

**Borough of Hamburg
Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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.

Vice Chair Paul Marino invited all those present to participate in the flag salute.

Roll call: Pat Berado, John Haig, Vice Chair Paul Marino, John Moeckel, John Perry, Jennifer Valerius, and Paul Ferraro were in attendance.

Minutes: A motion is made by Moeckel, seconded by Berado to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026 meeting with all other members in favor.

Chairman's Agenda:

Vice Chair Paul Marino requested site plans and to see the resolution about the extension of the sewer and water lines for the new development on Route 23.

Individual Cases:

Water Collector, Jennifer Valerius, states the resident had a prior payment plan set up with prior collectors but there is no record in the office of such. The resident had requested the removal of the \$100 shut off fee due to non-payment. This request has been denied by the Board.

A motion was made at 7:03 p.m. by Moeckel, seconded by Berado with all others in favor to open to Professionals.

The property owner of 35 Circle Drive requested a review of their current water bill. Water Operator, John Perry indicates the meter itself has been replaced 3 times and just completed a meter calibration that came back in good working order. John Perry also states that the resident has been filling his pool as well. Also, Water Collector, Jennifer Valerius states the bill was estimated for three quarters in the prior year and the bill caught up with the usage now. The board agrees the resident owes what is due and no adjustment to the bill would be made.

Old Business/New Business:

Mrs. Valerius states that water shut offs were conducted July 27th with only one resident that is still off that hasn't paid yet. A welfare check was done to check on the resident who is still off. Other properties that are still off are vacant.

Engineer/Water Superintendent Report:

Water Operator, John Perry states that the most recent flow report wasn't available yet but expected to see more flow because of the recent rain. The flows have been normal, the

plants and wells are fine. The annual consumer confidence report was recently updated and posted online. The 2026 service line inventory was updated and added to the website as well.

BPW Liaison, John Haig informs the board that DPW supervisor Alec Yanish was not in attendance due to an issue at a well station. That he was working on a pump at the moment.

Engineer Paul Ferriero states information pertaining to The Woods project is needed to move ahead. There is a resolution that will go to the mayor and council to adopt and sign off on. A will serve letter is requested from Sam Diaz for The Woods project. The capacity needed for the project would be approximately 12,600 gallons of water and 6,750 gallons a day for sewer. The connection fees for the sewer have been paid, but the water connection still needs to be paid. Under DEP regulations to account for peaks you have to triple the number. Mr. Ferriero suggests that the BPW board needs to make a motion to authorize the will-serve letters for The Woods.

A motion is made at 7:11 p.m. by Moeckel, seconded by Berado to authorize the will-serve letters to be drafted by Boswell Engineering with all in favor.

BPW Liaison, John Haig, discussed the push on the surveys for the grant program. Mr. Perry informs the board that 15 have been received and about 16 more have been received. A suggestion was made that we have someone go through the remaining properties to get the responses to have the number to move forward with the grant program.

A motion is made at 7:13 p.m. by Moeckel, seconded by Berado to close to professionals with all in favor.

Public Portion:

A motion is made at 7:14 p.m. by Moeckel, seconded by Berado to open to the public with all in favor.

Sam Diaz, one of the principals of the new development going up in Hamburg. He clarified that there are 30 units in Hamburg and 6 that will be in Hardyston.

A resident asked for clarification on the water billing issue that was discussed earlier. Engineer Paul Ferriero explained how the physical reading sometimes is deferred to an estimated read which would create the delay in the actual read coming in for billing.

A motion is made at 7:16pm by Moeckel and seconded by Berado to close to the public with all in favor.

Adjourn: At 7:16 p.m., a motion is made to adjourn by Moeckel, seconded by Berado with all others in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Valerius
Secretary to the Board of Public Works