

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2021

Open Meeting / Flag Salute / Certification

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with regards to notices, the regularly scheduled meeting (held by way of telephonic) of the Hamburg Board of Public Works was called to order at 7:00 p.m., January 13, 2021 with a flag salute.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by George Endres to approve the March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. All members present in favor.

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by George Endres to approve the March 11, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. All members present in favor.

Individual Cases -Executive Session

None

Old Business/New Business

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by Vinnie Busteed to open the meeting to the professionals. All members present in favor.

Update on water meters

Councilmember Garrett stated the town has been following guidelines from the Board of Public Utilities as to entering homes, doing water shut-offs, etc. during the pandemic. For the moment, the BPU is saying perhaps the later part of February or early March it will be safe to start entering into residents' homes. He relayed this will be a Council decision. Councilmember Garrett also asked if members had the app "Eye on Water" on their phones (considering they had one of the new meters) as it was a useful tool and interesting in watching the water usage in your home. Mayor Marino added that advisements from the State and BPU regarding shutoffs and charging interest on bills may have to be extended to June.

Painting of Water Tanks

John Ruschke stated the Borough applied for the NANO Grant, a low interest loan for this project. Since the grant has a 50% forgiveness associated with it, and the tanks will cost approximately \$900,000.00 for all three (3), the Borough would be responsible for \$450,000.00. John stated we did not make the 1st cut for the grants but is hopeful to hear by the end of January for better news. If not, we may have to paint one tank at a time, starting with the worse tank and taking out a loan since we do have a commitment with the DEP Asset Management Plan. Mayor Marino stated there will be a budget meeting again in February and this will be discussed.

Controls for the Wells

John Ruschke will discuss this with John Perry and then will be discussed at the February meeting.

Rt. 517 Sewer Station / Control Panel

John Ruschke stated the pump station is showing a lot of deterioration and Mike Schneider is having to go at all

times of the day and night to reset so the pumps will work. A new control panel is needed with sensors. Two quotes were received and include labor: Rapid Pump for a total of \$6240.00 and Hayenhjelm Electric for a total of \$6034.00.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by George Endres to go with Hayenhjelm Electric for the control panel for the Rt. 517 Sewer Station. All members present in favor.

Bank Street Booster Station / Limekiln Sewer Station

Generators are needed for the Bank Street Booster Station and Limekiln Sewer Station and both are out of warranty. The generators may have had power surges from storms, etc and the costs have been submitted to FEMA, but the town cannot wait to get reimbursed and the generators need to be replaced as soon as possible. Quotes were received from GenServe for \$3653.74 and \$3535.96; from R&J Control Inc. for \$4634.00 and \$4358.00 respectively.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by George Endres to go with GenServe for \$3653.74 for the Bank Street Booster Station and \$3535.96 Limekiln Sewer Station. All members present in favor.

GenServe – Standby Power Maintenance Information / Agreement

Mike Schneider presented a quote for the generator maintenance agreement from GenServe in the amount of \$5850.00. The current contract amount with R&J Control is \$8280.00. Mr. Schneider stated that he oversees all work that is done and if any additional parts / equipment is needed, it has to be cleared with him first. John Perry added he has worked with GenServe before and has had no issues with them.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by George Endres to go with GenServe for our generator maintenance agreement at a yearly cost of \$5850.00 with services as outlined in their contract as submitted. All members present in favor.

Water / Sewer Collector's Report

Sewer flows

John Ruschke stated the sewer flows continue to look good and we continue to watch the numbers we receive from the SCMUA reports.

Samsara / Neal Systems Inc. Information / Agreement

John Perry inquired about the progress with this project and Mayor Marino replied this was approved at the Council level in December and it should be moving forward. Mr. Perry will look into it further with Finance.

Public Portion

Motion by George Endres, seconded by Vinnie Busted to open the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Bob Baumgartner, seconded by Bob Krysiak to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

Correspondence

From SCMUA – Annual Charge FY2020

Correspondence shows the Borough received a credit of \$11,316.00 as the sewage volume being a lesser amount than the total flow that was originally projected in the FY2020 estimated charges.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busted to close to the professionals. All members present in favor.

Adjournment

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

Date approved 3/10/2021

Date released 3/10/2021

Kathy Garrett

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BPW Secretary