

**Borough of Hamburg
Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025**

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, Vinnie Busteed, Mayor Krasnomowitz, Paul Marino, John Moeckel, John Haig, John Perry, Regina Flammer, Alec Yanish and John Ruschke, PE of Mott MacDonald were in attendance. Pat Berado was not in attendance.

Minutes: A motion is made by Busteed, second by Marino to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting with all others members in favor.

Old Business/New Business: Chairman Garrett informs the Board that the issue with the Eye On Water app that involved the ability to view other accounts and the other account's billing included within the total bill has been corrected. Marino adds that he still has issues with the water meter readings at his residence. He does not think the reading accurately reflect usage.

Individual Cases: Regina Flammer informs the Board that the property owner for Account No. 5560 is not in attendance and that the balance was paid. Merrill Wettasinghe is also not in attendance. This property owner received his billing late and is requesting that interest be waived. Board discussion regarding delinquency. If the Borough was delinquent in sending the billing, the interest should be waived. Flammer discusses the new billing program which offers electronic billing and payments.

Brief discussion on the turnoff list. Water turnoffs are scheduled for May 20, 2025.

Chairman Garrett asks whether an explanation of charges can be provided on the billing through the new billing system. Flammer did not think that additional detail could be added. Board discussion on the need for detail for the fee on the water/sewer billing.

Flammer leaves the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

A motion is made at 7:12 p.m. by Marino, second by Busteed with all others in favor to open the meeting to the Board professionals.

Engineer/Water Superintendent Report: John Ruschke, PE discusses the Quarry Road Pump Station. He thinks that one of the pumps is a lemon and as a result is holding \$6,000 until pump is working. Coppola needs to address the reason why it is not working.

John Perry discusses flows and recent rain totals. No issues are noted on the well reports. Brief discussion on Great Lakes Labs processing Well 1A samples prior to the well being

operational. Perry discusses results for samples from Well #3 and Well #2 and possible cross contamination. The samples will be run again in September.

Perry briefly discusses the line replacements. He has six confirmed galvanized and one copper fixture inside the home which the resident will need to contact a plumber to replace. The properties are on Orchard Street, Governor Haines, Route 23 and Haig adds another on Linwood Avenue. Ruschke adds that the Borough has approximately \$500,000 aside for this from grants. The bidding process should begin once we have determined an accurate number of properties affected and have the standard language. Perry will work on bid specifications for the next meeting. Ruschke will assist with providing a template.

Perry discusses the Hungerford & Terry quote of \$66,126 for the replacement of the control panel and filter not replacement valves. HMI is not included and would be another \$30,000. Alec Yanish adds that the pumps for the pit are not included. It is estimated that \$100,000 will make the well usable. This will need to go out to bid. Haig asks whether grant money would be available. Ruschke does not know of any available. \$30,000 may be needed if it will serve as backup well. Perry will take another sample first. Timeline to get the well online is one year. It will take up to six months to get the equipment and it will need to go out to bid. Perry will work on the bid specifications.

Discussion on Bluffs development. The road needs to be completed.

Yanish indicates that he needs a utility tracer which would be approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000. Perry and Yanish will get quotes for the next Board meeting. Discussion about sharing cameras with Sussex or Franklin since they have them.

Haig informs the Board that Boswell Engineering has been approved. Ruschke has been communicating with them. Marino discusses the transition as it relates to open projects. Ruschke will review but does not think there are many open issues. He would like to close them out since his firm is familiar.

A motion is made at 7:46 p.m. by Busteed, second by Moeckel with all others in favor to close the meeting to the Board professionals.

Public Portion: No public in attendance.

Adjourn: At 7:46 p.m., a motion is made to adjourn by Marino, second by Moeckel with all others in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:



Wendy Brick
Secretary to the Land Use Board