

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (HELD BY WAY OF TELEPHONIC) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 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. and opened with a flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

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

Also Present: Doreen Schott

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”.

November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Sena to approve the November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call

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

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 Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve and pay the bill list as presented.

Roll call

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

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

2020-72 - Budget Transfer

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept the budget transfer resolution 2020-72. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2020-73 – Abate interest for water / sewer due to Covid-19

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept resolution 2020-73. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2020-74 – Animal licensing fees for 2020

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the resolution 2020-74. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2020-75 – Authorizing Settlement Plaza 23, LLC – Tax Court of NJ

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2020-75.
Roll call

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Plaza 23, LLC

Attorney advises that the borough has been involved in extensive litigation with Plaza 23, LLC, known as 225 Route 23 regarding the tax assessment. Extensive discovery has been conducted and it was determined by the Borough Attorney, Tax Assessor and Real Estate Appraiser that it was in the best interest to settle the litigation.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Notification that Hamburg received the NJDOT 2021 Municipal Aid Grant

Mayor stated that \$165,850.00 was received

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept the NJDOT 2021 Municipal Aid Grant. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Personnel Policy Changes

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the personnel policy changes that were made that reflect the Road Dept. Union contract so all is uniform. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Administrative Assistant Salary

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Burd approving the \$4.00 an hour raise for the Administrative Assistant Salary, going from \$13.00 hour to \$17.00 hour. All Councilmembers present in favor.

OEM request for ID badges

Mayor requested Councilmembers Sena and Law to turn in their current OEM badges as they are

expired. OEM will provide new badges upon receipt.

FEMA crossing guard

Mayor advised the CFO to submit vouchers for crossing guards for expenses.

Recreation Fields

Mayor informed that the park was presently still open, area is being disinfected twice a week and we will be closing at the first snow

Council Appointments

Mayor advises that council appointments will stay the same for 2021.

Update on COVID

No changes from last month, Borough Hall is still closed to the public, meetings are to be held telephonic. We are following the state and CDC guidelines.

Ordinance discussion – Water / Sewer Rates

Mayor advises there will be discussion on doing an ordinance increasing the water / sewer rates next year to help offset costs associated with work needed on the water tanks

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ:

Councilmember Krasnomowitz gave an update regarding the Hardyston Planning Board meeting and the blasting that will be occurring. Notice will be given to the closest homes in the Penny Rock area and the homes there can also have access to the Reverse 911 messaging.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

The Recreation Commission will be going around for the Holiday Decorating Contest judging the homes and the checks will be mailed to the winners.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

The Fire Dept. is doing the Santa Run around town with the fire truck.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

No Update

COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT

Councilmember Garrett congratulated Mayor Marino for his 20 plus years as Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept the resolution to redeem third party tax sale certificate #2020-008 in the amount of \$2924.76. All Councilmembers present in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of the items, if any discussion is desired, that particular item will be removed from the consent agenda.

- Zoning Reports – October, November 2020
- Construction Reports – October 2020, November 2020
- Police Report – October, November 2020
- EMS Report – October 2020
- Tax Collector Report – October, November 2020
- Treasurer’s Report – October 2020

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept the Consent Agenda as offered. All Councilmembers present in favor.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Sena 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.

Sheila Frayko – Hamburg BOE Liaison – stated the school is remote at the moment but on December 14th the students should be back in session at the school.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to close to the public. All Councilmembers 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.

No Executive Session.

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

1. Accuscan Digital Archival Solutions (11/4/2020)
2. Copy of Executive Order 195 (11/4/2020)
3. Public Notice – Hardyston Township Planning Board (11/13/2020)
4. From Sussex County resolution opposing Pro-Abortion /Pro Sex trafficking S-3030/A-4848
5. Sussex County Open Space Committee Minutes September 2020 (11/16/2020)
6. From Sussex County – 2019 Novel Coronavirus update (11/18/2020)
7. From State of NJ Substance Discharge Notification Oil Heating (11/25/2020)
8. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes September 2020 (11/25/2020)
9. County of Sussex 2019 Novel Coronavirus update (11/25/2020)
10. State of NJ Notification CCR Report Board of Public Works (11/25/2020)
11. The Goldstein Partnership – Brochure (11/30/2020)

- 12. State of NJ – Winter guidelines outside dining (11/30/2020)
- 13. Hardyston Planning Board application for Quarry (11/30/2020)
- 14. Sussex County Economic Development Partnership – 2020 SC Mayor’s Reception (11/30/2020)
- 15. Former Getty Service Station – Fact Sheet from State of NJ
- 16. Resolution from Long Hill Township – Affordable Housing

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date approved_____

Date released_____

Doreen Schott
Municipal Clerk, RMC