

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 16 WALLKILL AVE. HAMBURG, N.J. ON JANUARY 3, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance.

Borough Clerk Doreen Schott read the Statement of compliance into the record:

Adequate notice of this Reorganization Meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Reorganization Meeting through a Legal Notice published on January 10, 2021 in the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and through notices faxed and mailed to the following named newspapers and posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall: The New Jersey Herald / The Sunday Herald; Star Ledger.

II. OATHS OF OFFICE:

Borough Clerk Doreen Schott read the "Statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers". The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmember Elect John Haig for a three (3) year term expiring 12-31-2024. Councilmember Haig took his place at the dais.

III. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call of the 2022 Hamburg Governing Body.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Haig

Nays: None

Absent: Law

Abstain: None

PLAQUE PRESENTATION: RICHARD PADGETT

Councilmember Burd presented a service plaque to Ex-Fire Chief Richard Padgett, thanking him for his 4 years of dedicated service to the Fire Department and to the Borough.

OATH OF OFFICE: CHARLES KAZELLA – FIRE CHIEF

Borough Clerk Doreen Schott administered the Oath of Office of Fire Chief to Charles Kazella.

IV. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for all Council meetings for the year 2022.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

V. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Marino opened the floor for council nominations for the position of Council President for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to nominate Councilmember Krasnomowitz as Council President for the year 2022.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

VI. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: CLASS III LAND USE BOARD

Mayor Marino opened the floor for council nominations for the position of Class III Land Use Board for the year 2022, recommending Councilmember Krasnomowitz.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to nominate Councilmember

Krasnomowitz for the position of Class III Land Use Board for 2022.
All Councilmembers present in favor.

**VII. RESOLUTION #2022-01 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS:
BOROUGH ATTORNEY:**

Mayor Marino offered the name of Richard J. Clemack for appointment as the Borough Attorney for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Attorney, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mayor Marino offered the name of John Ruschke of Mott MacDonald for the appointment as Borough Engineer for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Engineer, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

MUNICIPAL PLANNER:

Mayor Marino offered the name of Ken Nelson of The Nelson Consulting Group for the appointment as Borough Planner for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Planner, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

HISTORIC PLANNER

Mayor Marino offered the name of Wayne McCabe of McCabe and McCabe for the appointment as Historic Planner for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Historic Planner, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

BOROUGH AUDITOR:

Mayor Marino offered the name of Man Lee of Nisivoccia & Company for appointment as Borough Auditor for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Borough Auditor, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

BOND COUNSEL:

Mayor Marino offered the name of James Spanarkel of Waters, McPherson, McNeill PC for appointment as Borough Bond Counsel for the year 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Mayor's appointment for the position of Bond Counsel, further approving Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contract Law.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

VIII. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Marino presented his nominations for one (1) year appointments to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2021:

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| REGISTRAR | DOREEN SCHOTT |
| OFFICE MANAGER - BD. HEALTH | DOREEN SCHOTT |
| ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER | DOREEN SCHOTT |
| COMPLIANCE OFFICER P.A.C.O | DOREEN SCHOTT |
| DEPUTY CLERK/ DEPUTY REGISTRAR | KATHY GARRETT |
| RECREATION BOARD SECRETARY | KATHY GARRETT |
| BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY | KATHY GARRETT |
| ADMIN. ASST. / FINANCE | JEAN STEPHENS |
| LAND USE | WENDY BRICK |
| HISTORIC COMMISSION SECRETARY | WENDY BRICK |
| WATER & SEWER COLLECTOR | REGINA FLAMMER |
| TREASURER | CHRISTINE LICATA |
| RECYCLING COORDINATOR | MARGUERITE NEMETH |
| DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT. | KEVIN DECKER |
| DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT. | JOHN HAIG |
| FIRE OFFICIAL | HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP |
| 911 COORDINATOR | KEITH SUKENNIKOFF |
| ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | VERNON TOWNSHIP |
| WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT | JOHN PERRY |
| HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER | FRED MOSES |
| POLICE DIRECTOR | MICHAEL POSTORINO |
| POLICE DETECTIVE | JORDAN DESCAFANO |
| BOROUGH PHYSICIAN | HAMBURG MEDICAL ASSOC. |

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig to confirm the Mayor's appointments as presented.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

IX. APPOINTMENTS - CROSSING GUARDS:

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept the following appointments as Crossing Guards:

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| Lorraine Pastor | Stacy Reardon-Capt. |
| Aurelia Reina | William Papanestor |

All Councilmembers present in favor.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – LAND USE BOARD: **Mayor Appt. no vote**

Mayor Marino made the following appointments to the Land Use Board:

(9 Members + 2 Alternates).

