

**Borough of Hamburg
Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2024**

Call to Order/Statement of Certification: In accordance with the open Public Meeting Act, with regard to notices, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamburg Board of Public Works was hereby called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman Garrett invited all those present to participate in the flag salute.

Roll call: Chairman Garrett, Vinnie Busted, Pat Berado, Paul Marino, John Moeckel, John Haig, John Perry, Regina Flammer and John Ruschke, PE of Mott MacDonald were in attendance. Mayor Krasnomowitz and Alec Yanish were not in attendance.

Minutes: A motion is made by Busted, second by Marino to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting with all others members in favor.

Executive Session: A Motion by Marino, seconded by Berado to enter into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. All board members present in favor. Motion by Marino, seconded by Berado to return to the regular meeting agenda at 7:14 p.m. All members present in favor.

Individual Cases: The outstanding balance for 10 Meadow Lakes Drive is due by July 1, 2024.

Old Business/New Business: Chairman Garrett discusses Ordinance §209.2 regarding the party responsible for the water/sewer billing. Flammer indicates that property owners receive the billing not the tenants. Late notices are sent to the property owners, tenants and mortgage companies, if applicable. Chairman and Marino add that the Board should not be involved in negotiating with tenants if owners are responsible for bill payment.

Marino discusses remedies including tax liens. Discussion continues on the possible remedies for collection and whether other municipalities handle the delinquencies the same. Flammer holds an annual tax sale.

Discussion on the meter installed at Marino's residence which has not been read.

The resident of 118 Falcon Ridge Way arrives at the meeting and informs the Board that he has new employment. Chairman informs him that weekly payment plan is approved.

Discussion on the turn off list. Turn offs are scheduled for May 29, 2024.

Flammer leaves the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Engineer/Water Superintendent Report: John Perry indicates that there are no specific grants for leak detection surveys. John Ruschke discusses the grant program for lead line replacements. Hamburg could be eligible for funding due to size and median income. He suggests another mailing be sent to residents informing them that the Borough will be applying for the grants that could potentially defray the costs that the residents would bear. Perry adds that of the respondents, there are 7 or 8 that need to be replaced.

Chairman discusses the sixty properties that are currently not metered. Unmetered properties are currently billed \$100 per quarter which they are paying. Discussion on increasing the \$100 quarterly billing to \$200 per quarter.

A motion is made by Busted, second by Berado with Chairman Garrett and Moeckel in favor to recommend to the Council that the quarterly fee be increased to \$200 on unmetered properties. Marino abstained.

Ruschke updates the Board on Limekiln Road which has not yet been completed due to the contractor's mark out expiring. The contractor should be back later this week. The erosion control matting is being added.

Discussion on Well 1A. Perry discusses the testing of the well. The initial tests had slightly higher than normal results for total dissolved solid and iron. This could be due to the fact the well was off for 12 years and the system had only run for a few hours prior to testing. He would like to run a test for inorganic. The cost of the test would be approximately \$1,600.

Haig asks about the cost for a carbon filter. Ruschke does not think the Borough needs it. The cost is \$700,000.

Ruschke updates the Board on the Quarry Road Sewer Station. The contractor is not moving forward efficiently. The DEP is overseeing and is very thorough. They had questions regarding wages and fringe benefits for the contractor's employees. The surge protectors have not been hooked up.

Perry discusses the SCMUA reports. Due to the significant rain in December 2023 and January 2024, the ground water tables were higher through March which Ruschke affirms.

Perry suggests checking manholes at different times of day to determine where the problem is occurring with the sump pumps. Discussion on sump pump ordinance which would require an inspection by the DPW upon sale of property to make sure that the sump pump is not connected to the system. Chairman Garrett states that the inspection could be done when the final water reading is performed. Haig discusses the clogs on Wishing Well Road. Significant water movement was noticed. He suggests that Ruschke and Perry speak with Alec Yanish. Perry suggests placing camera in line. If

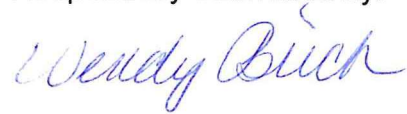
sump pumps are connected, the property owner could be fined if an ordinance is in effect.

Perry updates the Board on Well 1A which he hopes to have online by the end the year. The piping and valves are in great shape. Perry will get a quote for the new PLC and reprogramming needed.

Public Portion: No public in attendance.

Adjourn: At 8:02 p.m., a motion is made to adjourn by Berado, second by Busted with all others in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy Brick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "W".

Wendy Brick
Secretary to the Land Use Board