

HAMBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 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 7:00 p.m., March 8, 2023 with a flag salute.

Roll Call

Present: Ron Garrett, Pat Berado, Vinnie Busted, Bob Krysiak, Mayor Krasnomowitz

Also present: Kathy Garrett, John Ruschke, John Perry, Regina Flammer, Alec Yanish, Councilmember Haig

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Vinnie Busted, seconded by Bob Krysiak to approve the February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. All members present in favor.

Individual Cases

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busted to open the meeting to Chuck Sager, President of Accurate Forming and the professionals. All members present in favor.

Envision New Jersey LLC

Mr. Chuck Sager of Accurate Forming attended to dispute his water bill beginning back in 2022, saying he is registering 250,000-400,000 gallons a quarter. He also documents the readings as he reports it daily to the State.

John Ruschke said the projected usage would be what Accurate Forming applied for to the State and is according to their SIU permit they received.

Mr. Sager said at one time he did have 260 people a day work there; now there are 35 people and a lot of the equipment is also gone. Their current permit is up in 2025 and he will speak to the current engineer about the SIU permit.

Discussion about a new commercial meter takes place. John Ruschke relays that we will purchase the meter and be reimbursed by Accurate Forming and the DPW will install one 2" meter on the main. The usage will be monitored and depending on the results, if needed, the Borough will reimburse the account of Accurate Forming.

Mr. Sager asked if the bill could be held for payment while the usage and results were being determined.

Regina stated that the bill will get mailed out but they will not be charged late fees on the bill. Accurate Forming will also pay the sewer portion of their current bill but can hold off on paying the water portion of the bill.

Motion by Pat Berado, seconded by Vinnie Busted for the town to purchase a 2-inch meter for Accurate Forming and the meter to be installed by the DPW. In addition, Accurate Forming will pay the sewer charges on their quarterly water and sewer bill but are able to hold off paying the water portion of the bill without late fees. Roll call vote showed all Board members present in favor.

Old Business/New Business

Water disconnections – scheduled 1st week of May

Regina stated the water disconnections are scheduled for the 1st week of May. Bills will be going out next week. Notice for those accounts that are more than one quarter late will receive a letter and the letter will be state they have 60 days to become current or they will be turned off. There are approximately 60 plus accounts that will receive the letter and are in jeopardy of being turned off. Mayor asked if residents are able to come before the Board to set up a payment plan. Regina replied that the payment plan system is no longer in effect. It was working for awhile but then residents stopped paying on their scheduled time frame and Regina stated she was chasing down more residents that were not paying. She tried a few different ways and nothing seemed to be working so she stopped offering payment plans. Those residents that needed help signed up with the State and received help that way; she received checks from the State to cover their water bill and brought them current and now it is on them to stay current. Regina did not want to turn off in March since a new bill was

going out. The resident will have to pay prior and new balance by May or be in jeopardy of being on the disconnect list.

Executive Session

None

Engineer / Water Superintendent Report

Sewer flows – January 2023

In December there was a small spike in the flows towards the end of the month but nothing to be concerned about. Flows were low and about normal for the month.

Lime Kiln Sewer Station – Discussion on estimate to rebuild/reseal

Alec brought up that pumps are needed for the Limekiln pump station at a cost of \$1650.00 and should be on hand. No formal quote was presented as this was for discussion purposes only.

Cattron Alarm System /Samsara SCADA System

When the system was installed, the alarm and monitor parts of the system worked perfectly but the control part was not installed. Right now we are maintaining two separate systems in the well houses. The system needs to be rewired so the control part of the system will then work for Alec and John on their phones which will be costly. John Perry will contact them and see what he can find out and work out. This was installed in 2020-2021 and now will have to be upgraded so that two different systems will not have to be used.

Retaining Wall by Tanks

Councilmember Haig discussed with John Ruschke the wall, relaying that perhaps there is something other to use than large landscaping blocks. John came back with shotcrete or shot rock could be used and this would keep the water off the tank and stabilize the wall; he will look at other alternatives. We could even cut a trench for the water run off at the base to help eliminate the rot and rust of the tanks. Perhaps even we could cut the slope back and put shotcrete on it, that would work. John will take another look at the project and get back to the board.

Generator – Michael Court

GenServe submitted a Kohler 24 kw generator install with ATS at a total price of \$24,630.00. This generator is on the Morris County Co-op and is quote Q-01729.

The Road Dept. will put the concrete pad in for the generator.

Update on Quarry Road Pump Station

John Ruschke relayed the bid from Cappola Services, Inc. came in at \$648,000.000 for the Quarry Road Pump Station Improvements. This will still be contingent upon DEP approval and has gone to the Council for approval. John Ruschke stated the time line for the project from the time it goes to the bond counsel, to the contracts, to the placement of the generator, we will start now and most likely finish up next year.

Galvanized / Copper Lines

Service lines and resident lines can no longer be galvanized lines but must be changed to copper within the next 10 years. Residents will be responsible to change their lines from the curb stop into their homes and the Borough will be responsible to change out all service lines should there be any left. John Ruschke relayed there is a grant available and BPW asked that he look into it for the Borough as this is something that needs to be completed by the year 2030. The Borough can notify residents that lines would need to be changed out by way of notices, adding a notice to the CCR report, the website, etc.

Update on Sewer Stations, Well Houses and Booster Station

North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC
Tam Enterprises

Alec relayed the Banks Street booster station pump controllers had bad transmitters and are out of calibration. The pumps do not shut down; they are constantly circulating which is using a great amount of electricity. The parts are obsolete for the pumps so new pumps are needed. There are three (3) pumps in the well house, 2 work at a time. The pumps cost about \$3000.00 per pump. Alec will get 3 quotes for the next meeting so that BPW can start to move on this project.

Well 1A

After numerous violation notices, it was suggested that John Perry ask the DEP have it put on the inactive list until the Borough gets it up and running so we are not obligated to take takes, etc. Hungerford and Washer never were asked to come out and we will just hold the PO until we are ready for them. We will try the controls and see what happens.

GenServe Power Maintenance Agreement - \$5850.00

The maintenance agreement for GenServe was present for approval. GenServe services our 13 generators two (2) times a year at an annual cost of \$5850.00 and the contract runs from April 1, 2023-April 1, 2024. The contract is on the Morris County Co-op and is Quote 06680.

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Pat Berado to approve to GenServe Power Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$5850.00. All members present in favor.

Emails from John Perry

There was a slight mix-up in emails sent to the State as John Ruschke sent some reports in along with a duplicate one that John Perry. The State was notified and all has been corrected.

Public Portion

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

Mike Schneider – Heritage Lakes – asked how the Quarry Road Pump Station project could go from \$330,000. to almost \$650,000.00 and as a tax payer he was not happy about it.

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

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Motion by Vinnie Busteed, seconded by Pat Berado to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. All members present in favor.

Date approved _____

Date released _____

Kathy Garrett
BPW Secretary