

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MAY 19, 2014 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call

Mayor Marino

Councilman Barr

Councilman Krasnomowitz

Councilman Burd

Councilman Law

Councilman Garrett

Councilman Sena

Also Present: Doreen Schott

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk advised

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 6, 2014 by delivering to the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and posting at the Municipal Building a copy of the "Annual Notice of Meetings" pursuant the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

1. Grey Elephant - Gingerbread Castle Residential Development Presentation

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to Mr. Andy Mulvihill. Mr. Mulvihill addresses the council. He advises that for years he has briefly discussed the property on Gingerbread Castle road with the Mayor and Councilmember Barr. His father always had a vision for that property. He would like to offer the now "Amazing Stoneworks" property for sale to the town. He would like to donate the Castle and some immediate land around the castle to the town. His original plan was to convert the warehouse properties into apartments but with the present economic environment he does not see that as a viable option financially at this time.

Councilmember Barr would like to see the area by Amazing Stone to be municipal property. The property connects to our recreation fields. If the town purchased the property the Castle property could be turned over to the Historical Society and they may be able to get grants to help in restoration. Mayor Marino asked if there was any indication at all that they would pursue the apartments, Mr. Mulvihill advises that he cannot guarantee that he could do it, presently it does not make economic sense and there are so many constraints with the property presently as it is. Council discusses the feasibility of doing an appraisal on the property to purchase if the area across the street is not going to be developed as originally thought. Mr. Mulvihill advises that the last time the Amazing Stone property was assessed it came in somewhere in the neighborhood of \$700,000.00 to 800,000.00. He further advises that if anything were to be done with the property it would take time. DEP approvals would be at minimum a year out. He has

presently put quite a bit of money into the site such as fencing and clean-up for safety issues. If the town is not interested in purchasing Amazing Stone works property he may look to privately sell.

Council briefly discusses further.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to Mr. Andy Mulvihill.

Mayor Marino discusses that when the presentation was given to the LUB it did include the redevelopment of the property into apartment units. Now it appears that is not the case as he does not see it being feasible for the borough to make such an investment.

COAH Update; Mayor Marino advises that he has been in touch with Borough Planner Ken Nelson for an update on COAH. Hamburg previously had an obligation of 30 units, this would probably be rescinded because nothing was ever built. We now have a future obligation of 22 units. If Mr. Mulvihill were to build what was first discussed based on 82 units @ 10% - 15% being affordable housing; approximately 8 to 12 units of the 82 would have been designated affordable units.

2. Narcon Program – Discussion

Councilmember Sena addresses the council and hands out information on a drug known as Narcon. Narcon is a nasal overdose antidote used primarily for heroin and opiate overdoses. New Jersey Herald had an article in the May 4th edition which was very informative. The drug has been available since the 1950's. Governor Christie signed an act which will allow for a waiver to allow police to administer this drug. Some areas in the state did pilot programs and has been successful. The cost of application is \$25.00 and has a 2 year shelf life. Police Department personnel would be trained in the administration of Narcon. Councilmember Sena would like to see the town support this as heroin overdose is now the number one cause of accidental death in New Jersey. Councilmember Barr advises that he is in support of the use of Narcon but in discussions with Director Yahm he is advised that as of present the prosecutor's office has not given the approval for local PD's and EMS to use.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the public for any comment or questions they may have. All in favor.

Joyce Oehler Captain of the EMS Squad addresses the council. She advises that she is familiar with Narcon and would not want the EMS squad to carry it on the rig. She believes the drug is good but should only be administered by trained paramedics. She feels that this will now become the first option used. There are many conditions that may mimic an overdose such as a diabetic shock and again the fear is that it will be the first method used by first responders at a scene. Councilmember Krasnomowitz being able to identify with that situation agrees that it could cause a tunnel vision effect by first responders when they come upon an individual especially a younger person, just assuming it is an opiate overdose. Council discusses whether there is a responsibility on the town's part if this is available and we don't consider it use. Council further discusses the pros and cons of the use of the drug.

Robert Adams 37 Fairview Avenue address the council regarding Grey Elephant and advises that the presentation two months ago to the Land Use Board was very positive with the redevelopment of the site. Tonight it is a much different presentation.

Tom Watts 135 Hillside Drive agrees with Mr. Adams and is disappointed that the original project no longer seems to be an option.

Councilmember Barr advises that he too was caught by surprise as they were planning to go to the Historic Commission next month with the plan.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Attorney Clemack will offer the following resolution to enter into executive session later this evening.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to enter into executive session for the reasons hereafter cited:

- 1. **Phone Contract**
- 2.
- 3.

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.

Mayor and Council discuss Narcon issue and would like a resolution sent to the prosecutor's office showing support for the program. Members discuss waiting until we can get more feedback from the Police Director, become more informed on the program and revisiting at the June meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Barr to send a resolution showing support to the Prosecutor's office and towns.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Marino advises that he attended the recreation meeting to discuss procedure for nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year. Mayor Marino and recreation would like to recommend Charlie McMickle for the 2014.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Burd to nominate Charlie McMickle 2014

Senior Citizen of the Year. All members present in favor.

Council discusses the issue of street sweeping. We contract with Hardyston Township and some streets they are unable to get close to the curb due to low hanging branches. Council discusses whether Hardyston as contracted by us should use another vehicle that would be able to get close and if not should sub contract out or since the issue is low hanging branches if the town should go around and trim the trees.

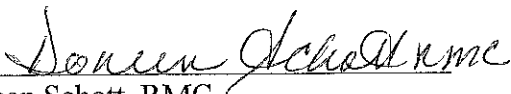
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned. All members present in favor.

Date Approved: 7/7/14

Date Released: 7/7/14


Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk