

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD (BY WAY OF TELEPHONIC) ON FEBRUARY 17, 2021 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: Kathy Garrett

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Deputy 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 to the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act".

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to CFO Christine Licata. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Mayor Marino relayed the preliminary budget reflected a 3% increase. Councilmembers had questions with regards to Legal fees, Police, and Utilities. CFO will look into this and more discussion will take place at the March 1, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to close to CFO. All Councilmembers present in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2021-23 - Budget transfer Construction code to Aid to volunteer fire dept OE \$8300.00

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Resolution 2021-23.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

2021-24 -Amendment to 2021 Temporary Operating Budget

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Sena to approve Resolution 2021-24.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack relayed there are no tax appeals nor labor negotiations.

ENGINEERING:

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Letter from Superintendent Sigman

Mayor thanked Ms. Sigman for her letter recognizing the Road Dept. and the help they have given the school throughout the winter with snow removal.

Municipal Holiday Schedule

Mayor would like to see Martin Luther King Day honored as a Legal Holiday in the Borough. He is suggesting taking out the floating holiday in the Personal Policy / Union Contract and replacing it with MLK Day. It was unclear if school was in session on this day. This would-be part of the Union Negotiations when the time came.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Sena to replace and institute as stated above. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Plow truck discussion

Mayor informed Council members the plow truck needs to be replaced. The body is still good as it is stainless steel and the funds are already in the budget.

Power Outage

Mayor discussed the power outage on Monday February 15th and the traffic lights in the intersection of Rt. 23 / 94 not working, and these lights are to have battery backs up that are to be maintained by the DOT. Mayor would like a letter sent to the DOT, Senators, Assemblymen, and Commissioners stating this is unacceptable. He would also like to include the disarray of the roadway under the railroad trestle.

OEM Coordinator

OEM Coordinator has been doing an outstanding job over the past year, especially with COVID notices, FEMA, etc., and the town will be receiving funds back due to his great efforts with the paperwork he has submitted, etc. Mayor is recommending a \$1200.00 a year raise for OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Zoning Report — December 2020

Construction Report — December 2020

Police Report — December 2020

EMS Report - December 2020

Tax Collector Report — December 2020 Treasurer

Report — December 2020

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Consent Agenda as given. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ:

Police Staffing

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

Mr. Postorino and Lt. Tangorra discussed the staffing of the Police Department, stating the office is currently short staffed at six (6) officers. Interviews were held and Mr. Postorino and the Committee are recommending Dylan Corring from Bergenfield, out of the Police Academy, Eric Miller from Pompton Lakes, an officer in Newark, and Marc Collova from Rochelle Park, out of the Police Academy as Probationary Patrolmen for the Borough of Hamburg effective March 1, 2021.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the recommendations as given.

Councilmember Law asked if the Council would have a chance to interview the candidates and was answered the Council was taking the recommendation of the Police Interviewing Committee.

Roll Call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to close to Mr. Postorino and Lt. Tangorra. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

2020 Annual Holiday Contest

1st place -12 Longview Drive; 2nd place – 101 Hillside Drive; 3rd place – 75 Kirkwood Ave

Recreation had a meeting on January 19th – Sam Villagomez remained as Chairperson; Suzette Villagomez is Vice-Chair. Recreation welcomed two (2) new members – Debbie Zweier and Art Walton. Mr. Walton suggested holding a golf outing when the weather is warmer. Recreation is looking into a decorating contest for Halloween and also an “All Holiday” event at the park to encompass all holidays. Mayor is hopeful that Hamburg Day will also be able to be held.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT

Water Supervisor Discussion

Councilmember Garrett informed the Council steps are being taken to find a replacement for a Road Supervisor for when the current Supervisor is ready to retire.

BPW would be meeting on March 10th to discuss when to start with the installation of meters, the control boards of the lift stations, the generators and GenServe coming in. Councilmember Garrett also mentioned the alarm on the back door of the municipal door needing to be repaired.

Councilmember Garrett is also getting two (2) quotes on the brick base for the message sign in the front of the municipal building.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Mayor Marino also mentioned OEM is filling out paperwork from the storms to submit to FEMA which would be 100% reimbursable to the town. The State OEM has a grant that we will be submitting to turn the Wallkill Ave storage center into an EOC center for the OEM Coordinator to use for office facilities.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, 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.

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 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 matters.

No Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved _____

Date Released _____

Kathy Garrett
Deputy Clerk

