

**HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 8, 2020**

**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 8, 2020 with a flag salute.

**Roll Call**

Present: Bob Baumgartner, Vinnie Busted, Bob Krysiak, Pat Berado, George Endres, Mayor Marino  
Also Present: Kathy Garrett, John Perry, Mike Schneider, Councilmember Garrett

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Pat Berado to approve the November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. All members present in favor.

**Individual Cases**

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Pat Berado to open to Individual Cases. All members present in favor.

**95 Bluffs Court**

Amber Lee-property owner- on Thanksgiving evening had a backup of sewerage into her finished basement. She contacted the project manager Ed, who advised her to not use any water and he called emergency services that got there around 10 pm. When they arrived, the sewerage was up to the top of the manhole. Around 10 am, the water had gone down by itself and Ms. Lee was advised she was able to use the water. She has had it cleaned twice so far but there is still more to do. There is two (2) feet high of wall that has been damaged plus the stairs. The owners barely covered the cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> clean up and do not have insurance for sewer back up on their homeowners as they are considered a condo. Ms. Lee added this was a brand new home that is supposed to be problem free; she is not sure where to go from here. Mike Schneider stated the manholes in the road were lowered without our knowledge; concrete, pvc materials, and stone was found in the lines. The builder needs to take responsibility for the error. John Perry added the cutting down of the manholes also adds to infiltration. Mayor Marino suggested Ms. Lee contact the association and the management company and advise them of the situation. If the builder is damaging our lines, he needs to be held responsible for it. When Mike Schneider arrived 12 – 14 hours later, the blockage was gone. He did pull paper and bags off of the “bench”.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busted to close to Individual Cases. All members present in favor.

Contact will be made to Hardyston Construction Dept., our insurance company, our attorney, and our engineer.

Mike Schneider stated the lowering of the manholes is not supposed to be done without notifying the town and engineer. John Perry also said, looking at the flows, we received about an inch of rain on November 24<sup>th</sup> with a spike in flows by about 100,000 gallons. He added that after a day and a half, the flows were back to normal; which when there is infiltration from rain, it will be there a few days as it is slowly leaking in. This seems to be coming directly from the surface – and will see if it has anything to do with the manholes. Mr. Perry will look and map out the rainfall vs. flows for the past few months to see if this has any effect on infiltration. John Perry will contact the Construction Dept.; Kathy will get in touch with the insurance company and the attorney.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Update on water meters**

Mike Schneider said that 500 meters were installed last year and 50 meters so far this year. Councilmember Garrett relayed he spoke to John Ruschke who said the town was saving a lot of money by the Road Dept. installing the new meters. Mr. Ruschke was also impressed by having half of the meters installed already and said they were doing a great job. Councilmember Garrett said there would be a modest increase in the water rates.

**Water / Sewer Collector's Report**

**Sewer flows**

Looking at the sewer flows, they are fairly normal. He will get the flows and map them out and compare them to the rainfall to see if anything shows up.

**Booster Station**

The last power outage kicked on the fire pumps at the booster station. When this happens, the water pressure goes very low and it takes some time to build it back up again. This project was planned to be done after the water tanks but it may have to be done before the tank painting.

**Lift Station on Rt. 517**

A pump got clogged in the lift station on Rt. 517. When the pump was pulled out, the galvanized rail in the lift station was rotted out from the atmosphere and the station got clogged causing sewage to back up. This rail needs to be replaced with stainless steel so it will not happen again. John will speak to John Ruschke about this.

**Water Assessment Plan**

Councilmember Garrett relayed information given to him by John Ruschke, who advised the water assessment plan was 90% complete. The tank painting was first on the list to do but the fire pumps at the Booster Station may have to come before that. The sewer assessment plan is 75% complete.

**2020 Municipal Aid Grant - \$135,000 – Mulberry, Hillside, State St**

Mayor Marino relayed the notification of receiving the 2020 Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$135,000.00 for the repaving of Mulberry, Hillside, and State Streets, stating that 11 years ago this is where we began with the repaving projects in the town and now we will start again. On Mulberry, the street has to be finished.

**Sanitary Inspection**

John Perry stated there were 6-7 abandoned wells, probably from 1970, that need to have an updated status report done – where exactly they are, etc. John believes they are all observation / monitor wells and never used as actual production wells. Bryan Sherrock, a trainee, and John visited wells 2 and 3 and two lift stations and all paperwork and lab work was in order. Well 1A was listed as active, back in service – and it will probably be listed as inactive.

**John Perry will set up a meeting with John Ruschke to meet in town to go over projects and related information.**

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Pat Berado for John Ruschke and John Perry to get pricing together for the booster pumps and RTU's. All members present in favor.

**Public Portion**

No public in attendance

**Correspondence**

No correspondence

**Adjournment**

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Bob Krysiak to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. All members present in favor.

Date submitted 12/12/2020

Date approved 2/12/2020



Kathy Garrett  
BPW Secretary