

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 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: Doreen Schott
Kathy Garrett
Attorney Clemack

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

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".

Councilmember Krasnomowitz, as Police Commissioner, recognized members of the Police Department that were promoted / hired during COVID -

Officer Jason Tangorra – Lieutenant – Hamburg Police Department (January 1, 2020)

Officer Fred Moses – Sergeant – Hamburg Police Department (April 6, 2020)

Officer Jeffrey Sokolowski – Sergeant – Hamburg Police Department (April 6, 2020)

Borough Clerk Doreen Schott administered the Oaths of Office to Patrolman Eric Miller, Patrolman Marc Colluva, and Patrolman Ryan McDermott.

Plaque Presentation:

JoAnn Coan - Court Administrator

Councilmember Law presented a plaque to Court Administrator JoAnn Coan in honor of her retirement and thanked her for her many years of service to the town.

Richard Padgett Jr. - Fire Chief

Will be presented at the January Re-organization meeting.

November 1, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the November 1, 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 Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law 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 Law to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz 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

Ordinance #10-2021- Second Reading

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING \$150,868.62 THEREFORE CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. All in favor.

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Motion by Councilmember Law, 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. All in favor. The ordinance was introduced at the November 1, 2021 regular meeting and published as provided by law; considered for final adoption at the December 6, 2021 regular meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Marino reiterated that these funds have been set aside for certain expenditures within the Borough.

Hearing no other comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to adopt the ordinances as presented.

Roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS

2021-87 – Budget Transfer

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2021-87 as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2021-88 – Well #3 Emergency Repair American Rescue Plan Funding

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept resolution 2021-88 as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2021-89 – Authorizing Alec Yanish to take Rutgers University Certified Public Works Manager Course

Councilmember Garrett stated this was a good idea- to have a back up person for the Road Dept. and stated the lead man knowing what to do according to NJ Law will only benefit the town. The classes for CPWM are offered day and evening and Alec Yanish will report to work after the 3-hour day class.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept resolution 2021-89, based on the resolution and executed by the Mayor and Alec Yanish. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR

Executive Session Resolution

ENGINEERING:

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Memorandum of Understanding – Hamburg and NJ Motor Vehicle Commission – 5-year contract for CAIR program

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the 5-year contract for the CAIR program.

Mayor added this is for the clerk to check driver license numbers as needed.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

Space Farms -Contract for carcass pick up 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to accept the Space Farms contract for deer carcass pick up for \$31.00 per deer from 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

Resignation of Christine Licata- effective January 14, 2022

Mayor relayed his disappointment regarding the resignation of CFO Christine Licata but did wish her well with her future employment.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept with regrets the resignation of CFO Christine Licata, with her last day in office as of January 14, 2022 and last day of employment as of March 15, 2022. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Due to the leaving of Ms. Licata, Jean Stephens will be hired for an additional two (2) days at the same current hourly rate of pay. The CFO position will be advertised in NJLM and by reaching out to other Clerks and CFOs. Borough Clerk Doreen Schott stated there is a company that will help find a CFO and also do budgets but is unsure of the cost. Councilmember Krasnomowitz asked that she get

their information along with their hourly rate. Ms. Schott explained they receive the applicants and narrow it down for the town and it is done mostly remote.

Borough Hall Left Open

Mayor stated the door to Borough Hall was left open again. Although he was not placing blame on any one group or person, he asked that all remain vigilant when they go in and out and make sure the door is securely locked behind them.

Councilmember Garrett

Mayor stated this was Councilmember Garrett's last meeting and thanked him for the great job he has done for the past nine (9) years and that he will be missed. His well-rounded background has helped with water and sewer issues and although he will not be on the Council, he has asked to return to the BPW Board to serve as a member.

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 –October 2021

Construction Report –October 2021

Police Report –October and November 2021

EMS Report – 2021

Tax Collector Report – October and November 2021

Treasurer Report – October 2021

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ

Land Use Meeting will probably be cancelled as there is no activity at the moment. "Alternative" Board members are needed.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday December 11th and 100 adults and children have registered.

Historic Commission is discussing the process to honor homes in town that are historic but not putting them on the historic register.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Fire Department Application – Tyler Niedergall – Background and medical have been completed
Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve Fire Department Application for Tyler Niedergall as there are no issues with his background or medical. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Burd informed Councilmembers of the ongoing safety issues at the school. Cars are being parked in front of the school to drop off, pick up, blocking the road, and causing a traffic jam. School officials met, along with town officials to discuss the problem. Councilmembers relay this has

been an ongoing problem throughout the years and school officials need to encourage parents to move along.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Hamburg Court Update

Councilmember Law discussed keeping the Court in house, saying he has part time court administrators in mind but it seems that other towns are losing their court administrators as well. He did put out 2 other requests for information and Mike Postorino has one proposal should the Borough decide to go out of town for court services. Councilmember Krasnomowitz relayed we are paying \$100,000. now for the Court, which is mostly zoom meetings. The DCA is pushing for Shared Services which should be looked into and the building could be used elsewhere. Mike Postorino stated there is a DCA meeting in Sparta on Monday. The AOC also has to be involved in transactions. Borough Clerk discussed what the procedure would be with regards to professional appointments.

COUNCILMEMBER GARRETT

BPW meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8th. Discussion items will be the Limekiln generator that needs a 60K generator, the generator at Well #2, Well #1A and getting it back on line for usage, and putting the SKADA water on the phones. All tanks have been painted and Well #3 was repaired using the American Rescue Plan Funds at no cost to the town.

Councilmember Garrett relayed that it has been a pleasure working with the Mayor and all Councilmembers for the past 9 years and thanked them all.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to accept Resolution T-12-2012 – Tax Overpayment for 45 Lakeview Dr. in the amount of \$2377.84.
All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Sena stated that Brian Demarest started Thursday in the Road Dept. and all was going smoothly. He will be attending the BPW meeting also.

There is no delivery date for the truck that was ordered months ago for the Road Dept. Discussion relays that if it was purchased under State Contract, the price is locked in as long as the contract is in effect.

Notification of staff training for PEOSHA compliance as listed.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law 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.

John Haig – Linwood Ave – asked to receive the information from the school. Mayor asked that he attend the BPW meeting on Wednesday night if he was available. Mr. Haig added that School Street is a municipal road and is always blocked. The school has made it their street – they seal coated it and they maintain it. Councilmember Sena added there are 3 kindergarten classes and parents do park and block the road and physically walk their children into the school; older children get dropped off and those parents do not block the road.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers 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. Jr. Fire Program / Insurance

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 Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the resolution as offered. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into Executive Session at 8:07 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Attorney Clemack clarified the purpose of the Executive Session was to obtain legal advice as to the liability issues for the Jr. Fire Cadet Program.

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

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Burd to return to the Regular Meeting. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Mayor Marino that the Shared Service Agreement with Vernon for Animal Control Services has been executed.

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

1. Local Finance Notice 2021-20 (11/3/2021)
2. Meteorologist D. Ventola – request to provide service (11/3/2021)
3. Local Finance Notice 2021-21 (11/10/2021)
4. Sussex County Agriculture Minutes June 2021(11/10/2021)
5. Board of Health Activity October 2021(11/10/2021)
6. JCPL Notice of public hearing for approval of a JCPL Electric Vehicle Program (11/19/2021)
7. NJDEP Ames Rubber notice of site remediation. (11/22/2021)
8. NJDEP Discharge notification oil tank cleanup (11/29/2021)
9. From Hamburg School – Public meeting notice (11/29/2021)
10. From Hamburg School – Notice of rescheduled meeting (11/29/2021)
11. Board of Health report October 2021 (11/29/2021)
12. General Election Official Results (11/30/2021)

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date approved 1/3/2022

Date released 1/3/2022



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett