

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MAY 1, 2013 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and open with a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Present:	Mayor Marino	Councilmember Russell Law
	Councilmember Mark Sena	Councilmember Mark Sena
	Councilmember Rich Krasnomowitz	Councilmember Joyce Oehler
	Councilmember Ronald Garrett	

Absent: Councilmember Dan Barr

*Councilmember Dan Barr arrives

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE:

The Clerk advises

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting was sent to the New Jersey Herald / Sunday Herald on April 25, 2013. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulleting board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on aforementioned date. Notices on the bulleting board have remained continuously posted.

Mayor Marino advises that this special meeting was called for the purpose of meeting with prospective candidates and to possibly take action to elevate to the position of sergeant and detective.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into executive session for the discussion of Police Personnel. All members present in favor.

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

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 matters.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to return to regular session. All members present in favor.

Mayor Marino addresses the two candidates with regards to the promotion of sergeant. He advises that this was one of the hardest decisions the council has had to make. Both candidates were qualified, both do a great job and both are vital to the department. A decision has been made and one will be elevated to sergeant and the other to the position of detective.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to promote Patrolman Nichols to the position of Sergeant.

Roll Call

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

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to promote Patrolman Gunderman to the position of Detective.

Roll Call

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

Police Director Yahm addresses the candidates and the Mayor and Council. Director Yahm repeats what has been spoken in that this was the hardest decision he had to make. Both candidates were extremely close in every category possible. Both candidates were more than qualified and both would be a vital asset to the department. He has faith in both and feels that they have showed exemplary skills and attitude in their job performance.

The Borough Clerk administers the Oath of Office to Sergeant Christopher Nichols
The Borough Clerk administers the Oath of Office to Detective George Gunderman

There will be another formal swearing in of both officers at the June regular meeting when families can attend.

Mayor and Council state again that both were extremely qualified and it was one of the toughest decisions to be made because of that.

Both candidates thank the Mayor and Council

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the

public for any questions or comments.

Hearing no comments from the public, Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to close the meeting to the public.

ADJOURN:

Motion by councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Date Approved: 5/6/13
Date Released: 5/6/13

Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

