

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2019 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:

	Councilmember Krasnomowitz	Councilmember Law
	Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Burd
	Councilmember Sena	Mayor Marino
Absent:	Councilmember Garrett	
Also Present:	Doreen Schott	
	Richard Clemack, Attorney	
	Kathy Garrett	

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk will advise:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 11, 2019 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".

September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

September 4, 2019 – Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the September 4, 2019 Executive Session Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

As there are no additions or deletions to the bill list, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to the public with regards to the bill list only. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve and pay the bill list as presented. Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #08 –2019 2nd Reading –Capital Bond – Water Meters

WATER CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$150,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All Councilmembers present in favor. The ordinance was introduced at the September 4, 2019 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the ordinance as presented. Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor. Absent: Councilmember Garrett

ORDINANCE #09-2019 – 2ND Reading – Amending Chapter 183 – Streets and Sidewalks

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183-STREETS AND SIDEWALKS-OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG ESTABLISHING NEW ARTICLE IV TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC DURING ROAD CONSTRUCTION OR UTILITY WORK ON ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All Councilmembers present in favor. The ordinance was introduced at the September 4, 2019 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to adopt the ordinance as presented. Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor. Absent: Councilmember Garrett

RESOLUTIONS:

#2019-77 – Resolution refund of escrow account A & M Sky-high, LLC

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the resolution for refund of escrow account for A & M Sky-High, LLC in the amount of \$822.25. All Councilmembers present in favor.

#2019-78 – Premium payment turned over to treasurer for tax sale certificate # 14-055

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution #2019-78 accepting the \$700.00 payment. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Memorializing Resolution # 2019-76 – Disciplinary Hearing

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution #2019-76, memorializing the Disciplinary Hearing with the date correction. All Councilmembers present in favor.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Renewal – Tax Assessor Shared Service Agreement – Lafayette Township

Council is in receipt of the Shared Service Agreement with Lafayette Township for the Tax Assessor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the renewal as received. Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor. Absent: Councilmember Garrett

Water Meters – Contract Documents – Schmidt Wholesale – Motion

Mayor Marino discussed the installation of the water meter replacements, stating this project will involve some overtime for the convenience of the residents. He discussed the winter hours (8 am to 4 pm) of the Road Dept., adding an additional four (4) hours every other Saturday (with a 15 minute break) and an additional one (1) hour from 7 am – 8 am two (2) days a week every other week.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the resolution as offered:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hamburg is executing a town wide mandatory water meter replacement project; and

WHEREAS, letters have been mailed out with the September water bill explaining the replacement; and

WHEREAS, due to the undertaking of the amount of replacements that need to be done and to help expedite the time frame, the Mayor and Council have set an overtime schedule as follows:

- Every other Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 am – 8 am
- Every other Saturday from 8 am – 12 pm with a 15 minute break

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Hamburg approves the overtime for the Road Department for the installation of the water meter replacement project.

When asked if the Road Dept. workers were on board with this, Mayor Marino replied this was mandatory.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz asked how many crews were there going to be.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to Mike Schneider. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Mr. Schneider replied all the workers would receive training from Schmidt’s on the installation of the meters and there would be two (2) crews per hour.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to Mr. Schneider. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

Best Practice 2019

Mayor Marino thanked Doreen Schott and Christine Licata for all the work they did on the Best Practice 2019. Councilmember Krasnomowitz added this helps with the financial money the Borough receives.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the report as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

EMS Budget

Mayor Marino stated the EMS budget is in the negative due to many repairs on the rigs and Finance will be transferring some of the dispatch savings in the amount of \$13,000.00 back into their budget in November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ:

1. POLICE COMMISSIONER

Monthly report September 2019

The September 2019 monthly report for the Police Department showed 816 calls of service, including 6 arrests, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 119 motor vehicle stops, and 105 motor vehicle summonses issued; list of mandated training.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz gave the Director’s report as he was not in attendance. He stated that on October 1st, Sparta dispatch took over communications in the Police Dept. and it was going well; communications were excellent; the officers are receiving training on the reports. The two new officers are still training with others but will soon be on their own.

3. CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Monthly report – August 2019

The monthly report for August showed there were 19 permits issued, 2 certificates of occupancy, and 20 certificates of approvals with a total of \$3080.00 collected in fees for the month of August.

4. LAND USE BOARD / ZONING

Monthly Zoning Report August 2019

The monthly report showed 10 property inspections with 3 abated complaints, 3 property maintenance violations, 1 zoning code violation, 1 inoperable vehicles, 6 violation notices issued, and 2 summonses.

Planning Services Proposal

Councilmember Krasnomowitz stated Land Use needs to update zoning maps and codes with the estimated cost not to exceed \$9500.00. The project will be split between two years.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the work of the Planning Services Proposal. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

2. HISTORIC COMMISSION / HISTORIC SOCIETY

A meeting will be held on November 25th.

3. RECREATION

Trunk or treat is scheduled for October 27th at 1 pm. The Littell Center is hosting a Spooktacular on October 26th.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

2. FIRE COMMISSIONER / EMS

EMS report

There were 7 EMS calls for the month. The EMS budget is -\$4521.00 due to vehicle repairs. The fire truck will be coming in shortly and there is \$7111.14 in the fire budget.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law to open to the Fire Dept. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Bill Oehler, a member of the truck committee, stated there are 4 different options for the side panel because

as it stands, it looks like a mirror: leave it alone, paint the panel, vinyl wrap of a flag, or wrap a flag. The choice of wrap a flag will be an additional \$2850.00. Mr. Oehler also added delivery time will be coordinated between Finance and Supthen with Mayor Marino adding that a Tuesday night would be a good time.

Engine #3 failed a pump test and will cost between \$12-17,000.00 to repair. Mayor Marino added there is money left in the bond that may be used.

Discussion takes place on when the delivery of the new fire truck comes, engine #3 will go out for repair before any action is taken with the old truck.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to the Fire Dept. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to go with option 5 – wrap a flag on the back panel of the new fire truck at a cost of \$2850.00. All Councilmembers present in favor.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Councilmember Burd congratulated Ms. Kimberly Sigman, the newly appointed Superintendent of the Hamburg School.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

1. COURT

Councilmember Law stated the County is no longer picking up inmates for their court hearings. The teleconferencing system is not working well, so the towns will be responsible for the costs (probable overtime for officers and transportation charges) of the officers transporting inmates to and from Morris County Jail. With the bail reform law, this happens usually only with the more serious charges.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to send a letter to the Freeholders opposing this as they closed the jail, not the municipality, and the burden should not fall on the municipality. All Councilmembers present in favor.

3. SOLID WASTE

Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th.

COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT

Given by Mayor Marino

3. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Marino reiterated the plan for the installation of the water meter replacements.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

1. FINANCE / TAX DEPARTMENT

Treasurer Report for September 2019 as given.

Tax Collector’s report for August showed \$2,251,972.22 being collected and a total of \$255,764.13 collected for September 2019.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the Resolution to redeem third party tax sale certificate #2019-008 in the amount of \$3,216.54 and the Resolution to redeem third party tax sale certificate #2019-011 in the amount of \$24,831.84. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2. BOARD of HEALTH

Last quarterly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm.

3. MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE**Opioid Epidemic Symposium**

There is an opioid epidemic symposium at Wallkill Valley High School on October 23rd at 6:30 pm. Also there will be a presentation "In Plain Sight" showing a bedroom scenario where teens could hide items. Drug Alliance will be sponsoring a SWARM NIGHT on October 19th at the YMCA. For grades 3-8 Lions Quest (www.lions.quest.org) will have a 10 week program beginning in October.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler 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 Councilmembers present in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers 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. Road Dept. Union Contract update

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 Law to accept the resolution as offered. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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

1. JCPL notice of public hearing (9/11/2019)
2. Applied Service letter – Accurate Forming – Response Action Outcome (9/11/2019)
3. From Hardyston Township – Ordinance – Zoning amendment (9/11/2019)
4. Correspondence from Garden State Towing Association (9/11/2019)
5. NJLM Legislative Bulletin August 2019 (9/13/2019)
6. From Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund brochure (9/16/2019)
7. Notification of action to foreclose Block 53, Lot 21 (9/20/2019)
8. Notification pending foreclosure Block 21, Lot 62 (9/30/2019)
9. Notification underground tank removed 29 Hamilton (9/30/2019)
10. Saint Clare's open house (10/2/2019)
11. NJ Health Insurance Fund (10/2/2019)
12. From NJ Food Council – Choose to Reuse (10/2/2019)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to adjourn the meeting. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved 11/4/19

Date Released 11/4/19

Kathy Garrett
Doreen Schott, RMC Deputy Clerk
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett