

MINUTES FOR 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, 2015 AT 12:00 NOON

Council President Sena 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 on January 6, 2014 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".
- The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Paul Marino for the four (4) year term expiring 12-31-2018. Mayor Paul Marino took his place at the dais.
- The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Elect Daniel Barr for a three (3) year term expiring 12-31-2017. Councilman Barr took his place at the dais.
- The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Elect Richard Krasnomowitz for a three (3) year term expiring 12-31-2017. Councilman Krasnomowitz took his place at the dais.

III. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call of the 2015 Hamburg Governing Body.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Barr, Krasnomowitz, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena

IV. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Burd to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for all Council meetings for the year 2015.

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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Barr to nominate Councilman Krasnomowitz for the position of Council President for the year 2015.

As there were no other nominations, motion by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Garrett to close the nominations. All in favor.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Barr, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena

Councilmember Krasnomowitz abstained

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

2015, recommending Councilman Richard Krasnomowitz.

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to nominate Councilman Krasnomowitz for the position of Class III Land Use Board for the year 2015.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Barr, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena

Councilmember Krasnomowitz abstained.

VII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS:

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Mayor Marino offered the name of Richard J. Clemack for appointment as the Borough Attorney for the year 2015.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz for the Council 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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Barr 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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Law 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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Burd 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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law for the Council 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 a three (3) year appointment as Municipal Court Judge term set to expire 12/31/2017.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Garrett for the Council to accept the Mayor’s appointment of Municipal Court Judge with salary for said position included in the Salary Ordinance and yearly Salary Resolution for the Borough Employees.

All in favor.

BOROUGH PROSECUTOR:

Mayor Marino offered the name of Alicia Saavedra-Ferrante for appointment as Borough Prosecutor for the year 2015.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Burd for the Council to accept the Mayor’s appointment for the position of Borough Prosecutor, 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.

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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Garrett to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Public Defender, 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Mayor Marino offered the name of Keith Sukennikoff for appointment as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the year 2015 for a three year term to expire 12/31/2015.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Garrett to accept the Mayor’s appointment for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator 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 2015:

REGISTRAR	DOREEN SCHOTT
OFFICE MANAGER - BD. HEALTH	DOREEN SCHOTT
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER	DOREEN SCHOTT
COMPLIANCE OFFICER P.A.C.O	DOREEN SCHOTT
DEPUTY CLERK/DEPUTY REGISTRAR	KATHY GARRETT
RECREATION BOARD SECRETARY	KATHY GARRETT
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY	KATHY GARRETT
ADMIN. ASST.	MEGAN SENA
LAND USE/ CLERICAL	MARGUERITE NEMETH
HISTORIC COMMISSION SECRETARY	MARGUERITE NEMETH
WATER & SEWER COLLECTOR	REGINA FLAMMER
TREASURER	AMY MARONPOT
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT.	KEVIN DECKER
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT.	JOHN HAIG
ZONING OFFICER	HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER	HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
FIRE OFFICIAL	HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
911 COORDINATOR	KEITH SUKENNIKOFF

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

JOANN COAN
 ANN ROSELLEN
 WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
 GEORGE GUNDERMAN
 GERALD KASTNER
 DANIEL COLFAX
 JARROD COFRANSIS
 DR. FIELDING

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to confirm the Mayor's appointments as presented.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Barr, Krasnomowitz, Burd, Law

Councilmember Garrett, Sena abstained

IX. APPOINTMENTS - CROSSING GUARDS:

Mayor Marino offered the following appointments as Crossing Guards:

Dot Kays (Supervisor)

Richard Field

Lorraine Pastor

Joyce Oehler (Sub)

Aurelia Reina

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law to confirm the Mayor's appointments as presented.

All in favor.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – LAND USE BOARD: **Mayor apt. no vote

Mayor Marino made the following appointments to the Land Use Board:

(9 Members + 2 Alternates):

Paul Marino- Class I

Term expiring 12/31/2018

John Haig – Class II

Term expiring 12/31/2015

The above appointees join the following Land Use Board Members

Wendy Brick – Class IV

Term expiring 12/31/2015

Tom Watts – Class IV

Term expiring 12/31/2015

Daniel Hall – Class IV

Term expiring 12/31/2016

Guy Harby – Class IV

Term expiring 12/31/2016

Vacancy- Class IV alt. #1

Term expiring 12/31/2016

Robert Adams – Class IV

Term expiring 12/31/2017

Jeannette Tempe – Class IV

Term expiring 12/31/2017

Vacancy– Class IV Alt #2

Term expiring 12/31/2017

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

****mayor apt. no vote**

Mayor Marino made the following appointments of the Historical Commission. (5 Members + 2 Alternatives)

Vacancy – Class A Member

Term expiring 12/31/2018

Guy Harby-Class C Alt #1

Term expiring 12/31/2016

The above appointees join the following Historic Commission Members

Robert O'Connor – Class C Alt. #2

Term expiring 12/31/2015

Thomas Watts – Class C

Term expiring 12/31/2015

Randal Cunningham Jr – Class C

Term expiring 12/31/2015

Charles McMickle
Marion Wood-Class B

Term expiring 12/31/2016
Term expiring 12/31/2017

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT RECREATION COMMISSION:

****mayor apt. no vote**

Mayor Marino made the following appointments to the Recreation Commission. (Five members + 2 Alternates each for 5 year terms)

Joyce Oehler
Tara Scrittore – Alternate #1

Term expiring 12/31/2019
Term expiring 12/31/2019

The above appointees will join the following Recreation Commission Members

Tammy DeOliveria	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Chris Fitzpatrick	Term expiring 12/31/2016
Lisa Abrahams	Term expiring 12/31/2017
Paula Marino	Term expiring 12/31/2018
Vacancy Alternate #2	Term expiring 12/31/2015

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):

Vincent Busteded
Robert Baumgartner

Term expiring 12/31/2017
Term expiring 12/31/2017

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Burd to confirm the Mayor's appointments as presented.
All in favor.

The above appointees join the following Board of Public Works Members

Vacancy	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Chris Fitzpatrick	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Robert Krysiak	Term expiring 12/31/2016
Jerry Truppi	Term expiring 12/31/2016

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):

Megan Sena
George Alakpa

Term expiring 12/31/2017
Term expiring 12/31/2017

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Burd to confirm the Mayor's appointments as presented.
Roll Call:
Councilmember Barr, Krasnomowitz, Burd, Law, Garrett
Councilmember Sena abstained.

The above appointees join the following Board of Health Members

Rachael Evans-Sweeney	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Linda Adams	Term expiring 12/31/2015
Paula Marino	Term expiring 12/31/2016

FIRE/EMS APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Marino announced the following appointments for the Officers of the Hamburg Fire/EMS for 2015:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Fire Chief William Oehler
- 1st Assistant Chief Jamie McCurry

FIRE DEPARTMENT - EMS DIVISION:

- Captain Joyce Oehler
- 1st Lieutenant Jennifer Brennan

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

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - COUNCIL - COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Mayor Marino announced the duties of each Council Member for the year 2015 with the Mayor as ex-officio of each Committee.

COUNCILMAN GARRETT

- Building and Grounds
- Water Quality
- BPW Liaison

COUNCILMAN BURD

- Solid Waste
- Sanitation and Recycling
- Board of Education
- Grants

COUNCILMAN KRASNOMOWITZ

- Land Use Board
- Office Administration
- Construction Department
- Insurance

COUNCILMAN LAW

- Fire Commissioner / OEM
- Court
- Open Space
- Newsletter

COUNCILMAN SENA

- Finance
- Board of Health Liaison
- Road Department
- Recreation Commission

COUNCILMAN BARR

- Police Department
- Liaison to the SC Economic Development Partnership
- Historical Society and Commission

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz 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 2015 on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

- January 1, 2015 (Thursday, noon)
- January 5, 2015
- January 19, 2015
- February 2, 2015
- February 18, 2015 (Wednesday)
- March 2, 2015
- March 16, 2015
- April 6, 2015
- April 20, 2015
- May 4, 2015
- May 18, 2015
- June 1, 2015
- June 15, 2015
- July 6, 2015
- July 20, 2015
- August 3, 2015
- August 17, 2015
- September 9, 2015 (Wednesday)
- September 21, 2015
- October 5, 2015
- October 19, 2015
- November 2, 2015
- November 16, 2015
- December 7, 2015
- December 21, 2015
- January 1, 2016 (Friday) *Reorganization Meeting 12 noon*
- January 4, 2016

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to confirm the 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.

2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the attached is the 2015 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, Wells Fargo, First Hope are hereby designated as official depositories for Borough funds for the year 2015.

TO CONDUCT TAX SALE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2014 TAXES:

WHEREAS, Regina Flammer, Tax Collector for the Borough of Hamburg, needs to hold a tax sale for non-payment of 2014 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 18% 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 2015.

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 2015.

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 2015.

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 2015.

Motion by Councilman Burd, seconded by Councilman Law to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

All in favor.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Marino presented a plaque to Attorney Clemack for his twenty years of service as Attorney for the

Borough, stating that he has been working with the Borough since 1995 and works well with the town and for the good of the people.

Attorney Clemack thanked Mayor Marino and the Council, saying that he was caught by surprise with the plaque and very appreciative.

Mayor Marino presented a plaque to Borough Clerk Doreen Schott for her twenty years of serving the town as board secretaries to the Planning and Zoning Boards and Board of Health. She filled in for the previous borough clerk and then went on to receive her certification for clerk. Mayor Marino stated that Ms. Schott is his right person, a great person and a great asset to the town.

Ms. Schott thanked Mayor Marino and the Council, saying that the twenty years has flown by; she also thanked the office staff she works with.

MAYOR MARINO'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Marino said that 2014 was a good year, that a lot happened – the revaluation – some residents' taxes went up and they let us know it, others remained the same, and some went down. He stated that we hired the best company to do the job and the Council believes it was done fairly. Mayor Marino thanked his employees, saying they were the best around. With EMS, they provide great coverage, not only for Hamburg, but also for Hardyston and surrounding towns. Our Police Department is back up to full staff. Mayor Marino said that we keep improving our rec park. He thanked the Council for their support and also thanked his wife and parents. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Marino invited each member of the Council to offer any comments or thoughts they might have at this time.

Councilman Barr:

Councilman Barr wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked Fire Chief Bill Oehler, EMS Captain Joyce Oehler and OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff for their time and support. Councilman Barr thanked Police Director Wayne Yahm and said we have the best Police department and they work well with the community. The Historic Commission, although it was quiet at times this past year, is constantly moving forward. He is also looking forward to another great year.

Councilman Krasnomowitz:

Councilman Krasnomowitz said he was looking forward to another three year term on the Council and working with the good people on the Council. He also thanked the employees and volunteers, saying they make it happen and click within our community. The reval was necessary – the tax increase and decrease affected all, but it was a good thing. The Council does a great job of spending and keeping within a budget. Councilman Krasnomowitz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Burd:

Councilman Burd wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that he learned a lot in his first year and there were good people on the Council who wanted what's best for the people of Hamburg. He was looking forward to doing more this year. Councilman Burd said that although he enjoyed his time on the school board, he loves being on the Council.

Councilman Law:

Councilman Law also wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also stated the reval was tough but fair and now we need to move on. With regards to the Court, the prosecutor's position changed, and Alicia Ferrante did a

great job with the transition. Councilman Law also thanks our Fire Department and EMS. He looks forward to another year.

Councilman Garrett:

Councilman Garrett wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that everyone has niche here and works well together and things get done. A lot was accomplished this year with Buildings and Grounds – the salt sheds, a concrete pad in front of the firehouse, the electronic message sign in front of the municipal building, the meeting room in town hall being totally redone along with the carpets being replaced there, and the building on Wallkill Ave. being completed, to name some. BPW has great leadership and is working on acquiring a portable generator. Councilman Garrett said that someone made the statement – Boroughs work together and are tighter than a township and he said that he truly believed that as Hamburg shows it.

Councilman Sena:

Councilman Sena also welcomed everyone back and commented on how quickly the year went by. He also said that people here handle things quickly. Councilman Sena said that the Board of Health, with health inspections and property maintenance are done quickly and reported. Taxes are handled the right way. The Road Dept., last year ran out of salt, as everyone did, which was a bit scary, but this year is in better shape. They have also upgraded equipment. Councilman Sena said the Recreation Dept. does an amazing job with all of the clinics and programs they run and support, and he looks forward to being a part of that this year.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Law 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- Edsall Ave – congratulated the Council and the terrific job that they do. He said that we live in the best town in Sussex County. He also wished everyone Happy New Year.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Barr, seconded by Councilman Burd to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 PM. All in favor.



Doreen Schott
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett