

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JULY 2, 2018 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 opened with a flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

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

Absent: Councilman Fitzpatrick

Also Present: Doreen Schott
Kathy Garrett
Richard Clemack, Attorney

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk will advise:

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".

June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to approve the June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call showed all Council members present in favor.

June 4, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Law to approve the June 4, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call showed all Council members present in favor.

June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to approve the June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call showed all Council members present in favor.

June 18, 2018 Executive Session Meeting Minutes – available at August meeting

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

As there are no additions or deletions to the bill list, motion by Councilman Law to open the meeting to the public with regards to the bill list only. All Council members present in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Sena to close to the public. All Council members present in favor.

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Law approve and pay the bill list as presented.

Roll call showed all Council members present in favor.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #06-2018 – First Reading

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE

BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$540,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$440,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Sena for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for first reading and publication. All Council members present in favor.

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Motion by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Burd to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction with said ordinance to be published in full at the August 6, 21018 regular meeting.

Mayor Marino relayed this was discussed in the budget meetings with Finance, the truck committee, Council members Burd and Sena, came up with a figure and allowed some incidentals that may come up. Air packs will need to be purchased and approximately \$35,000 has been allowed for this but as air packs are purchased from the FD budget each year, this number may be lower. Mayor stated that payments of \$75,000.00 will be made each year so that it will be paid within 10 years. Councilman Sena reiterated that it is good to pay within the 10 year time frame.

Roll call showed all Council members present in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2018-59– Purchase of Police in Car Audio/Video Equipment (certification of funds provided)

Councilman Krasnomowitz said the camera system in the cars has not been working and needs to be replaced, which will be a four week process and come out of the police budget. If needed, a transfer of money in November will be made out of the Police O&E.

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Garrett to accept Resolution 2018-59– Purchase of Police in Car Audio/Video Equipment in the amount of \$22,721.00.

Councilman Sena asked if this covered more than the software and Councilman Krasnomowitz replied that it was under State Contract and covered everything. When asked about a warranty, Councilman Krasnomowitz was unsure and would check on it.

All Council members present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

1. Service Electric Cable TV Franchise Renewal

Attorney Clemack stated this is a franchise for internet provider, due in 2022 but we could start discussions with them now. Presently the Borough has internet through Century Link. It is mentioned adding the phone system also. Councilman Krasnomowitz will do more research on it.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Garrett to open the meeting to Keith Sukennikoff. All Council members present in favor.

Mr. Sukennikoff stated there are restrictions as we are a Borough and they are just providing speed as to the internet.

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to close to Mr. Sukennikoff. All in favor.

2. Proposed Ordinance Discussion – Back Ground Checks

Attorney Clemack discusses background checks for recreation with Council giving input. Recreation is asking for definite guidelines for the clinics that are held at the school and for the people that are holding them. Attorney Clemack will prepare an ordinance with a 3 year time limit on a background check.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

1. Doc’s Extension of Premise Permit – Pig Roast August 11, 2018

2. Doc’s Extension of Premise Permit – Host Fundraiser August 25, 2018

Mayor Marino stated the above Extension of Premise Permits were received from Doc’s Tavern; they have held similar events in the past, there were no issues and they have been compliant with any restrictions. Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Burd to approve Doc’s Extension of Premise Permit – Pig Roast August 11, 2018 and Doc’s Extension of Premise Permit – Host Fundraiser August 25, 2018. All Council members present in favor.

Water Utility

Mayor Marino discusses the issue that was brought up last month of the possibility of selling our water utility. As he does not want to cause any panic to the residents, Mayor stated we have a #1 water system which we cannot put a number value on, adding this is an entity that we have that does not cost the Borough any money. There may be minor repairs along the way but that is something that has to be expected. Mayor goes on to say that the rates have stayed the same for the past four (4) years. The Borough is providing a service to the town; it is working well, and is an asset to us. He feels that should we sell it, it could show there is a problem with the system, and also we would have no control over the rates. Mayor would like to see a resolution showing Council support of the water system in Hamburg. Attorney Clemack adds that should a resident have an issue, he comes to the Borough; other towns may have to go to Newark. Councilman Garrett added the water companies are out to make a profit so rates will probably go up as they will not let us dictate a percentage raise.

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Law to accept Resolution #2018-60.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
WATER UTILITY
#2018-60**

WHEREAS, there has shown to be a need to discuss the water utility of the Borough of Hamburg and the possibility of selling that water utility; and

WHEREAS, the water system is a #1 water system showing no problems with the system and provides a service to the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the water utility in the Borough of Hamburg is an asset.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg support the utility and the service that is given to the residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council will not pursue anything publicly with regards to selling the water system utility that will cause panic to the residents of the Borough.

Roll call showed all Council members present in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN KRASNOMOWITZ:

1. POLICE COMMISSIONER

Monthly Report

The June 2018 monthly report for the Police Department showed 1008 calls of service, including 2 arrests, 10 motor vehicle accidents, and 158 motor vehicle summonses issued. Officers attended the mandatory domestic violence training and going for yearly weapons certifications in July.

Lt. Gunderman, on vacation, relayed the following report to Councilman Krasnomowitz: On June 10th the new officers were on their own; overtime was a minimum for court coverage. The prescription drug drop box, donated by Rite Aid, will be installed in the entranceway to the PD. There is a monthly minimum fee to get rid of those drugs. Hopefully the PD will hear back this month from Firehouse Subs regarding the license plate readers and cameras in the cars. Lt. Gunderman will be attending the League of Municipalities the 2nd week of November.

Councilman Sena asked about the unmarked car, the detective’s car, and how it is being used, adding if it was being taken home at night. Councilman Law said it is an investigative vehicle for the Borough and that it did

go home with the officer.

Councilman Sena also asked about the Police Blotter articles in the paper – good and bad- wondering why all of a sudden they are being put in, adding that he is not in favor of doing so as each person is presumed innocent until proven guilty, or at least putting that statement in the article. Council members discuss and have different views on the matter. Lt. Gunderman will be asked when he returns.

3. CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report –May 2018

The monthly report for May 2018 showed there were 18 permits issued, 1 certificates of occupancy, and 14 certificates of approvals with a total of \$5161.00 collected in fees for the month of May.

4. LAND USE BOARD

No meeting is scheduled.

COUNCILMAN FITZPATRICK

Report given by Mayor Marino

2. RECREATION COMMISSION

The Miners baseball game is coming up this Saturday, July 7th and Evening in the Park will be held on July 29th from 5-7 pm at the rec fields.

COUNCILMAN BURD

1. FIRE COMMISSIONER

There were 5 fire calls for the month.

Councilman Burd discusses daytime coverage for EMS. He contacted Glenn Dietz of Atlantic and David Compton of St. Clare’s. Both offer paid EMS services: Atlantic has a \$950.00 charge per call plus \$30.00 per mile equaling approximately \$1400.00 trip to Newton; St. Clare’s \$1100.00 charge per call, cost per mile not available, total cost-? Atlantic – the patient pays the copays / deductible with Atlantic attempting to collect if you do not pay, but will not pursue. St. Clare’s will work out a payment plan. They will both put a vehicle in Hamburg. Mayor Marino stated he would like a letter from EMS to the town stating they are in favor of the daytime coverage and the pursuit of contracting with a company to do so. He added this is a joint effort between EMS and Council. Councilman Burd said he would get a letter from Jenn Brennan with Mike Schneider adding that the Fire Dept. has a meeting on Thursday, July 5th and he would get it then.

COUNCILMAN LAW

1. EMS / OEM

Councilman Law said the Police Durango was going to be used as a back up car for OEM / Fire Police but it will cost about \$4000.00 in repairs to make it safe.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Sena to declare the Durango surplus and put the vehicle out for auction. All Council members present in favor.

COUNCILMAN GARRETT

3. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Garrett relayed John Perry, our Water and Sewer Operator is working out well, updating all paperwork with the State that needed to be taken care of. Mr. Perry has stated our system works well.

The July meeting is cancelled.

COUNCILMAN SENA

1. FINANCE / TAX DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Garrett to redeem third party tax sale certificate # 17-0006 in the amount of \$2,953.42. All Council members present in favor.

2. ROAD DEPARTMENT

Under Public Portion

3. BOARD of HEALTH

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regard to the good and welfare with the Borough. All Council members present in favor.

Mike Schneider – Road Dept. Foreman – informed Council members that on Thursday the generators were checked. The PD circuit panel was burned out so that will be replaced. Councilman Garrett asked Mr. Schneider for the quotes he had for the Court house generator.

Keith Sukennikoff – OEM – believes the Council is taking the right approach on the EMS situation. He stated the town has to know what to expect, also the resident and the company.

Motion by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Garrett to close to the public. All Council members present in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Attorney Clemack offered 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. Police Director Position**
- 2. Collective Negotiations with PBA**

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 Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Sena to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 pm. All Council members present in favor.

Discussion regarding Police Director Position and Collective Negotiations with PBA.

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Sena to return to the Regular Meeting. All Council members present in favor.

Mayor Marino recommended to the Council Mr. Michael Postorino for the position as Police Director.

Motion by Councilman Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilman Burd to accept Resolution #2018-61.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG
Police Director Position
#2018-61**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are desirous of a Police Director for the Borough of Hamburg;

and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby offer the position of Police Director for a period of one (1) year to Mr. Michael Postorino for an annual salary of \$30,000 with an approximate work week of 25 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, this is subject to the acceptance of the job and the position is in accordance to the Hamburg personnel policy benefits of part time.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that Mr. Michael Postorino is hereby appointed to position of Police Director, Hamburg Borough.
Roll Call showed all Council members present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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

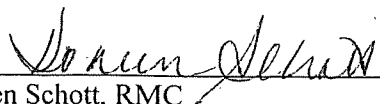
1. Notice of pending foreclosure 106 Hillside Drive (6/6/2018)
2. Certificate of Registration – Allure Properties Group (6/6/2018)
3. NJLM November Conference Information (6/6/2018)
4. No further action letter 10 Woodland Avenue (6/6/2018)
5. Rite Aid – Flu vaccination (6/6/2018)
6. 57th Annual Municipal Public Information Contest (6/13/2018)
7. Notice of pending foreclosure 4 Village Drive (6/13/2018)
8. Sussex County Solid Waste Agenda June 2018 (6/13/2018)
9. From State of NJ – Volatile Organic Compounds Monitoring Reduction (6/13/2018)
10. Bruno Associates – Grant Writing Services Letter (6/13/2018)
11. Sussex Water Quality Management Meeting Cancellation Notice (6/13/2018)
12. Correspondence – American Red Cross (6/13/2018)
13. Notice of pending foreclosure 39 Village Drive (6/13/2018)
14. From Montague Township – support of Hamburg Resolution Rt. 23 GB Castle Road Improvements. (6/15/2018)
15. From Hampton Township support Hamburg Resolution “Change Direction” (6/15/2018)
16. From Hampton Township support Hamburg Resolution Rt. 23, GB Castle Road (6/15/2018)
17. Franklin Borough – amend Chapter 161 Land Development Ordinance (6/20/2018)
18. Notice of pending foreclosure 316 Falcon Ridge Way South (6/20/2018)
19. Notice of pending foreclosure 30 Vernon Avenue (6/20/2018)
20. Notice of tax court complaint Ballyowen Golf Club, USA Inc. (6/20/2018)
21. Notice of tax court complaint Wild Turkey Golf Club, LLC (6/20/2018)
22. Save The Date – Municipal Breakfast Forum Newton September 7th. (6/22/2018)
23. Copy of Recreation Minutes May 2018 (6/22/2018)
24. Copy of BPW Minutes May 2018 (6/22/2018)
25. Notice of pending foreclosure 11 Linwood Avenue (6/27/2018)
26. Copy of May LUB Minutes (6/27/2018)
27. NJCM notice regarding consolidation (6/28/2018)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Law, seconded by Councilman Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting. All Council members present in favor.

Date Approved 8/6/18

Date Released 8/6/18


Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett