

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON AUGUST 16, 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 Oehler

Councilmember Burd

Councilmember Sena

Mayor Marino

Absent: Councilmember Garrett, Councilmember Law

Also: Present: Doreen Schott  
Attorney Clemack

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

Clerk advised:

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".

**1. Mayor – BPW Update**

Mayor Marino advises that a meeting was held to discuss important items that would be coming up in the future. Federal monies were received from the stimulus which can be used for certain items such as premium pay and water / sewer improvements. The Board of Public Works had a meeting with all professionals present and they are going to present a game plan on how to use the \$165,000 federal money received. At that meeting DPW supervisor Mike Schneider presented a list of upgrades needed in the Sewer Lifts Stations which will be taken into account and will be further discussed at the September meeting.

Mayor advises in tonight's package there is an amended agenda with items that need to be addressed. He advises that when work was being done on the water tanks it was found that the present tanks needed repair as they are rotted. CFO prepared a chapter 159 to cover the cost of this unforeseen repair, funding coming from the American Rescue Act.

**2. DPW – Ford F-550 2021**

Mayor advises that there is a need to purchase a vehicle for the DPW.

**RESOLUTION # 2021-70**

**Purchase of DPW Vehicle**

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to purchase a vehicle for the Hamburg Road Department, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the purchase of a certain Ford F-550 2021 Cab/Chassis Dump Body which includes a plow, spreader and other connectors, and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the vehicle will be purchased through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council with

the vendor being Route 23 Automall for a total cost \$88,939.00, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$80,000.00 will be funded through purchase of equipment Water / Sewer and \$8,939.00 for additional parts will be funded through Water / Sewer O&E

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hamburg at a duly convened meeting held on August 16, 2021.

Doreen Schott, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve resolution #2021-70 – Purchase of Vehicle

**3. Zoning / Property Maintenance Office**

Mayor advises that the temporary Shared Service Agreement for Zoning Officer and Property Maintenance agreement will expire on August 16, 2021. Mr. Drossel will be returning to work on that day.

**4. Land Use Board – Mayor's appointment**

Mayor advises that he is appointing Mr. David Roberts who is presently an alternate member of the LUB to the position of Class IV member vacated by Guy Harby's death. This will leave the Class IV member, Alt. #1 position open.

**5. 12 Route 23 Property**

Councilmembers and Mayor were notified that the realtor who is handling this property reached out to the town to see if there was interest in the town purchasing the property. Mayor and members discuss. The adjacent property was purchased for the new police department and that they really do not see any use for the property.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the DPW Supervisor Mike Schneider. All members present in favor.

Regarding the amended agenda

**Bank Street Water Tanks – Additional work** – Mr. Schneider advises that a valve broke which was from 1956, when this happened it was found that there were rotted pipes and that the following additional work was necessary.

**Tapping Material.** Two bids were received for Tapping Material. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to authorize Tri State in the amount of \$3,407.49 for tapping material and an 8" wettap. All members present in favor.

**Replacing Malfunctioning Water Lines-** Two bids were received to replace the malfunctional water lines. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to authorized Hank Sanders Inc. in the amount of \$12,990.00 to replace the water lines needing repair. All members present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to close the meeting to Mike Schneider. All members present in favor.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the public. All members present in favor. Hearing no comments, no public present. Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to close the meeting to the public. All members 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. Supervisor DPW position privacy reasons**

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 (s).

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

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into Executive Session at 7:17pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Discussion on Supervisor DPW position.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to return to the regular session at 7:44 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

No action taken.

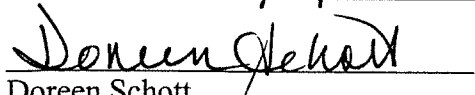
Councilmember Burd requests the assistance of road worker Jason Reardon to assist the Fire Department for a day for a hose and pump test. Council has no issue; Supervisor Mike Schneider will be notified.

Councilmember Sena advises he attended a meeting at the school which discussed September opening. Students will be full time required to wear masks, and keep 3 feet apart. Members discuss this along with Governor Murphy's orders. Many feel the mental health of children especially the very young are not taken into account with all these guidelines along with the fact that there are these rules during school then the same students go to after school activities where the same guidelines are not in effect.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date approved 9/8/2021

Date released 9/8/2021



Doreen Schott  
Municipal Clerk