

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (HELD BY WAY OF TELEPHONIC) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON APRIL 6, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

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:

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

Also Present: Doreen Schott
Mike Postorino – Police director / Borough Liaison
Attorney Clemack via phone
Christine Licata, CFO via phone
Man Lee, Auditor – via phone

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk will advise:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 10, 2020 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”.

March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the March 2, 2020 Regular Meeting 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 Krasnomowitz, seconded by Garrett to open the meeting to the public with regards to the bill list only. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Hearing not comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to approve and pay the bill

list as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ORDINANCES: There are no ordinances

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilmember Law questions whether councilmembers have the opportunity to interview the candidates prior to appointments. Mr. Postorino advises that in accordance with the Hamburg Borough Ordinance any questions would be sent in writing to the committee and the committee on the councilmember’s behalf would address any questions they might have had.

2020-33 – Promotion to Sergeant – Hamburg Police Department – Detective Jeffrey Sokolowski

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept resolution #2020-33.

Roll Call:

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

2020-34 – Promotion to Sergeant – Hamburg Police Department – Officer Fred Moses

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept resolution #2020-34.

Roll Call:

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

2020-35 – Promotion to Detective –Hamburg Police Department – Officer Jordan Descafano

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept resolution #2020-35.

Roll Call:

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

2020-37 – Resolution Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept resolution #2020-37.

Roll call shows all members present in favor.

2020-38 – EMEX Trigger Resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas supply services

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept resolution # 2020-38.

Roll call shows all members present in favor.

2020-39 – EMEX Trigger Resolution authorizing the purchase of electricity supply services

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept resolution # 2020-39.

Roll call shows all members present in favor.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz advises that he would like to amend resolution #2020-29 giving Mr. Postorino a \$5,000.00 raise. The resolution states his salary at \$40,000.00 not taking into account the 2% raise given to all employees. His salary should reflect \$40,600.00

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to amend resolution #2020-29 to show a salary of \$40,600.00 for Police Director.

Roll call shows all members present in favor.

BUDGET ADOPTION OF BUDGET:

Mayor Marino asks the CFO whether the \$40,000 from EMS was appropriated, confirmation from CFO that is allocated as discussed in the budget meetings.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the public with regards to the 2020 Municipal Budget as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor. Hearing no comment from the public, motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to close the meeting to the public. All councilmembers present in favor.

Resolution # 2020-36 – Budget Amendment:

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve Resolution # 2020-36 amendment to the introduced budget. Roll call shows all councilmembers present in favor.

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of 3,451,406.99.

CFO advises that she has no comments unless there are any questions.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget as amended.

Roll call shows all councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Route 23 & Wallkill Avenue Property – Block 31, Lot 2

Mayor recaps that the borough purchased the property on Rt. 23 & Wallkill Avenue and has since removed the vacant structure that was there. The town is looking into putting a new police department building on the site. Police Director is looking into funding through federal grants and feels that the town would most likely qualify. The present police building would still be utilized for much needed storage of borough records and a place to house the historical inventory.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to authorize Police Director Mike Postorino to pursue Federal Grant Funding for this project.

Roll Call

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

Estimated Tax Bills: Mayor advises that due to the extension to the date of budget adoption it is

advised towns send out estimated tax bills for third quarter billing.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to authorize tax collector to send out Estimated Tax Bill. Roll call shows all Councilmembers present in favor.

Mayor Marino along with Police Director discuss the great work that OEM has been doing with regards to COVID-19; all guidelines are being met. They are presently working on the FEMA grant and submitting all necessary supporting documentation. To date they have submitted 30,000.00 in expenses. The OEM recently purchased a disinfecting machine for \$800.00. They will be using this machine to disinfect the Borough buildings. Recently the police department was disinfected using an outside vendor and the cost for the one building alone was \$2400.00 so this will be a real cost savings for the borough. Mayor advises that all recreation events have been cancelled until May 1st and it will be revisited to see what will happen with events scheduled after that. Other cancellations include the Land Use Board which will not be taking any new applications, the Board of Public Works and the previously scheduled Dedication Ceremony was cancelled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ:

1. POLICE COMMISSIONER

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to open the meeting to Police Director to read the police report into the record; 455 Service calls, 2 Arrests, 6 Motor vehicle accidents, 57 Motor vehicle stops, 33 E-tickets, 19 Walk in for assistance, 55 Correspondence.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to close the meeting to the Police Director. All members present in favor.

Mayor Marino advises that the Office of Emergency Management has been working closely with the school and board of education on various matters concerning Covid-19 policies. Ms. Kimberley Sigman, Chief School Administrator for the Hamburg School joins the meeting via telephone and thanks the Mayor and Council, Police Department and OEM for the daily updates and the great line of communication that has been going on between the various departments and the school.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

1. RECREATION COMMISSION

All recreation events are cancelled – previously addressed under Mayor

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION

All school activities are cancelled – previously addressed under Mayor. Councilmember Burd discusses a recent incident regarding a drive-by Birthday Party, advised that the OEM coordinator and School Administrator handled the matter.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law advises that court sessions have been cancelled through April all though the New Jersey Supreme Court. He will advise if there are any changes.

COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT

Councilmember Garrett advises that at the March 11, 2020 meeting of the Board of Public Works

the board took action to not do any water shut offs. After that the DEP made a formal ruling and asked that Municipalities send notification that they were compiling with the “no-turn off “order. Clerk sent notification to the DEP advising that Hamburg was in compliance.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

1. FINANCE / TAX DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to redeem third party tax sale certificate #17-0005 in the amount of \$18,684.35. All members present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to redeem third party tax sale certificate #14-055 in the amount of \$7711.53. All members present in favor.

Councilmember Sena discussed the present restrictions on the Hamburg Recreation Fields. Presently the gate is being kept locked. The playground is roped off in compliance with executive order but he would like to see the gate opened so people who want to utilize the walking path will find it more inviting. Mayor advises that there are no restrictions on use of the walking path, Councilmember Garrett advises they he has been going daily. Councilmember Law adds that he agrees that he would like to see the gate opened during the day. OEM coordinator advises against this action as they are finding that parking lots are turning into a gathering place. He advises that he will move the digital sign to that area so people are aware that the walking path is open to the public. Councilmember Law and Sena add it is a safety issue and it should be either be opened or closed, noting that surrounding parks are open and if open can have it patrolled by the police department. OEM Coordinator advises against opening the gate.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember 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 members present in favor.

Ms. Kimberley Sigman – Hamburg School advises that she had a recent conflict and could not attend March Mayor and Council meeting but wanted to give a belated thank you to the DPW for the help they assisted with after the storms and to the Mayor for his continued communication during the winter months with various issues.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Burd to close the meeting to the public. All member present in favor.

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:

1.

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.

There was no executive session

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

1. Care Environmental Remediation Services, Block 8, Lot 3 (3/2/2020)
2. Notice of pending foreclosure 1 Lakeview Drive (3/4/2020)
3. From State of NJ – Tier A & B Municipalities – amendment to rules (3/4/2020)
4. From County of Sussex – Mosquito Control informational package (3/6/2020)
5. Notice of action of foreclosure Block 11, Lot 18 (3/13/2020)
6. NJ General Assembly resolution 78 & 79 – 2020 Census Count (3/13/2020)
7. Notice of pending foreclosure Block 33, Lot 7 (3/13/2020)
8. NJ Health CDS Update 3/10/2020 - (3/13/2020)
9. Resolution from Sandyston Township – Vegetation Management Response Act (3/13/2020)
10. Tax Court of NJ – Plaza 23 LLC v Hamburg (3/13/2020)
11. From Schenck Price – transfer of Service Electric Assets to CSC TKR, LLC (3/13/2020)
12. Filing of Petition of Appeal Ballyowen Golf Club, USA, Inc. (3/16/2020)
13. Filing of Petition of Appeal Wild Turkey Golf club, LLC (3/16/2020)
14. DCA Notice – Fiscal stability in their operations. (3/18/2020)
15. OSHA’s rules – Frequently asked questions – COVID-19 (3/18/2020)
16. Horizon Group Update – How responding to COVID-19 (3/18/2020)
17. From Hardyston Township Construction Office Inspection Protocol. (3/18/2020)
18. From County of Sussex – Notice of Congregate Nutrition Services Suspended. (3/17/2020)
19. Resolution from Byram Township – requesting first energy increase funding to fix/ upgrade distribution grids. (3/20/2020)
20. Sussex County Award Luncheon June 19, 2020 (3/27/2020)
21. Preliminary equalization Table for County of Sussex 2020 (3/27/2020)
22. Notice – treasury freezes spending over COVID-19 (3/27/2020)
23. County Health info COVID-19 (3/27/2020)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting.