

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2023

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 7:07 p.m., January 11, 2023 with a flag salute.

Roll Call

Present: Ron Garrett, Pat Berado, Vinnie Busteed, Bob Krysiak, George Endres, Mayor Krasnomowitz
Also present: Kathy Garrett, John Ruschke, Alec Yanish, Councilmember Haig

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by George Endres to accept the November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. All members present in favor. Mayor Krasnomowitz abstained.

Individual Cases

None

Old Business/New Business

Water meter update

There are a total of 46 meters left to install in residences and lately, only two new meters have been installed. All remaining 46 residences are being assessed the \$100.00 fee for non-installation of the new meter. John Ruschke remarked that the galvanized lines should be documented as the DEP has funds to change them out.

Engineer / Water Superintendent Report

Sewer flows – September - November 2022

John Ruschke said they look normal with some spikes but we are well under our allocation. There is no I&I work needed at this time.

Quarry Road Pump Station

This project out to bid for the 3rd time with bids being received on January 24th and should come in around \$200-250,000.00. The first two were too far out of reach; this one has been reworded and hopefully now will be right for the contractors.

Limekiln Road Culvert

The is a FEMA grant project that the Borough received with a 10% contribution on our part. It is out to bid now at \$120-140,000.00.

Tier A Stormwater

The DEP changed the Borough from a Tier B to a Tier A for their Stormwater Management, which means more requirements for compliance with the EPA, beginning with updating our stormwater management plan, introducing ordinances and mapping of pipes.

Cattron Alarm System / Samsara SCADA System

Alec stated that he only has the alarm system on his phone for the sewer system; he is also supposed to be able to control the alarms from his phone and also reset them from his phone or computer should there be an issue but he is unable to do this. The same system that was installed in the wells was also supposed to be installed in the sewer but Alex stated that it does not work the same – he is unable to control or reset the alarms. Kathy will scan the information to John and he will contact Wayne Martin at Neal Systems.

Chlorinator pumps at Well #2

Many of the chlorinator pumps need to be rebuilt as the pumps are underrated and need to be rated at 250# of pressure. For now, there is only 150 # of head pressure resulting in too much chlorination. There are only two pumps that are operational so it is recommended that two pumps in storage are sent out to be rebuilt and 2 new pumps are purchased so that there are backups in case a pump does goes down.

Water Softener for Well #3

Since installing a water softener on the system would be beneficial, a test will be performed first. This will also will entail DEP approval as it would be changing the water chemistry.

Retaining Wall by Tanks

There is one proposal from SunnySide Landscaping Inc. to excavate as needed for the wall base then supply and install a New Liberty Sigma wall (8" block) 45' long and 4' high with proper geo grid and drainage (non-prevailing) for a total cost of \$14,500.00.

Proposals were requested from Dirt Worx, 28 Hickory Road, Wantage and Sanders, 18 Rt. 94, Vernon with no reply from both companies.

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by George Endres to accept the proposal from SunnySide Landscaping in the amount of \$14,500.00 for the retaining wall project behind the water towers. All members present in favor.

Generator – Michael Court

The generator on Michael Court needs to be replaced as it is a residential generator and needs to be an industrial. Alec will get quotes and present them to the board.

Leak detection tool

Acting Road Dept. Supervisor Alec Yanish stated that each time there is water main leak, someone has to be called in to find it. There is a tool that would be beneficial for leak detection used for water mains, leaks from the curb box to the house, etc. that costs between \$4-5,000.00. The Road Dept. would find this tool useful in day-to-day operations also.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by George Endres to spend the amount necessary to purchase the leak detection tool for the Road Dept. All members present in favor.

Well house at the Bluffs

Mayor asked about the status of the well house at the Bluffs. John replied there was a leak and some of the equipment needed repair, along with alarms needed. Hungerford and Terry, Co. were coming in to fix the electrical issues along with the heaters. Mayor asked that we figure out what we can do to get it up and running. John will follow up and report back with the status.

Public Portion

No public in attendance

Correspondence

Non-Compliance Notice – Lead service lines

SCMUA- Estimated Sewage Treatment Services Charge 2023

SCMUA -Actual Annual Charge 2022 / Estimated Charge 2023

Adjournment

Motion by George Endres, seconded by Pat Berado to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm. All members present in favor.

Date submitted _____

Date released _____

Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary