

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

January 9, 2019

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 7:10 p.m., January 9, 2019 with a flag salute.

Roll Call

Bob Krysiak, Vinnie Busteded, Bob Baumgartner, Pat Berado, George Endres, Mayor Marino

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Pat Berado to approve the November 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. All Board members present in favor. George Endres abstained.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busteded to approve the November 7, 2018 Executive Session Minutes. All Board members present in favor. George Endres abstained.

Individual Cases

55 Gingerbread Castle Road – request for 4 EDUs

Thomas Graham of Dykstra Engineering represented the applicant / property owner for the property located at 55 Gingerbread Castle Road. The owner will be renovating the 4 – unit building and would like to connect it to the town water and sewer systems. When the property was occupied, it was on well and septic. The new owner is requesting 4 EDUs and a water connection. Mr. Graham mentioned that, in knowing the fees to connect and costing approximately \$20,000.00, asked if there would be any negotiations on those fees. Mayor Marino replied that the fees are listed in our ordinances so it would be doubtful, but would check with the attorney. Borough Engineer John Ruschke had previously viewed the property and stated that a grinder pump would need to be installed to be able to connect to the system plus a few other items including a road opening permit and posting escrow. Mr. Mr. Graham relayed the owner is aware of this and thanked the Board.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busteded to grant the 4 EDUs for 55 Gingerbread Castle Road with said contingences. Roll call showed all Board members present in favor.

2019 Procedures – Regina Flammer

Ms. Flammer discussed turn-offs with the Board. Stating that turn-offs are done in one day, she is concerned that if the Board does not continue with turn-offs, then the Borough will not be receiving revenue from those accounts until the following year when they go on tax sale. She is suggesting continuing with the turn-offs as the same residents are the ones always on the list. The trouble is the resident comes running in to pay, stating they have small kids and need the water. Then phone calls are made to different people. Mayor Marino added that under extenuating circumstances we may have to turn on the water the same day but it is a one time deal and the resident is told that. Ms. Flammer also mentioned that \$10,000.00 was collected in service charges.

111 Falcon Ridge Way – request to waive service fee

Ms. Flammer received a letter from the owner of the above property requesting the \$100.00 service fee be waived due to her illness and her son, who lives at the address, was helping her in PA so the bill did not get paid on time. Since the bill would have arrived in September and the son did not go to PA until October, Ms. Flammer said the service fee should not be waived.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busteded to not waive the \$100.00 service fee on 111 Falcon Ridge Way. All Board members present in favor.

Water / Sewer Collector's Report

Sewer flows – October – November – December

Mr. Perry said the flows look great; there is not much infiltration with the 2 inches of rain that we had.

Tank painting

Mr. Perry relayed that, in looking over the reports from Pittsburg Tank & Painting, the inside of the tanks were in decent shape. Ladder access and openings needed updated as they are not OSHA compliant. He suggested that there may be a grant out there to help with this. Mayor Marino asked for a ballpark number to figure in with the budget. Although one was not included with the report, Mr. Perry will contact them. The alarms for the pump stations go directly to Mike Schneider, with Mr. Schneider also handling the mark-outs.

Compliance Inspection #SCI 180001

In October 2018, the State conducted an inspection of our facilities of which we are in compliance. Mr. Perry relayed we are on a 2 year inspection cycle, but a yearly paperwork check.

Old Business/New Business

Damage Report from Mike Schneider – Limekiln Sewer Station

Mike Schneider gave the Board a damage report of the Lime Kiln sewer pump station that was caused by a JCP&L pole that had caught on fire in front of Bud & Walt’s Service Station on 9/28/2018. The total cost of damage was \$2,495.64. Mr. Schneider emailed the insurance company who will be looking into the claim.

Asset Management

Mr. Schneider reported that he and Samantha from Mott MacDonald have been marking out the well houses for the Asset Management plan.

Generators

Discussion about the generators and when the contract for R&J Controls would be due. Mike Schneider said the generators were just done.

DEP – new monitoring requirements

Mr. Perry stated this was an advisement notice: there were new tests to run for chemicals in the water.

Public Portion

No public in attendance

Correspondence


From SCMUA – Estimated Annual Charge – FY2019 Sewage Treatment Services

Adjournment

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Pat Berado to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. All Board members present in favor.

Date Approved 2/13/19

Minutes Released 2/13/19



Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary