

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD (BY WAY OF TELEPHONIC) ON MARCH 1, 2021 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.

**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, 2021 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".

**February 1, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll Call:

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

**February 17, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the February 17, 2021 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 Krasnomowitz, 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 Burd to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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

as presented.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

**ORDINANCES:**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler for Attorney Clemack to read all Ordinances by title. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**ORDINANCE #02-2021 Second Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164-SEWERS-OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MODIFY SEWER USER FEES.**

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. The ordinance was introduced at the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

**ORDINANCE #03-2021 Second Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209-WATER -OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MODIFY WATER RATES**

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. The ordinance was introduced at the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Hearing no 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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

**ORDINANCE #04-2021 Second Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209-WATER -OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY INCREASING THE SHUTOFF / TURN ON SERVICE FEE, THE TURNOFF FEE AND CHAPTER 164 – SEWERS- TO INCREASE SERVICE RESTORATION FEE AND CHARGES AND FEES FOR CONNECTION AND FOR USER FEES.**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. The ordinance was introduced at the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**ORDINANCE #05-2021 Second Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to amend the OEM salary range to not exceed \$5000.00. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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. The ordinance was introduced at the February 1, 2021 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the ordinance as amended.

**Roll Call:**

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

**ORDINANCE #06-2021 First Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REGARDING STORMWATER CONTROL.**

Mayor relayed this ordinance is a DEP requirement which will also go before the Land Use for their input and sent on to the County Planning Board.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction with said ordinance summary to be published with second reading scheduled for April 5, 2021.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2021-25 Discharge of Mortgage – 114 Mulberry Street**

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept Resolution 2021-25 Discharge of Mortgage for 114 Mulberry Street. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2021-26 – Annual Salaries**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2021-26 Annual Salaries. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve giving OEM coordinator Keith Sukennikoff a \$1200.00 raise, bringing the total amount to \$4551.55. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2021-27 – Abate the interest for water / sewer due to COVID – 19**

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2021-27 to Abate the interest for water/sewer due to COVID-19. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**BUDGET INTRODUCTION**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to Ms. Man Lee and CFO Christine Licata to present the Mayor and Council with the 2021 Budget for discussion and Introduction. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Ms. Man Lee discussed the budget, stating there is a 3% tax increase due to salary, pensions and insurance. On a \$154,400.00 home, this equates to \$45.00 a year increase. Although budget numbers did go up in certain areas, numbers remained the same in others. With uncertainties as to the effects coming out of a pandemic, the professionals encouraged not to short-change the numbers in the budget.

Even though Councilmember Sena would like to see that number go down, to cut something this year may reflect a larger number the following year.

Councilmember Law brought up recycling and the possibility of going together with Hardyston. This could be looked into but will not change the budget this year.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the budget as presented by the professionals with the public hearing on April 5, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law, Garrett

Nays : Sena

Abstain : None

Absent : None

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to Man Lee and Christine Licata. All Councilmembers present in favor,

**ATTORNEY HOUR:****ENGINEERING:****Water Tank Storage Rehabilitation**

Mayor stated the bids for this project will be opened on March 12<sup>th</sup> with work beginning in May / June.

**MAYOR'S AGENDA****OEM Coordinator Salary**

Discussed

**COVID-19 update**

Things are remaining status quo. Mayor relayed that some residents are asking for the new water meters to be installed now and asked Attorney Clemack his advice. He stated there is a certain risk and an emergency still remains in effect.

**Council emails**

Mayor asked all Councilmembers to use the town emails, with Attorney advising that emails are under OPRA and personal emails should not be used. Councilmembers will take that into advisement.

**Recreation**

Mayor advised Councilmember Oehler to pursue the golf outing through Recreation but did not believe there was enough time to put on Hamburg Day this year. Councilmember Oehler will discuss this at a Recreation meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Zoning Report – January 2021

Construction Report – January 2021

Police Report – January 2021

EMS Report – January 2021

Tax Collector Report – January 2021

Treasurer Report – January 2021

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ:**

**COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER**

**COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

**COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

**COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT**

Councilmember Garrett discussed the change in pay for the Road Dept. Supervisor: instead of being paid hourly with overtime, a four (4) year average of pay was taken to find a salary for the foreman. Councilmember Garrett has already spoken to the Road Dept. Supervisor with regard to these changes.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to institute the above discussed changes effective March 1, 2021 with a total salary of \$77,025.46.

Roll call showed all Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Garrett discussed advertising for an assistant supervisor (CPWM certified) for the Road Dept. so that when the Supervisor retires in December 2021, the assistant will be ready to take over the department. Ads will be placed in the NJ Herald and on the League of Municipalities. NJ.com will be looked into.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to move forward with the advertising and hiring of an assistant supervisor for the Road Dept. All Councilmembers present in favor.

A committee formed to hire will consist of Councilmembers Garrett, Sena, and Burd, with Mayor as the alternate. Police Director Mike Postorino will also be involved.

**COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept Resolution T-02 – water refund in the amount of \$100.64. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**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.

Greg Gorman – 13 Jennings Road

Mr. Gorman, a member of the Sierra Club, gave Council members information on a compressor station and pipeline and the detrimental gases that could be released as a result of the project. Existing lines are not being updated and many cannot see the benefits of this construction. Mayor agreed with the resolution as the existing pipelines are not being updated.

Sheila Frayko – BOE Liaison – thanked the Road Dept. for all their help with the snow removal at the school throughout the winter.

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

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to support Wantage Township and oppose the Construction of Compression Turbines on the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Running through Northern New Jersey.

Roll Call:

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

**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)**

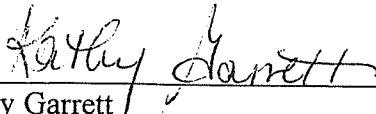
1. Local Finance Notice (2/5/2021)
2. Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Council Minutes (2/8/2021)
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5. From Dykstra Walker re: 5 Mountain Rd. application (2/8/2021)
6. JCP&L Public Hearing Notice (2/8/2021)
7. Hardyston Township Zoning Ordinance Modification (2/10/2021)
8. Hamburg School Correspondence re: Road Department (2/12/2021)
9. EcolSciences, Inc. Remedial Action Accurate Forming (2/16/2021)
10. Statewide Insurance Fund Notification (2/17/2021)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved 4/5/2021

Date Released 4/5/2021



Kathy Garrett  
Deputy Clerk