

**Borough of Hamburg**  
**Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2026**

**Call to Order/ Flag Salute / 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 Ronald Garrett, John Haig, Russell Law, Vice Chair Paul Marino, Mayor Richard Krasnomowitz, Jennifer Valerius and Alec Yanish were in attendance.

**Minutes:** A motion is made by Marino, second by Law to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026 meeting with all other members in favor.

Chairman Garrett compliments how the recent water turn offs were performed and thanks for the open communication from Alec Yanish to have a successful turn off.

**Individual Cases:**

Acct# 8962 the board asked for someone to come to the next meeting to request in person to request the waiver for the shut off fee.

Springdale Village is requested to come to a meeting to present their information in front of the board about the charges on their accounts.

Alec Yanish states that the meter should be split because of the ordinance in place. The homeowner is responsible for the split.

**Old Business/New Business:**

Alec Yanish states water turn offs went well with two left off and not paid. Water Collector, Jennifer Valerius stated that one property may be empty and the other may be occupied. It was suggested by the board we should do a wellness check on the properties that remain off.

Mr. Yanish states 121 RT 23 and 122 RT 23 share a curb box. He states that it should be split so that they can be turned off properly. He suggested that they should be split. The board would like DPW to investigate if it can be split and give an update.

Mrs. Valerius states that forty eight meters were on a replacement list. Twenty-four were updated and are now reading. One meter was pending and twenty-three mailings were non responsive.

Mrs. Valerius introduces a discussion to be made regarding water/sewer connection fees. She stated that the fees haven't been updated since 1997.

A motion is made at 7:16 p.m. by Law, second by Marino with all others in favor to open to Joseph Brezina.

Mr. Brezina, CFO discussed the Borough's water and sewer connection rates which have not been raised since 1997. Currently the rates are \$2,174.50 water connection fees and \$2,440.47 for sewer connection fees. Joseph states we are currently undercharging for these fees. Joseph gave a rate for a survey to have the fees looked at from an outside source. Joseph also states that there are two options to adjust the fees, either a water sewer connection study or you can formulate a number.

A motion is made at 7:25 p.m. by Marino to raise the water and sewer connection fees, second by Law roll call, Berado absent, Garrett Yes, Marino Yes, Law, Yes, Moeckel, absent.

A motion is made at 7:26 p.m. by Marino, seconded by Law with all others in favor to close to Joe Brezina.

#### **Engineer/Water Superintendent Report:**

Yanish reports the water and sewer flow reports are normal. FEMA portable generator grant was awarded and they are in step 2 to move forward to purchase it.

Yanish states Well 1A needs to go out to bid. Recommended to bypass the filters, but there is an underground wire that is burnt out. The motor starter is not working. The wire needs to be replaced. The control panel is burnt out. The board suggested bid specs for Well 1A as soon as possible.

A motion is made at 7:32 p.m. by Garrett, second by Marino to open to the public with all in favor.

#### **Public Portion:**

Resident Mark Sena voiced concerns regarding his water bill. Chairman Garrett asked if he wanted to discuss in closed session and he declined. Mr. Sena stated he was overcharged. It was explained to him the two prior bills were estimated by manual adjustment.

DPW Supervisor, Alec Yanish, states that the usage for June 2025 to present day did not show an additional 50,000 gallons.

Water Collector, Jennifer Valerius, noted that the bill Mr. Sena received was all of the prior usage that had been removed during the manual adjustment and not billed as it should have been.

Mr. Sena voiced concerns regarding his meter's functionality. Mrs. Valerius stated the meter has good signal strength and the meter is working properly.

A motion is made at 7:51 p.m. by Marino to close to the public, seconded by Law with all others in favor to close to the public.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Valerius  
Secretary to the Board of Public Works