

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 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. and opened with a flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Councilman Barr	Councilman Law
Councilman Krasnomowitz	Councilman Garrett
Councilman Burd	Councilman Sena
Mayor Marino	

Also Present: Doreen Schott
Kathy Garrett
Richard Clemack

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk will advise:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on 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".

August 4, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to approve the August 4, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

August 4, 2014 Executive Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Burd to approve the August 4, 2014 Executive Special Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

August 4, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Garrett to approve the August 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

August 4, 2014 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Garrett to approve the August 4, 2014 Executive Session Minutes of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilmen Krasnomowitz and Law presented the following additions to the Bill List: NJ League of Municipalities - \$25.00; NJ League of Municipalities - \$40.00; Daniel Colfax -\$150.00; and Jarrod Cofrancesco -\$966.66.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to add the bills to the bill list. All in favor.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to open the meeting to the public with regards to the bill list only. All in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Barr to close to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Garrett to approve and pay the bill list as presented

with additions.

Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCES

Ordinance # 03 – 2014 – 1st Reading

ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Barr for Attorney Clemack to read the ordinance by title for the first reading and publication.

Roll Call:

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

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion by Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Law to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for October 6, 2014. Mayor Marino stated that the ordinance is fixing the salaries of employees within the Borough.

Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTIONS

None

ATTORNEY HOUR

Notice of Tort Claim: Oxbow Stables

Attorney Clemack stated that the Borough is misnamed in this suit- it is the wrong municipality- and even though the insurance would take care of it, we have a deductible we would have to be responsible for, so he will follow through with removing it from the Borough. Borough Clerk Doreen Schott has already made a phone call to the attorney on record.

The Hinger matter has gone to insurance, who is denying coverage on the administrative claim, of which we knew, but we were speaking of the tort claim, so Attorney Clemack will follow through for clarification.

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.

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.

No Executive Session.

ENGINEERING

None

MAYOR'S AGENDA

Presentation: Employee Recognition

Mayor Marino presented to Gerald Kastner a plaque for his 20 years of service for Water Superintendent for the Borough. He started in 1994 and there were many water problems going on within the town, along with some financial issues also to deal with, ongoing repairs, and he and the engineer worked together to get the Borough in the great shape that it is today. Mayor Marino thanked Mr. Kastner for his years of service to the town. Mr. Kastner said that he has enjoyed working with the Mayor and Council for the past 20 years and looks forward to working with them for the next 20 years.

Appointment: Right to Know Coordinator – Keith Sukennikoff

Mayor Marino made the appointment of Keith Sukennikoff as the Right to Know Coordinator, who has agreed to do the necessary paperwork.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to accept the appointment of Keith Sukennikoff as the Right to Know Coordinator. All in favor.

Submission of the 2015 Municipal Aid Grant

Mayor Marino informed the Council that the application for the NJ DOT 2015 Municipal Aid Grant was submitted and included the following roads: Prospect Ave, Fern Ave, Glenside Ave, Woodland Ave, and King Cole Road.

Update of work performed at Fairways at Wallkill

Mayor Marino said that at the last meeting there were a lot of concerned citizens that attended. He said the revaluation had nothing to do with this Council – the only part the Council took part in was to hire the company that performed the revaluation. On the local level, taxes went up 2%, coming to \$20.63 per \$100,000.00. The Council has done things to appease the public, naming – the well house has been painted, reflectors on the bridge, the sign at the entrance, the road was paved, and manholes repaired. Mayor Marino spoke to the developer Mr. Jackson about some of these concerns. Since the roads are not done and turned over to the town, we can salt, but we have no obligation to plow them.

Hamburg Day

Mayor Marino thanked all involved in putting on a terrific Hamburg Day. He said that all entities involved – the Recreation Commission, Fire, EMS, Recycling, Board of Health, vendors, amusements, music- all the people were terrific and worked very hard to put on a great day for the residents. He thanked all involved.

COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCILMAN BARR

Councilman Barr informed the Council that the Fire Department's 10th Annual Charity Golf Outing is September 29th at Wild Turkey and they have given out \$60,000.00 to help kids and families with medical needs.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to support the Fire Department Annual Charity Golf Outing by sponsoring a hole for \$100.00. All in favor.

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT / OEM

Fire Department - Attendance at Ogdensburg Parade September 20, 2014

Council is in receipt of a letter from the Fire Dept. requesting to attend the Ogdensburg Parade on September 20th, as they are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. The parade was not on the original submitted list by the Fire Dept. The department would take an engine and the chief's vehicle.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to approve said request. All in favor.

Fire and EMS Monthly Report

Fire Total Calls: 9.

EMS calls total 45: 10 trauma; 22 medical; 4 MVA; 4 mental health; 3 fire; 1 lift assist; attend Hamburg Day; 17 mutual aid to Hardyston; 1 mutual aid to Vernon; 1 mutual aid to Sussex; 1 mutual aid to Franklin; 1 mutual aid to Wantage; and 1 mutual aid to Lafayette.

Total calls for the year: 266.

2. POLICE COMMISSIONER

Monthly report for July

The July 2014 monthly report for the Police Department showed 542 calls of service, including 9 arrests, 9 motor vehicle accidents, and 39 motor vehicle summonses issued.

Court Matron Hire – Kathrine Kollmann

Council is in receipt of the application for the Court Matron hiring of Kathrine Kollmann, who has passed all background checks.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to approve the hiring of Kathrine Kollmann as Court Matron for the Borough. All in favor.

Andover Dispatch Meeting

Councilman Barr informed the Council that the minutes from the meeting with Andover Dispatch were included as informational as the contract with them does not end until the end of 2015.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Garrett to open the meeting to Police Director Wayne Yahm. All in favor.

Director Yahm said the two new officers were progressing better than anticipated – Officer Barcza will have 30 days completed next week and then able to be in a separate car. Officer Moses just started two weeks ago. The new vehicle is in today with the systems installed, waiting for the decals to dry and set. The car should be on the road Thursday or Friday. An officer was trained by the Prosecutor's Office with the NARCAN, but there is no firm date yet from the prosecutors' office as to when this will be used by the departments. Our department is waiting for materials and SOPs. The prosecutor's office will be supplying the NARCAN. Jeff Solokowski is our trained officer and will be training the other officers. Councilman Sena asked about the plan for the vehicles and Mr. Yahm replied that, other than the crown vic, the cars are in good shape. Councilman Garrett asked about the 80 hours of overtime, wondering if it was due to the new officers not being on their own, and Director Yahm replied that there were some court issues and vacation also. This should level out by the end of October. Councilman Garrett also thanked him for taking part of the ALS ice challenge.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to close to Director Yahm. All in favor.

3. HISTORIC COMMISSION / HISTORIC SOCIETY

COUNCILMAN KRASNOMOWITZ

1. OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

2. CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for July

Councilmember Krasnomowitz advised that there were 13 permits issued, 1 certificates of occupancy, and 14 certificates of approvals with a total of \$1189.00 collected in fees for the month of July.

3. LAND USE BOARD

Councilman Krasnomowitz was unsure if there was a meeting on Monday, September 8th.

7-11 is moving along.

4. INSURANCE

Councilman Krasnomowitz stated that Borough Clerk Doreen Schott has done a great job in facilitating the renewal application for the insurance coverage that has to be completed at this time.

COUNCILMAN BURD

No report given

1. SOLID WASTE

2. SANITATION AND RECYCLING

3. GRANTS

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION

COUNCILMAN LAW

1. RECREATION

Councilman Law said that Hamburg Day was fantastic! and that the Recreation Commission did a great job putting the day together. He said the Fire Dept. gave out over 800 hot dogs. He also thought the bubble guy was terrific and the trackless train was such a big hit. Councilman Law said the entire day went so smoothly and again thanked the Rec people for the great job they did.

2. COURT

Councilman Law said that the AOC had some issues to address with the Court Administrator and a yearly security meeting was needed.

3. OPEN SPACE

4. NEWSLETTER

COUNCILMAN GARRETT

Councilman Garrett mentioned the article regarding Mayor Marino that was in the magazine NJ Conference of Mayors and congratulated him on it.

1. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The DWP put in the bottom part of the sidewalk in front of the municipal building. They also replaced the inside hallway of the Court house with new linoleum. The rest of the carpet in the municipal building will be replaced this coming weekend, along with new tiles for the hallways.

