses on Falcon Ridge Way South and hooked up to the hydrant illegally without notifying the town so that a meter could be placed on the hydrant. Mike Schneider received calls from residents, responded with the Police to check out the situation, and the company verified they were working for Comet Management. The Police left and the company continued to use the water. Mr. Schneider took pictures of the hook up and truck as the company refused to give a name.

List of meter replacements

Board is in receipt of an updated list of meter replacements.

Resignation of Jerry Truppi

Board received the resignation of Jerry Truppi effective August 12, 2016 due to personal reasons.

Application for Zoning Permit – 7 Orchard Street

Notice that a change of use has been granted by the Zoning Officer for the property location pending verification of adequate EDUs, of which there are four (4), plenty for the projected project.

Lead and Copper Rule Updates

Jerry Kastner stated that this is informational only, that Hamburg is not affected by this yet as it deals with 50,000 people plus in a town.

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

Public Portion

No public in attendance

Correspondence

From DEP: Physical Connection Permit No: 1706-WPC160001 (Lorterdan)

From DEP: Notice of New Resources available on Asset Management

SCMUA FY2017 Rate Schedule – effective December 1, 2106

Bill list

Adjournment

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

Date Approved _____

Minutes Released _____

Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary