

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2019 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. and opened with a flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Councilmember Krasnomowitz	Councilmember Law
Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Garrett
Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Sena
Mayor Marino	

Also Present: Kathy Garrett  
Richard Clemack, Attorney

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

Deputy 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".

**October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

**October 7, 2019 – Executive Session Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to approve the October 7, 2019 Executive Session Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

As there are no additions or deletions to the bill list, motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler 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 Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE- #10-2019 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70-3G-CAT LICENSING SCHEDULE AND CHAPTER 70-8A-DOG LICENSING FEES – OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN FEES.**

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

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Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for December 2, 2019. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS: #2019-81- Resolution to Recognize January 26 – February 1, 2020 as “School Choice Week”**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept #2019-81- Resolution to Recognize January 26 – February 1, 2020 as “School Choice Week”. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**#2019-82- Budget Transfer**

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve resolution #2019-82- Budget Transfer as listed. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**#2019-83- Authorization to Lease 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution #2019-83- Authorization to Lease 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor. All Councilmembers present in favor. Mayor Marino mentioned this was built into the budget.

**ATTORNEY HOUR**

**Collective Bargaining Negotiations**

No action taken

**MAYOR’S AGENDA:**

**Linwood Avenue parking**

Mayor Marino discussed the many calls he has received from residents regarding the limited parking spaces on Linwood Avenue, not only for themselves, but for their guests. Many of the residents have asked about parking in the municipal lot on the corner of Linwood Ave and Route 23. Mayor would like to see perhaps parking permits for the residents’ guests only – perhaps 4 permits per household. There may be an issue when there is snow. Councilmember Krasnomowitz mentioned that commercial trucks were also parking on Linwood, which takes up a lot of space. More discussion will follow.

**Bills # SA5692 and S3941 – Enterprise Zones**

Mayor Marino discussed State Assembly Bill 5692 and Senate Bill 3941 and his opposition to them as both bills are singling out certain towns in an enterprise zone. Councilmember Krasnomowitz agreed, stating only 17 towns are included and this is going to be detrimental for others.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to send a resolution in opposition of Bills # SA5692 and S3941 to all municipalities and legislative departments. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ:**

**1. POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by councilmember Garrett to open the meeting to Police Director Mike Postorino. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**Monthly report for October**

The October 2019 monthly report for the Police Department showed 685 calls of service, including 8 arrests, 13 motor vehicle accidents, 162 motor vehicle stops, and 110 motor vehicle summonses issued; list of mandated training.

Mr. Postorino stated the new officers are on their own and doing well. He would like to make two shifts within the department– A and B shifts so that an officer is never working on their own. Mr. Postorino would like to reorganize the Police Department - have two (2) sergeants – one on each shift. He would like to move the present Sergeant now to Lieutenant (he has been the OIC now for seven months). Councilmember Garrett asked if the lieutenant would be coming off the road and was answered due to many mandates coming through, yes, this would happen. Mr. Postorino added more in house training will be done also. Councilmembers Burd and Krasnomowitz liked the idea to elevate and promote process and having two officers on at all times.

**Drug Alliance Committee re-appointment**

Hardyston is requesting the reappointments of the LEAD program names being submitted. Councilmember Sena is the primary person and Mr. Postorino is the secondary. He would like to name one of the LEAD officers in the letter that is sent.

Councilmember Oehler mentioned she is having issues with the low band radio for EMS in her house; she also showed up for a call unnecessarily due to this.

EMS budget will have a \$10,000.00 line item and a \$10,000.00 additional line item for vehicle repairs. For the time being, EMS captain needs to involve Councilmember Burd and Mr. Postorino with her bills.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to Mr. Postorino. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to start the process of the promotional process of a sergeant. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to elevate Sergeant Jason Tangorra to Lieutenant effective as of January 1, 2020.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

**3. CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**

**Monthly report – September 2019**

The monthly report for September showed there were 11 permits issued, 1 certificates of occupancy, and 8 certificates of approvals with a total of \$2,670.00 collected in fees for the month of October.

**4. LAND USE BOARD / ZONING**

**Monthly Zoning Report September 2019**

The monthly report showed 15 property inspections with 2 abated complaints, 1 property maintenance violations, 1 zoning code violation, 4 inoperable vehicles, 1 solid waste code violation, 15 violation notices sent, and 3 summonses issued.

**COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER**

**3. RECREATION**

Trunk or Treat was held at a later time on October 27<sup>th</sup> due to the rain, but that did not stop approximately 75 – 80 people attending. The kids had a parade, did their trunk or treating, had donuts and juice and received pumpkins.

Councilmember Oehler stated the Littell Center lease is up June 30, 2020 and future plans are up in the air. The Borough's commitment ends December 31<sup>st</sup> and Hardyston would like us to continue until June 2020 at a prorated rate. More discussion will be following.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

**2. FIRE COMMISSIONER / EMS**

**EMS report – Saint Clare's October 2019**

22 calls made with an average response time of 4 seconds.

There is a Defensive Driving Safety Class on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Burd stated the new fire truck is nice and thanked the committee for all they did.

**4. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The school board needs seats to be filled. Since they are having a difficult time filling them, the Board of Education is considering reducing it from 7 members to 5 members. There will be a security meeting at the school and Mike Postorino and sergeant Tangorra will be attending. Cameras will be addressed.

**COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

**2. OEM**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to OEM Keith Sukennikoff. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Mr. Sukennikoff stated that at the County OEM meeting, a lot of DEP paperwork will be coming through for record keeping, but return time will be changed from 48 hours to 24 hours. He is asking that all departments return any requested paperwork quickly and efficiently. Code Blue is in effect for the time being.

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

**4. SANITATION AND RECYCLING**

**Shared Service Agreement – Hardyston Township -Curbside Recycling and Municipal Solid Waste – 3 Year Contract.**

Councilmember Law stated this is a continuation of the agreement we now have.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept the Shared Service Agreement with Hardyston Township for Curbside Recycling and Municipal Solid Waste for a 3 Year Contract beginning January 2020.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Law did a town clean up with the school within 4 ½ miles and collected 4 ½ tons of garbage. Councilmember Krasnomowitz added the train tracks looked amazing.

**COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT**

**1. BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Councilmember Garrett is checking into the demolition of the building at 14 Route 23 and is estimated to be between \$10-11,000.00. He inquired if the town had the deed yet as no action can be taken until it is received. Confirmation of the deed being received will be looked into.

**3. BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Meter Installations Update**

Councilmember Garrett relayed there have been 115 meters installed to date with November and December totally booked with scheduling appointments.

**COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

**1. FINANCE / TAX DEPARTMENT**

**Treasurer Report – September 2019 – as given.**

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept the Resolution to redeem third party tax sale certificate #2019-009 in the amount of \$6752.20; and to accept the Resolution to redeem third party tax sale certificate #2019-005 in the amount of \$2227.55. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2. BOARD of HEALTH**

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept the Shared Service Agreement with Wantage Township for Animal Control and Wantage Dog Pound Facility in the amount of \$12,225.00. Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

A Board of Health meeting was not held on October 8<sup>th</sup> as there was not a quorum.

Rabies Clinic will be held on Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 pm – 6 pm at the fire house.

**3. MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE**

SWARM night was moved from October 16<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup> due to small number of sign-ups. October 16<sup>th</sup> Drug Alliance met for a needs assessment for 4 categories: alcohol use, prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco / vaping. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> there was a drug symposium at WVHS with many vendors / information but not well attended by the public. Alliance Quest at the school started in October for 10 weeks on every Wednesday and the entire school is participating due to grants. November 12<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law 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.

Emily Banta – Church on Wallkill Ave – talked about the lack of parking on Wallkill Ave by her home (the church). According to property records, she says the strip of land behind the church is hers but the town disagrees. Mayor says a search has to be done and the town will work with you. There were a lot of vehicles in the back over the weekend and– Vince LaPadula -18 Rt. 23 – stated a lot of family stayed over and parked back there. Residents are also concerned about their small children around the property. Council stated the building will be coming down. More will be discussed and will be looked into. Other Boards will have to be involved also.

Mike Schneider – Road Dept. – stated he just received 150 ton of salt so he now has plenty. He has an issue with truck 5 and with one plow.

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. Collective Bargaining Negotiations with DPW Workers

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 Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the resolution. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into Executive Session. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Discussion on Collective Bargaining Negotiations with DPW Workers

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to return to the Regular meeting at 8:23 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

After some discussion, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to advertise for an assistant supervisor. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Garrett asked for clarification on the two sergeants – the ordinance now reads one sergeant; in January it will be changed to two sergeants.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to hold a November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for Union / personnel. All Councilmembers present in favor. Attorney Clemack will notify the union representative.

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

1. Foreclosure action – Block 11, Lot 30
2. Letter from Mayor City of Union – utility work (10/11/2019)
3. Notice of Land Use Board Meeting – 55 Gingerbread Castle Road LLC (10/11/19)
4. Foreclosure action – Block 17, Lot 18 (C1918) (10/11/2019)
5. NJLM – Hospitality Functions, Housing and Shuttle Bus infor. (10/11/2019)
6. 2019 Certification of the Table of Equalized Valuations (10/11/2019)
7. Notice of NJLM membership due increase (10/9/2019)
- 7a From Murphy McKeon P.C. notice of deed being sent to Hall of Records Block 31, Lot 2 (10/18/2019).
8. Correspondence from NJ Warehousemen and Movers Association (10/18/2019)
9. From SCMUA – FY2020 Proposed Rate schedule (10/18/2019)
10. From Ames Rubber – Notice of NJDEP Site Remediation (10/20/2019)
11. FY2020 Historic Preservation Grant Applications (10/25/2019)
12. Correspondence from NJ Bankers (10/25/2019)
13. Correspondence from Winnie Banta regarding 2020 Bond Counsel Services (10/28/2019)
14. From State of NJ Summer Food Service Program ( 10/28/2019)
15. Correspondence from Spartial Data Logic (10/28/2019)
16. Elizabeth Town Gas construction notice (10/28/2019)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved 12/4/19

Date Released 12/4/19

Kathy Garrett  
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Deputy Clerk