

**Borough of Hamburg
Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes
November 6, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll call: Chairman Garrett, Pat Berado, Vinnie Busteed, Paul Marino, John Moeckel, John Haig, Mayor Krasnomowitz. Regina Flammer, John Perry, John Ruschke and Alec Yanish were in attendance.

Minutes: A motion is made by Berado, second by Moeckel to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting with all others members in favor.

Individual Cases:

At 7:00 p.m., a motion is made by Chairman Garrett with all others in favor to open the meeting to the owner of 39 Winding Brook Road. John Zappile discusses his concerns about having the smart meter installed in his residence due to his health issues. He references information from the Smart Meter Education Network. He disputes the \$200 charge assigned to his account for not having the meter installed.

Board Engineer indicates that he is not aware of any health concerns associated with the meters but could research this with the manufacturer.

Board discussion continues on the assessment assigned to the account which was put in place for compliance rather than as a means to make money. Bills are currently estimated since the current meter is not working and cannot be read. Perry adds that the meter could possibly be installed outside but would need to look into that. The fee could be waived if the property owner provides a note from a doctor providing information as to the health ramifications of having the smart meter installed in this property owner's residence. Property owner leaves the meeting.

Old Business/New Business:

The property owner for 176 Route 23 provided a notarized letter requesting that the number of EDUS currently assigned to the property be reduced from three (3) to two(2) due to the reduction in uses to one business and one residential tenant.

Board discussion involves the uses of the property and the need for the property owner to initiate the process for obtaining an additional EDU if approval is given to remove one and the property owner decides to expand the use in the future.

A motion is made by Marino, second by Moeckel with all Board members in favor of sending to Council recommending that the Zoning Officer inspect the property located at 176 Route 23 to determine whether the removal of one (1) EDU is warranted based on the current

uses on the property and to inform the property owner that the property would be subject to periodic inspections by the Zoning Officer if the removal of the EDU is approved by the Board and Council. The inspection would include determining if modifications have been made to eliminate the ability to have a second apartment at the property.

The Board discusses the delinquent water and sewer accounts. There are 99 accounts to be turned off. Board Chairman will contact the commercial properties on the list.

A motion is made by Berado, second by Busteed with all others in favor of turning off all properties on the list.

Engineer/Water Superintendent Report:

Perry discusses the water sampling of the wells and the new company used for the testing (Pace located in Fairfield).

Perry reviews the Sussex County Flows Report. The flows are fine.

Perry informs the Board that the booster pump station will need an adjustment to the time delay for pump one.

Discussion on the drought conditions. Perry discusses the depths of the wells and indicates that at this time, the drought is not a concern for the Borough's supply.

Ruschke discusses the notification letter for residents identified as unknown for lead pipes. Borough will need to replace lines in ground and on private property. The Borough would replace line and fix minor issues not replace shrubbery, etc. He proposes to take the project out to bid.

Public Portion: No public in attendance.

Adjourn: At 7:37 p.m., a motion is made by Berado, second by Mayor Krasnomowitz with all others in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:



Wendy Brick
Secretary to the Board of Public Works