Councilman Garrett discussed a letter he received from JCP&L regarding the sheds at the pavilion after contacting them with regards to planting the trees to hide the sheds from the residents. The sheds are under the power lines and need to be moved as these are transmission lines and should they fall onto the sheds, could electrocute anyone should they come in contact with them. Councilman Garrett met with Jackie Espinosa of JCP&L and discussed this issue with her. Councilman Garrett relayed that we can move the sheds within the fence area but will need to purchase block to put them on. The salt does eat at the block so we would have had to replace them eventually, and we will use the old block to build up the bank along the fence line. Councilman Krasnomowitz asked if there is any other material that could be used instead of the block and was answered that the salt would eat at all materials but would take the longest to wear away at

block. The whole project of moving the sheds should take 3-4 weeks to complete once the block is in place. Mayor Marino mentioned putting in electricity now as this has been talked about also. He also said this will be coming out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to run electric to the sheds as they are repositioned. All in favor.

2. WATER QUALITY

3. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The DeBoer sewer project will begin tomorrow and should be a two day project to hook up to the sewer system. John Ruschke and Jerry Kastner are working to get a quote together for the new generator at Well #2. The next meeting will be October 8 at 7:30 PM.

COUNCILMAN SENA

1. FINANCE / TAX DEPARTMENT

The Tax Collector's Report for July 2014 showed a total of \$998,117.09 being collected.

Motion by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Garrett to accept the resolution to redeem third party tax sale certificate #13-010 in the amount of \$1,775.71. All in favor.

2. ROAD DEPARTMENT

Councilman Sena stated that the Road Dept. is busy repairing catch basins (Roberta's Jewelers), and repairing and crack sealing roads where needed.

Councilman Sena mentioned the Police Jeep was sold on GovBid for \$2568.00 and the phones went for \$200.00.

Councilman Sena talks about snow plowing in the condos, saying that he lived in a condo association at one time and thought that they would realize a big savings with it, but it is not that big of a savings when the town takes over.

3. BOARD OF HEALTH

The next meeting will be held on October 7th at 6:30 PM.

4. SUSSEX COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Martin Schwargart – Hardyston – relayed to the Council that he travels Oak Street and Gingerbread Castle Road daily and, although he has complained about the catch basins and the fact that there is no line stripping on these roads, and has submitted written letters to the Borough, nothing has been done. He believes this is a dangerous situation that needs to be addressed. Mayor Marino asked Mr. Schneider the status of the line stripping and he replied that the company that was scheduled to have the work done went out of business and he is in the process again of getting quotes. Mr. Schwargart also voiced concerns about the railroad trestle and the poor shape that it is in.

Jackie Espinosa – JCP&L – thanked the Council for acting so quickly with moving the sheds. She also thanked Keith Sukennikoff for bringing to their attention the Rt. 23 / 94 light outage and also the one on Rt. 517 during the last storm.

Sheila Frayko – Board of Education Liaison – informed the Council that school starts September 4th. The

work on the gym floor should be completed by October. Ms. Frayko also complimented the Borough on the success of Hamburg Day.

Bill Oehler – Fire Chief – stated that 2 full ½ barrels of birch beer were given out at Hamburg Day along with cases of water.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (Parenthesis indicate correspondence already copied and the date it was copied to Council)

1. New Jersey Shade Tree Commission annual conference (8/8/2014)
2. Copy of Building report (8/8/2014)
3. Remedial Action report from H2M Architects regarding Accurate Forming (8/8/2014)
4. From State of NJ -- Notice of non- compliance Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (8/12/2014)
5. Notice from creditor 10 Limekiln Road. (8/12/2014)
6. Elizabeth Town Gas Notice of Public Hearing. (8/12/2014)
7. NJ Local Board of Health and NJ Association of City and County Health Officials Conference. (8/22/2014)
8. Notice from NJ DOT 2015 FY State Aid Programs (8/22/2014)
9. NJ Conference of Mayors "Progress in the Borough of Hamburg" (8/22/2014)
10. From County of Sussex Tax Administrator regarding recent error in calculating the amount of 2014 taxes for the County Library and County Health Tax Levy (8/22/2014)
11. Notification of Yellowbook's Directory
12. Notice of Foreclosure Block 17, Lot 18 (C1418) (8/26/2014)
13. Notice of Foreclosure Block 28, Lot 18 (8/26/2014)
14. Sussex County Technical School – Statement regarding Sussex County Technical School Tuition. (8/26/2014)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Burd to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. All in favor.

Date Approved: 10-6-14

Date Released: 10-16-14



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett