

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON APRIL 19, 2010 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with a salute to the flag

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Councilman Barr	Councilwoman Oehler
Councilman Krasnomowitz	Councilman Kelly
Councilman Law	Councilman Sena
Mayor Marino	

Also Present: Doreen Schott
Kathy Garrett
Attorney Clemack
Engineer John Ruschke

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk advised that:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 10, 2010 by delivering to the press and posting at the Municipal Building a copy of the "Annual Notice of Meetings" pursuant the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

1. Officer Paul DeMott – Letter dated 02/07/2010

Council advises that they are going to discuss the letter dated 02/07/2010 from Officer DeMott regarding the promotional process. Attorney asks Officer DeMott who is present in the audience if he would prefer this discussion be in executive session. Officer DeMott advises that he will have the discussion in public and that all questions will be directed to his attorney. Officer DeMott advises that his attorney is not present at this time.

Mayor addresses the steps that were taken with regards to appointing an Acting Sergeant. Council felt the position was needed and upon discussion and recommendations between the Chief of Police and Council Officer McNulty was the best suited candidate at that time. It was discussed that the promotional process would pursue and that the position would be posted and advertised and that all qualified persons interested would be eligible to take the exam and would be considered for the position. Mayor advises Officer DeMott that the governing body has always felt that he was a dedicated employee but that at the time on naming an Acting Sergeant, the council was informed of his pending retirement and that when another Sergeant exam was given earlier Officer DeMott did not apply. Officer DeMott advises that he feels that once a governing body names and acting they are basically stating who they want for the position. Council members address this and all advise that that is not the case, they each employee was

considered based on the facts known but that once the position was posted it was open for all and each would be given the same consideration. Council advises that that is an assumption that Officer DeMott made but not the belief of the council. They based their decision on what was discussed between them and the Chief. Councilman Sena states that Hamburg has a three step process for promotions, there is no bias and that everyone has an equal opportunity. Presently there are two candidates who applied for the position and both will be fairly and equally judged prior to a final decision being made.

2. Recreation Field

John Ruschke addresses the Council. He has provided the council with a document titled "Schedule of Improvements" for the Gingerbread Castle Recreation Fields. With regards to the concession stand Mr. Ruschke will contact Hardyston Township to see who installed their stand as the council agrees that something similar is what is needed in Hamburg. Going over his list he advises that he has taken out the \$16,000.00 which was originally encumbered for Landscaping and will in place order 20 trees at half the contract price, smaller landscaping such as shrubs, tall grasses etc will be completed by the DPW with an estimated cost of \$5,000.00. He advises that Mike Schneider will begin working on cost estimates for the bleachers and benches. At present the Governing Body will forgo the sports lighting at the fields and possibly revisit in future years when there may not be so many budgetary constraints. Upon discussion regarding the fence modification to connect the line fencing with the backstop a **Motion is made by Councilmember Kelly, second by Councilmember Barr to authorize Abate Fence Inc. to provide the fence modification for a cost of \$1,800.00.** All Council members present in favor. Again, members review the schedule of improvements and Mr. Ruschke will work on several issues and report back at the May 17, 2010 Regular Meeting Workshop. Mayor advises that the May 17th Regular Workshop Meeting will be re advertised for 6:30 with members opening the meeting and they reporting to the Recreational Fields

3. Main Street Signage

There is some discrepancy as to whether the No Parking Main Street signs are accurate. The present signs are on both sides of Main Street from the Orchard Extension south and it would propose a problem if two cars going north and south were to try to pass each other. Council advises that engineer go back to the Ordinance and see what correction is necessary. Councilmember Krasnomowitz also recommends that it may be clearer if the town stripes the areas where parking is prohibited. Council agrees that would be a good solution. Mayor Marino advised that he has been contacted by one of the merchants there and they are upset advising that they have less parking since the 94 / 23 Intersection project has been completed. Council may revisit the idea of possible "parking permits" for one tenant each for the new municipal lots, however council also feels that the intention of the Municipal Lots are for the public wishing to visit the merchant shops and not for private parking spaces.

Engineer advises that Fitzpatrick did begin work today (4/19/2010) on the Summit / Circle project with an anticipated completion date of approximately one month.

4. Budget

Mayor advises that we will have budget discussion and introduction at the May 17, 2010

meeting. Town will also start preparing for the revaluation that has been ordered by the County. Mayor advises that this is a good time to have the revaluation.

5. Recycling Contract

Mayor and Council are in receipt of the Shared Service Agreement – Curbside Recycling and Municipal Facility Solid Waste Collection Services from Hardyston Township. Upon review a **Motion is made by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, second by Councilmember Law to remove all inferences to “Annual Bulk Waste Pick Up” from the contract as the Borough will not be providing that and add to the contract that “Hardyston Township will provide the Borough of Hamburg with a contract cost for the next 5 year contract period on February 2, 2015.” This will give the Borough amply time to also put the scope of work out for public bid.** Roll call showed all Councilmember’s present in favor.

6. Fire Department

- **Application Charles Zwiegle** – Motion is made by Councilmember Law, second by Councilmember Barr to accept the Fire Department application for Charles Zwiegle pending receipt of an acceptable background check. Once received Clerk is authorized to execute the application. All members present are in favor.
- **Port Jervis Parade – July 10, 2010 and Warwick Parade (date to be determined).** Motion by Councilmember Law, second by Councilmember Barr to authorize participation in both parades by the Hamburg Fire Department. All members present in favor.
- **Gucci’s Garlic Run** – Motion by Councilmember Law, second by Councilmember Barr to all the Hamburg Fire Department / EMS to participate in Guicci’s Garlic Run. It is noted that this year the run will be for the benefit of one of Hamburg’s Fire Department member’s son. All members present are in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Mayor Marino offered the following resolution to enter into executive session.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, and
 WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to enter into executive session for the reasons hereafter cited:

- 1. Police Personnel**
- 2. UPSEU Contract**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:14012(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act provided for matters of this nature to be discussed in closed session; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the closed session be taken and made available to the Public upon conclusion of the matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council advises the public that formal action may be taken later this evening on the matters discussed in closed session or on other matter.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, second by Councilmember Kelly to enter into Executive Sessions for the reason stated above.

Motion by Councilmember Law, second by Councilmember Kelly to return to the regular meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, second by Councilmember Oehler for the Borough of Hamburg hire two (2) probationary police officers for the Hamburg Police Department and not to hire a third police officer for the Hamburg Police Department at this time.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, Oehler, Krasnomowitz, Sena
Nays: Barr, Law
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion by Councilmember Law, second by Councilman Kelly to hire Mr. Christopher Nichols as Patrolman at a probationary starting salary effective January 1, 2010.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Kelly, Oehler, Barr, Krasnomowitz, Sena, Law
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, second by Councilmember Law to hire Mr. Christopher Irons as Patrolman at a probationary starting salary effective January 1, 2010.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Barr, Krasnomowitz, Law, Oehler, Kelly, Sean
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Marino and Councilmember Kelly give a brief update regarding the Wantage Project known as the Quarry Crossroads. The developer unknown to Hamburg submitted to the NJDEP an amendment and revision application to the Sussex County Water Quality Management Plan naming the Borough of Hamburg as purveyor of the public water system. The county was to vote on this at their last meeting. Hamburg contacted Sussex County advising that Hamburg was in very early negotiations with this developer and that at this time no formal action was granted and their application was incorrect in naming Hamburg as the water purveyor. The county advised that until they were notified by Hamburg in writing they would table this application.

Councilman Barr advises that in speaking with Mr. Bill DeBoers of DeBoers Auto he was again advised that he was not getting notified for any repair or towing jobs. This was discussed at a previous meeting and the Borough maintains that they would like to see that when services are required the in town business at least get first option to give prices and or work.

PUBLIC PORTION:

There was no public in attendance for the public portion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Kelly, second by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. with all members present in favor.

Date Approved: 5/3/10

Date Released: 5/3/10



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk