

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2022

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 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., August 10, 2022 with a flag salute.

Roll Call

Present: Ron Garrett, Pat Berado, Bob Krysiak, George Endres, Mayor Marino

Absent: Vinnie Busteded

Also Present: Kathy Garrett, John Perry, Mike Schneider, Regina Flammer

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by George Endres to approve the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

All members present in favor.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by George Endres to approve the July 13, 2022 Executive Session Minutes. All members present in favor.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busteded to open the meeting to the professionals. All members present in favor.

Individual Cases

James Vallila – 130 Rt. 23 – request for 1 EDU

Property owner James V. Vallila, owner of 130 Rt. 23, a single family home, would like to convert it into a 2 unit rental, commercial and / or residential property, therefore asking for another EDU. It is presently zoned highway commercial. Mr. Vallila understands there would be an additional connection fee should this be approved. This approval is for the EDU allocation only and does not guarantee any approval of the application from the Land Use Board. This EDU is also contingent on approval of the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by George Endres to grant one additional EDU to 130 Route 23 so the owner can proceed on to the Land Use Board.

Mayor Marino asked Mr. Vallila if he was selling the property and he replied yes. Mayor stated the EDU would stay with the property and he would have to go to the Land Use for variances also. Property owner agreed.

All Board members present in favor.

Old Business/New Business

Water / Sewer Late Notice

Regina provided a sample of the water/sewer late notice that was sent to residents.

Water meter update

To date, there are 65 residential meters left to install; these residents are all being charged the \$100. surcharge as per our ordinance.

Payment Plan notice

Regina relayed there were 2 approved payment plans with the State and she is waiting for the funds from them.

She has five residents on payment plans that are staying current and the other residents that were offered plans never responded. Unless they come up with the funds, their water is scheduled for disconnection on August 30th.

38 Burlington Court – email

Board discussed the email from the above address, stating that since they are the owners of the property, they have been receiving the bill and know exactly how much they owe, regardless if the tenant is supposed to pay.

They have not been in contact with Regina at all to set up a payment plan; Regina relayed payment is due by

August 29th with the balance under \$100. or the water will be turned off. Board agrees and Regina will email the resident the decision of the Board.

39 Winding Brook Road – email

Resident returned the bill with a written note stating they would not pay the surcharge for not having the new meter installed. Borough Attorney advised there is an ordinance in place and to continue billing as you are. The outstanding balance on the account will revert to a tax lien.

Motion by George Endres, seconded by Pat Berado to not turn off the water for the unpaid \$100.00 surcharge on the water bill and wait for one more quarter. All members present in favor.

Disconnect list – to be given out meeting night

There are 110 residents on the disconnect list that have until August 29th to pay or are in jeopardy of being turned off on August 30th. If a resident comes in and pays on the 30th, they will not get turned on until the following day.

Mike Schneider - Price Quote Schmidt's- endpoints

Mike stated there are 5 meters in question where the endpoints are exerting more energy than needed to find the closest signal, making the endpoints not being able to function properly as the batteries are dead. Mike said the batteries are under warranty but would like to order an additional 5 as he checked and does not have any batteries in stock.

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by George Endres to order 5 cellular endpoints with wall bracket install kit from Schmidt's Wholesale Inc. at a cost of \$153.00 each. All members present in favor.

Engineer / Water Superintendent Report

In attendance is John Perry

Sewer flows – May 2022

There was a high reading in May for 40,000 gallons but otherwise all looked good.

Limekiln Generator

No new update except that the generator is being built.

Well #1A

COFA is not detected in the water which is a good thing and the water ran clean. The electrical components have to be redone and John Ruschke is working on it. The pumps for the well also need to be redone.

SCADA System

With the power failure that took place county wide, the SKADA system did not function on John or Mike's phones as there was no internet and the system is internet based. John also stated the company visited today, looked at a few things and will contact us tomorrow.

Quarry Pump Station- repair to guide rails for lift station

The bid for the project is tomorrow, August 11th at 10 am.

Well #2

The parts for the well are still on order but the well can still run.

Retaining Wall by Tanks

No update received from John Ruschke

Demand Response (management)

John informed members that this program is offered by many utilities for energy consumer to enroll in and receive money back for reducing their energy demand during peak periods of demand and under supply, adding that our wells and sewer stations would shut down for a given number of hours and then we would receive compensation for what we saved on the energy we saved. He will check more into the program.

Non-Compliance Notice

John received a Non-Compliance notice for Well 1A and has already sent the updated paperwork to the State.

DEP – Synthetic Organic Compound Waiver

John stated this waiver is now only good for 3 years.

Public Portion

No comments

Correspondence

Land Use Legal Notice – 49 Gingerbread Castle Road

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

Adjournment

Motion by Bob Krysiak, seconded by George Endres to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. All members present in favor.

Date approved 10/12/2022

Date released 10/12/2022



Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary