

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 16 WALLKILL AVE. HAMBURG, N.J. ON
JANUARY 1, 2012 AT 12:00 NOON**

Mayor Paul Marino called the meeting to order and opened with a flag salute.

The Clerk read the Statement of compliance into the record:
Adequate notice of this Reorganization Meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Reorganization Meeting through a Legal Notice published in the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and through notices faxed and mailed to the following named newspapers and posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall: The New Jersey Herald / The Sunday Herald; Star Ledger.

II. OATHS OF OFFICE:

The Clerk read the "Statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers".

Borough Clerk Doreen Schott administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Elect Dan Barr for a three (3) year term expiring 12-31-2014. Councilman Barr then took his place at the Council dais.

Borough Clerk Doreen Schott administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Elect Rich Krasnomowitz for a three (3) year term expiring 12-31-2014. Councilman Krasnomowitz then took his place at the Council dais.

III. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call of the 2012 Hamburg Governing Body.

Roll Call:

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

IV. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:

Motion by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for all Council meetings for the year 2012.

All in favor.

V. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Marino opened the floor for council nominations for the position of Council President for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to nominate Councilman Kelly for the position of Council President for the year 2012. All in favor.

As there were no other nominations, motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to close the nominations. All in favor.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to accept the nomination of Councilman Chris Kelly as Council President. All in favor.

VI COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: CLASS III LAND USE BOARD

Mayor Marino opened the floor for council nominations for the position of Class III Land Use Board for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to nominate Councilman Krasnomowitz for the position of Class III Land Use Board for the year 2012. All in favor.

VII PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS:

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Mayor Marino offered the name of Richard J. Clemack for appointment as the Borough Attorney for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Attorney, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law. All in favor.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mayor Marino offered the name of John Ruschke of Hatch Mott MacDonald for the appointment as Borough Engineer for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Engineer, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law. All in favor.

MUNICIPAL PLANNER:

Mayor Marino offered the name of Ken Nelson of The Nelson Consulting Group for the appointment as Borough Planner for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilwoman Oehler, seconded by Councilman Kelly to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Planner, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law. All in favor.

BOROUGH AUDITOR:

Mayor Marino offered the name of William Schroeder of Nisivoccia & Company for appointment as Borough Auditor for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Kelly to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Auditor, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law. All in favor.

BOND COUNSEL:

Mayor Marino offered the name of John L. Kraft for appointment as Borough Bond Counsel for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Kelly to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Bond Counsel, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contract Law. All in favor.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Mayor Marino offered the name of John Mulhern for appointment as Municipal Judge for the year 2012 for a three year term to expire December 31, 2014.

Motion by Councilman Law, Councilman Barr to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Municipal Judge with salary for said position included in the Salary Ordinance and yearly Salary Resolution for Borough Employees. All in favor.

BOROUGH PROSECUTOR:

Mayor Marino offered the name of Mark Hontz for appointment as Borough Prosecutor for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Law to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Prosecutor with salary for said position included in the Salary Ordinance and yearly Salary Resolution for Borough Employees. All in favor.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mayor Marino offered the name of James P. Sloan, PC for appointment as Public Defender for the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Kelly to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Public Defender with salary for said position included in the Salary Ordinance and yearly Salary Resolution for Borough employees. All in favor.

VIII. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Marino presented his nominations for one (1) year appointments to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2012:

REGISTRAR	DOREEN SCHOTT
OFFICE MANAGER	DOREEN SCHOTT
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER	DOREEN SCHOTT
COMPLIANCE OFFICER P.A.C.O	DOREEN SCHOTT
BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY	DOREEN SCHOTT
DEPUTY CLERK/DEPUTY REGISTRAR	KATHY GARRETT
RECREATION BOARD SECRETARY	KATHY GARRETT
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY	KATHY GARRETT
ADMIN. ASST.	MELISSA VELEZ MORALES
LAND USE/ CLERICAL	MARY JONES
HISTORIC COMMISSION SECRETARY	MARY JONES
WATER & SEWER COLLECTOR	REGINA FLAMMER
TREASURER	AMY MARONPOT
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT.	KEITH SUKENNIKOFF
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT.	KEVIN DECKER
ZONING OFFICER	SIDNEY CRUM
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER	SIDNEY CRUM

FIRE OFFICIAL
 911 COORDINATOR
 COURT ADMINISTRATOR
 DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR
 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
 WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT
 BOROUGH PHYSICIAN
 POLICE DETECTIVE
 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
 ALTERNATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

HARDYSTON TWP.
 SIDNEY CRUM
 JOANN COAN
 ANN ROSELLEN
 WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
 GERALD KASTNER
 DR. FIELDING
 GEORGE GUNDERMAN
 DANIEL COLFAX
 WILLIAM HINKS

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to confirm the Mayor's appointment's as presented. All in favor.

IX. APPOINTMENTS - CROSSING GUARDS:

Mayor Marino offered the following appointments as Crossing Guards:

Dot Kays (Captain)	Thomas Thiessen (Sub)
Aurelia Reina	Joyce Oehler (Sub)
Lorraine Pastor	
Sharon Russell	

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Kelly to accept the appointments as offered. All in favor.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – LAND USE BOARD:

Mayor Marino made the following appointments to the Land Use Board:
 (9 Members + 2 Alternates).

John Haig – Class II	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Vacancy – Class IV alt. #2	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Wendy Brick – Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Tom Watts – Class IV	Term expiring 12/ 31/2015

The above appointees join the following Land Use Board Members

Guy Harby – Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Daniel Hall – Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Robert Adams – Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Jeannette Tempe – Class IV	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Paul Marino – Class I	Term expiring 12/31/2014
Vacant – Class IV alt. #1	Term expiring 12/31/2012

APPOINTMENTS – HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Mayor Marino offered the following names for appointment of the Historical Commission. (5 Members + 2 Alternatives)

Robert O'Connor – Class C (Alt. #2)	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Thomas Watts – Class C	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Randal Cunningham Jr – Class C	Term expiring 12/31/2015

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Historic Commission. All in favor.

The above appointees join the following Historic Commission Members

Allen Rude – Class C	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Guy Harby Class C (Alt. #1)	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Marion Wood – Class B	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Vacancy – Class A Member	Term expiring 12/31/2014

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF HEALTH:

Mayor Marino offered the following names for appointment to the Board of Health (Five Members - each for three (3) year terms):

Thomas Watts	Term expiring 12/31/2014
Dorothy Kays	Term expiring 12/31/2014

Motion by Councilwoman Oehler, seconded by Councilman Kelly confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Health. All in favor.

The above appointees join the following Board of Health Members

Peter Karas	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Linda Adams	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Paula Marino	Term expiring 12/31/2013

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Marino offered the following names for appointment to the Board of Public Works (Six Members + Mayor - Three (3) year terms):

Ronald Garrett	Term expiring 12/31/2014
Dan Shane	Term expiring 12/31/2014

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Board of Public Works. All in favor.

The above appointees join the following Board of Public Works Members

Mayor Marino	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Chris Fitzpatrick	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Maria Marino	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Robert Krysiak	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Jerry Truppi	Term expiring 12/31/2013

RECREATION COMMISSION:

ORDINANCE CALLS FOR MAYOR TO APPOINT 5 MEMBERS WITH FIVE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS TO BE STAGGERED TO EXPIRE AS FOLLOWS:

Mayor Marino offered the following name for appointment to the Recreation Commission

Chris Fitzpatrick	Term expiring 12/31/2016
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Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Kelly confirming the Mayor's appointment to the Recreation Commission. All in favor.

The above appointee will join the following Recreation Commission Members

Lisa Abrahams	Term expiring 12/31/2012
Paula Marino	Term expiring 12/31/2013
Ryan Kelly	Term expiring 12/31/2014
Tammy DeOliveria	Term expiring 12/31/2015

FIRE/EMS APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Marino announced the following appointments for the Officers of the Hamburg Fire/EMS for 2012:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Fire Chief John Haig
- 1st Assistant Chief Charlie Zwiegle

FIRE DEPARTMENT - EMS DIVISION:

- Captain Karl Brennan
- 1st Lieutenant Jennifer Brennan

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Barr confirming the appointments as announced. All in favor.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - COUNCIL - COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Mayor Marino announced the duties of each Council Member for the year 2012 with the Mayor as ex-officio of each Committee.

COUNCILMAN KELLY

Building & Grounds
Water Quality
BPW Liaison
Solid Waste Advisory
Newsletter

COUNCILMAN LAW

Fire Commissioner - OEM
Sanitation and Recycling
Court

COUNCILMAN KRASNOMOWITZ

Land Use Board
Office Administration
Construction Department
Insurance

COUNCILWOMAN OEHLER

Recreation Commission
Grants
Open Space
EMS Liaison

COUNCILMAN SENA

Finance
Board of Health Liaison
Police Commissioner
Liaison to the SC Economic Development Partnership

COUNCILMAN BARR

Board of Education
Road Department
Historical Society and Commission

Motion by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilman Law confirming the Mayor's appointments for Committee Liaisons. All in favor.

X. RESOLUTIONS:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg will hold their Regular Meetings for 2012 on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

January 1, 2012 (Sunday) *Reorganization Meeting 12:00 Noon*

January 4, 2012 (Wednesday)

January 18, 2012 (Wednesday)

February 6, 2012

February 22, 2012 (Wednesday)

March 5, 2012

March 19, 2012

April 2, 2012

April 16, 2012

May 7, 2012

May 21, 2012

June 4, 2012

June 18, 2012

July 2, 2012

July 16, 2012

August 6, 2012

August 20, 2012

September 5, 2012 (Wednesday)

September 17, 2012

October 1, 2012

October 15, 2012

November 5, 2012

November 19, 2012

December 3, 2012

December 17, 2012

January 1, 2013 (Tuesday) *Reorganization Meeting 12 noon*

January 7, 2013

Motion by Councilman Kelly, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to adopt the 2012 meeting dates as presented. All in favor.

XI CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Municipal Council and will be enacted by one Resolution. The items listed under Consent Agenda will be acted upon after having been read by title by the Municipal Clerk. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member, and if so removed, will be treated as a separate matter.

2012 TEMPORARY BUDGET:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the attached is the 2012 Hamburg Temporary Budget:

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Sussex Bank, Lakeland Bank, Bank of America, Wachovia Bank, First Hope are hereby designated as official depositories for Borough funds for the year 2012.

TO CONDUCT TAX SALE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2011 TAXES:

WHEREAS, Regina Flammer, Tax Collector for the Borough of Hamburg, needs to hold a tax sale for non-payment of 2011 taxes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 99, approved May 12, 1997, the Borough Council must now grant the Tax Collector approval to conduct a tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that approval is granted to the Tax Collector to conduct a tax sale.

RATES OF INTEREST - DELINQUENT TAXES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Tax Collector will collect interest on delinquent taxes following the rates as set forth:

N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 interest shall be charged for non-payment of taxes at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment. No interest shall be charged if payment is made within the first ten days of each quarter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby provide for charging an additional penalty of 6% of the amount of a delinquency in taxes and/or municipal charges on such delinquencies which exceed \$10,000 as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

TAX COLLECTOR INTEREST FUND:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Tax Collector be and she is hereby authorized to set up an interest fund in the amount of \$100.00 in order to have funds on hand with which to make change at the time taxpayers pay their bills in person with cash for the year 2012.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the New Jersey Herald / New Jersey Sunday Herald; Star Ledger be hereby designated to be the official newspapers of the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2012.

DEFENSE OF TAX APPEALS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Municipal Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and they are hereby authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all the contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Borough of Hamburg tax list including, but not limited to roll back taxes, added and omitted assessments, complaints and such other appeals as are necessary to correct assessments for the Borough of Hamburg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Borough of Hamburg for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation for the year 2012.

TREASURER PETTY CASH FUND:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$50.00 in order to have funds on hand for minor office operating expenses for the year 2012.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to accept the Consent Agenda Items. All in favor.

MAYOR MARINO'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Marino was pleased to say that Hamburg had many accomplishments throughout the year, especially the opening of the recreation fields on Gingerbread Castle Road. He did have concerns with the water and sewer situations lately but the town was taking steps to rectify the matter. The roads are being worked on: the drainage pipes on Orchard Street being installed and grants for Wishing Well and roads in that area will be repaved. The town is getting ready to do a re-evaluation due to a State mandate. Mayor Marino stated that he looks forward to a great year and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Marino extended an invitation to all to go over to the Firehouse after the re-organization meeting for a luncheon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Sena said that he hoped for a better value for our tax dollars. He is working with the budget, with the salaries and the health mandates that are handed down from the State. He would like to see the town put in a playground at the recreation fields. Councilman Sena also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Kelly extended his wishes for a Happy New Year to everyone. He said that he started promoting for sidewalks on Rt. 23 when he first joined the Council and now there are sidewalks, the rec fields are completed, the police and fire equipment have all been updated and improved. These are all improvements to the town that he was happy to be a part of. Councilman Kelly thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Councilwoman Oehler also wished all a Happy New Year. She was happy to say that the Recreation Committee has a full board now and holding many functions for the town. She said that the Halloween festivities and Breakfast with Santa were a great success and looked forward to the new year.

Councilman Law thanked the town for him being in his position as Councilman. He mentioned the shared service agreement of recycling coordinator as one of the upcoming large projects of the town. He also extended a Happy New Year to everyone.

Councilman Krasnomowitz thanked the residents for his re-election to the Council. He also thanked the volunteers and employees of the town for all they do. He wished all a Happy New Year and looked forward to a good year.

Councilman Barr also thanked the residents for his re-election to the Council. He would like to see "welcome signs" to the town. He also said that Gingerbread Castle street signs are being worked on and hopefully finished this year. He reiterated a Happy New Year to all.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regard to the good and welfare of the Borough of Hamburg. All in favor.

Charlie McMickle – wished everyone a Happy New Year and great success in their jobs for the year.

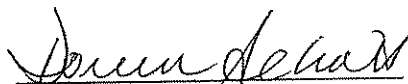
Alison McHose – Assemblywoman – wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for re-electing her and Senator Garrett and Senator Oroho so they could continue to work for all of us.

Paula Marino – said she was proud to be a citizen of Hamburg, to work with Doreen Schott and Kathy Garrett and the Recreation Commission. She was looking forward to a good year.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to close to the public. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilwoman Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 PM. All in favor.


Doreen Schott
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett