

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JUNE 18, 2018 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Present: Mayor Marino  
Councilman Krasnomowitz  
Councilman Fitzpatrick  
Councilman Burd  
Councilman Law  
Councilman Sena  
Councilman Garrett

Also Present: Doreen Schott  
Richard Clemack, Attorney

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

Clerk advised

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 5, 2018 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".

**BILLS / VOUCHERS**

There were no bills / vouchers presented

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**No. 2018-54 – Chapter 159 Clean Communities Grant**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve Resolution # 2018-54. All members present in favor.

**No. 2018-55 – Personal Police amendment to include language for US EEO Hiring Practices.**

Mayor advises this amendment will put our personal policy in compliance with regards to US EEO hiring practice.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to approve Resolution # 2018-55. All members present in favor.

**No. 2018-56 - Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Governor's Council Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant for period July 2014 – June 2019.**

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Fitzpatrick. All members present in favor

(Municipal Drug Alliance will be further discussed under CR Sena)

**MAYOR****JCP&L Meeting Update**

Mayor Marino advises that he attended a very informative meeting hosted by JCPL with OEM coordinator Keith Sukennikoff. Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff. All members present in favor.

Mayor Marino continues that he met Mr. John Anderson, Senior VP of JCPL and advises that the main purpose of the meeting to alert local officials to the new procedures in place during power outages. One of the biggest changes is that there are strict guidelines that workers must adhere to and they can no longer “freelance” when it comes to making repairs. To clarify, in the past a crew would go to an area and repair everything out in that area and then move on to another. Now there are up to 26 different companies that may be responding and workers are now given distinct duties during an outage, once crew may first go and assess damage and report then leave, another will come in and make determinations on road closures, then repairs will be in the order of power plants, transmission lines, local substations, hospitals and critical care facilities, restore areas with largest number of customers, lastly restore individual homes. At last meeting a map was presented by Ms. Jacquie Espinoza (JCPL) which outlined the order in which facilities would be repaired. This new policy is now required by BPW and will not be deviated from. Mayor and Mr. Sukennikoff also advises that when there is an outage we must get the word out that ALL affected call, report and get a reference # that way the reporting shows a large outing in one area. Town will put on website and newsletter.

**Fire Truck – Bond Ordinance**

Mayor Marino advises the Hamburg will be preparing a Bond for the July meeting which will provide for fire truck and various fire department equipment. Mayor advises that the equipment is air packs which the department will begin purchasing some on their own from their budget so the amount allocated for that in the bond will not all be used for that purpose. Members are in receipt of a break down from the CFO indicating that the ordinance will be for \$540,000.00 which includes a breakdown of the following- truck purchase, bond counsel, air packs and soft costs) her report further address payment schedule with payment completed by 2023.

**Resolution # 2018-57****AUTHORIZING BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO BOND FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED that**, the Borough of Hamburg will bond in the amount of \$540,000.00 for various capital improvements such as new fire engine for the Hamburg Fire Department and various equipment for Hamburg Fire/ Police;

**BE IT RESOLVED that**, \$1000, 000.00 will be funded by the Capital Improvement Fund for down payment and upfront Cost;

**BE IT RESOLVED that**, payments raised in the budget for the \$440,000.00 Note will be over a 5 year period as follows: 2019 \$45,000.00, 2020 - \$80,000.00, 2021 through 2023 - \$105,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that;** the Borough of Hamburg does hereby authorize preparation of bond for various capital improvements.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to authorize resolution for bonding of various capital improvements.

Roll Call

Ayes	Krasnomowitz, Fitzpatrick, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena
Nays	None
Abstain	None
Absent	None

**Councilmember Krasnomowitz – Master Plan Re-examination Report / Housing Plan**

Councilmember advises that at the recent Land Use Board meeting the board approved the 2018 Master Plan Re-examination Report / Housing Plan. The reports outlines and identifies major land use problems, sets goals and objective to solve them. One major issue addressed are several zoning changes that will be requested/ implemented. Mayor advises that he highly recommends the zoning changes that will be presented, professionals involved agree with the changes. The Housing Plan was also approved and it address the affordable housing obligation and clears up our future obligations. The mayor and council will be given the recommendations by the Land Use Board at which time ordinances will be prepared to address the changes.

**Councilmember Sena – Hamburg Municipal Drug Alliance**

Mr. Sena advises that with regards to previous resolution #2018-56 he met with Mr. Jinks from Hamburg School and with Franklin / Hardyston. Hamburg has been accepted into the program, our participation will begin July 1, 2018 as we do not have to wait until the end of this grant cycle to join. He advises that Hamburg has a lot of support in joining this program. Hamburg’s cash match this year will be \$887.00 dollars. Year 2019 can be a line item it the budget for the funds. For this year Hardyston will pay the amount and they will receive the re-imbursement. There will be no bookkeeping on Hamburg’s part. Councilmember Sena advises that the meetings will be held on a quarterly basis and the he will be the representative for Hamburg.

**Motion** by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Fitzpatrick for Hamburg Borough to re-institute the Hamburg Municipal Drug Alliance Program for the July 2014 – June 2019 grant period. All members present in favor

**Resolution # 2018-56** Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Fitzpatrick to approve Resolution # 2018-56 Authorizing Submission of a Strategic Plan for the Governor’s Council Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Grant for period July 2014 – June 2019. All members present are in favor. Councilman Sena abstains.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to open the meeting to the public for any comment / questions they may have.

Hearing no comment from the public. All members present are in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to close the meeting to the public.

**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:

- **Plaza 23 LLC v Hamburg Borough**
- **Contract Negotiations – Police**

- **Police Director Position**

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.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to enter into executive session at 7:20 PM. All members present are in favor

Motion by councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Sena to return to the regular meeting. 8:10 PM. All members present are in favor.

**Plaza 23 LLC v Hamburg Borough**

**Be it resolved** that the Hamburg Borough Attorney subject to final approval by the Mayor is hereby authorized to order a preliminary report through Associated Appraisal Group in the amount of \$1500.00.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to authorize the above resolution. All members present in favor.

**Stormwater Seminar** - Councilman Garrett reminds all that it is very important to do the Stormwater seminar on line. It is a mandatory requirement.

**Hamburg Water System** - Councilman Fitzpatrick discusses whether the town has every given consideration to selling its water system and questions whether anyone would be able to give him an estimated figure on what it may be worth. Mayor advised that he believed years ago Sussex Boro had thought about it but did not. Attorney advises that before anything experts would have to be brought in to evaluate our system. Councilman Fitzpatrick feels it is worth exploring questions whether he may contact the engineer. Councilmember Garrett advises that to do something like this you would need a whole cost analysis. Councilmembers do not feel this is something they would entertain as Hamburg has but a lot of money into the system to get the system to where it is today, system is pretty much self-sufficient and runs great.

**Roadways** – Councilmember Sena discusses several issues; Speeding on Rt. 23 South, pedestrians trying to cross Rt. 23 especially at the Fairview Avenue / Edsall Street on Rt. 23. Also the condition of the existing crosswalks in several areas. He would like to see the DOT notified that:

1. all crosswalks within the borough need to be looked at and re-lined
2. Signage indicating a “crosswalk” on Oak Street is presently covered by another sign that was installed.

Members discuss other areas as well that are a real safety hazard for pedestrians attempting to cross State Highway Route 23. Another matter discussed; the line of sight from Edsall (by Deboer’s and Rt. 23. The new business has flag signs and sandwich signs on the edge of the property making it very difficult to see any traffic coming from Rt. 23 North. Councilmember Krasnomowitz advises he will notify the zoning officer to address.

Motion by Councilmember Sena to send a letter to both assemblymen and State Senator to have the

Department of Transportation look at the pedestrian crossing situation at Fairview /Edsall and Rt. 23 and to make a determination on the safety situation and create crosswalk where cars would have to yield. Councilmember Fitzpatrick seconds for discussion. Councilmember Fitzpatrick would like to amend to include Oak Street and Rt. 23, (member's advise that there have in the past been requests for a light at that area). Councilmember Sena again states that there is a crosswalk there and a sign but neither can be seen, crosswalk needs to be relined and sign needs to be cleared from another sign obstructing its view. He adds to include Wallkill Avenue and Rt. 23. Members agree that all area crosswalks need to be looked at and addressed. All members present in favor.

Councilmember Sena also addresses enforcement regarding the excessive speeding on Rt. 23. Councilmembers discuss that the officers are seen parked in various areas along Rt. 23, but will request more enforcement. Council would also like to see signage back at both entrances of RT. 23 like was there when the "click it tick it" program was in effect. Having signage in place notifying of the 35 mph speed limit would help. Councilmember Law will talk to OEM about having signage brought back.

**Correspondence – George Daggett**

Attorney advises that councilmembers in a liaison position are allowed to attend and be present in court and that it is not fair for one to presume that the judge would be influenced by anything but the facts presented in the case. Mayor suggests that in future, when attending liaison should sit rather than stand,

**NEW BUSINESS**

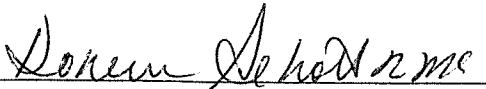
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to adjourn the meeting. All members present in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Date Approved: 7/2/18

Date Released: 7/2/18



Doreen Schott, RMC  
Municipal Clerk