

**HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11, 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 7:00 p.m., March 11, 2020 with a flag salute.

**Roll Call**

Present: Vinnie Busteed, Pat Berado, George Endres, Mayor Marino

Absent: Bob Baumgartner, Bob Krysiak

Also present: Kathy Garrett, Regina Flammer, John Perry, Mike Schneider, Councilmember Garrett

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by George Endres to approve the February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. All members present in favor.

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by George Endres to approve the February 12, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. All members present in favor.

**Individual Cases -Executive Session**

Motion by George Endres, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to enter into Executive Session. All members present in favor.

Disconnect List discussion.

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by George Endres to return to the Regular Meeting. All members present in favor.

Motion by George Endres, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to delay disconnections while in a State of Emergency, waive the \$100.00 fee, and notify the 68 residents via letter.

Roll call showed all board members present in favor.

Due to the State of Emergency of the Coronavirus, disconnections will be delayed until the April 8, 2020 meeting and a determination will be made at that time. Regina Flammer will send out a notice to all residents on the disconnect list stating such and encouraging to pay by the April meeting.

**Old Business/New Business**

**Update on water meters – installed meters and cancellation list**

Regina Flammer informed the board that one half of the town has been completed. March is booked with appointments and April is half booked but the calls from residents making appointments has slowed down. Seven – eight meters a day are being installed daily and on 2 Saturday's a month. When asked about the cancellation list, Regina said most of the residents said they just forgot when their appointment was scheduled. George Endres volunteered to make reminder phone calls for scheduled residents a few days beforehand. Regina will email him the list. Discussion also took place regarding the residents that have not made any contact to schedule; possible attorney intervention will be necessary at that point. People that have sheet rocked over the meter will have to remove it.

**Update on 95 Bluffs Court**

Pat Berado read an update from the Council meeting, which relayed that construction debris was found in the sewer lines of our system. Mike Schneider had the lines cleaned and took pictures.

Mike will also video the lines so if the issue should happen again, we would have proof that the lines were clean. Attorney Clemack stated he has been in touch with the owner, a New York law firm, to find out who the insurance carrier is and he also is trying to work out a resolution on the sewer work, the performance bond and insurance. Attorney Clemack spoke to John Ruschke and neither have heard anything back. A deadline date was given and if issues are not resolved, a stop work order will be issued.

Mike Schneider relayed that John Ruschke is scheduling a camera person to come up. When this is scheduled, then Mike will also jet the lines.

### **Sewer Ordinance**

At the February meeting, John Ruschke mentioned sump pumps being hooked into our sewer system and how this would affect our flows. Attorney Clemack will review the sewer ordinance regarding the inspection of sump pumps for the April Council meeting as there is no clause in our ordinances regarding inspection.

### **Water / Sewer Collector's Report**

#### **Sewer flows**

Mr. Perry stated that we have had some rain but this has not affected our sewer flows; there have been no substantial spikes.

#### **Samsara information for storage tank and wells**

Information was received with pricing for the storage tank and well controls for the water system.

#### **Route 517 Station Repair**

John Perry presented a quote from Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co. Inc. for the repairs on the rails and pump bases on Route 517. They will install new rails and new pump bases. There is an air bubble in there now, which oil and grease will build up and collect in there. They are also recommending putting in a transducer. The budgetary cost of the work is around \$20,500.00 and Rapid Pump is under State Contract.

#### **From DEP re: Monitoring Reduction**

John Perry received notification from the DEP who determined Hamburg received a monitoring reduction for 1,2,3 trichloropropane, ethylene dibromide and 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane. He added the numbers have been very consistent.

#### **From DEP re: Stormwater Management rules Tier A /Tier B Municipalities**

John Perry will get in touch with John Ruschke, talk to him about the stormwater report and do what is needed.

#### **Abandon wells on Gingerbread Castle Roads**

John Perry is checking with John Ruschke as he is found paperwork in which John signed off on back in 2003. These wells on Gingerbread Castle Road are around Well #1A and the DEP is inquiring as to if they have been filled. Both John Perry and John Ruschke are checking into records. John Perry gave the DEP an update, who really is interested in knowing if they are sealed as the wells could cause infiltration. A certified well driller would do the work.

#### **Booster Pump**

John Ruschke sent John Perry a quote for the booster pump for the control panel at \$80,000.00 which John

Perry thought was a bit high. But now that he has more information, he will be able to look around for more prices and then check the cost for an electrician to do the work. He'll have the information for the April meeting.

**Well #3**

Mike Schneider relayed there was a communication problem with Well #3 – the lines were not turning off. The problem has since been fixed so the well can now be rotated again.

**Meters**

Mike Schneider stated he received the last delivery of 300 water meters so now they are in storage waiting to be installed. John Perry added in his town, they have three levels of water rates – actual, estimated and extra – which is a double rate for those non-compliant residents.

**Meter Locator**

Mike Schneider also relayed there are some curb stops that he is not able to locate so that meters can be installed. He will get a company to come in when he has quite a few addresses to do.

**Council Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>**

March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the Mayor and Council will be holding a special meeting as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Borough.

**Public Portion**

None in attendance

**Correspondence**

Information re: 130 Rt. 23

**Adjournment**

Motion by George Endres, seconded by Vinnie Busted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. All members present in favor.

Date approved 1/13/2021

Date released 1/13/2021



Kathy Garrett  
BPW Secretary