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| William Oehler – Class II | Term expiring 12/31/2022 |
| Pattie Brown – Class IV Alt.#1 | Term expiring 12/31/2023 |
| Jeannette Tempe – Class IV | Term expiring 12/31/2025 |
| Richard Padgett Jr. -Class IV Alt #2 | Term expiring 12/31/2023 |
| <i>The above appointees join the following Land Use Board Members</i> | |
| Paul Marino – Class I | Term expiring 12/31/2022 |
| Thomas Watts – Class IV | Term expiring 12/31/2023 |
| Sam Villagomez – Class IV | Term expiring 12/31/2023 |
| Daniel Hall – Class IV | Term expiring 12/31/2024 |
| Glenn Davey Roberts – Class IV | Term expiring 12/31/2024 |
| George Alakpa- Class IV | Term expiring 12/31/2024 |

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS – HISTORICAL COMMISSION: **Mayor Appt. no vote**

Mayor Marino made the following appointments of the Historical Commission. (5 Members + 2 Alternates for a 4-year term. Alternate 2-year term.)

- Charles McMickle – Class C** Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Dan Barr – Class B** Term expiring 12/31/2025
- William Oehler** Term expiring 12/31/2023
- Russell Brown - Class C Alt. #2** Term expiring 12/31/2023

the above appointees join the following Historic Commission Member

- Vacant – Class C Alt #1 Term expiring 12/31/2022
- Art Walton – Class C Term expiring 12/31/2022
- Thomas Graham– Class A Term expiring 12/31/2023

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT RECREATION COMMISSION: **Mayor Appt. no vote

Mayor Marino made the following appointment to the Recreation Commission. (5 Members + 2 Alternates each for 5-year terms)

- Art Walton** Term expiring 12/31/2026

The above appointee will join the following Recreation Commission Member

- Vacant Term expiring 12/31/2022
- Debbie Zweier Term expiring 12/31/2023
- Anna Titka Term expiring 12/31/2024
- Vacancy – Alternate #1 Term expiring 12/31/2024
- Sam Villagomez Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Suzette Villagomez Alt. #2 Term expiring 12/31/2025

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Marino offered the following names for appointment to the Board of Public Works (Six Members + Mayor - Three (3) year terms):

- Ronald Garrett** Term expiring 12/31/2022
- Patricia Berado** Term expiring 12/31/2024
- George Endres** Term expiring 12/31/2024
- Robert Krysiak Term expiring 12/31/2022
- Vincent Busteed Term expiring 12/31/2023
- Robert Baumgartner Term expiring 12/31/2023

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to confirm the appointments for the Board of Public Works. All Councilmembers present in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Marino announced the following appointments for the Officers of the Hamburg Fire Department for 2022:

- Fire Chief Charles Kazella
- 1st Assistant Chief Gary Kays

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to confirm the appointments as offered. All Councilmembers present in favor.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - COUNCIL - COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Mayor Marino announced the duties of each Council Member for the year 2022 with the Mayor as ex-officio of each Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ

- Police Commissioner
- Land Use Board / Zoning

Office Administration
Construction Department
Insurance

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Historical Society / Historic Commission
SC Economic Development
Recreation Commission
Newsletter

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Fire Commissioner
Board of Education
Grants

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Court
Sanitation and Recycling
Solid Waste

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Building and Grounds
Water Quality
BPW Liaison

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Finance
Road Department
Board of Health Liaison
Municipal Drug Alliance

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to confirm the Mayor's appointments.
All Councilmembers present in favor.

X. RESOLUTION #2022-02

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg will hold their Regular Meetings for 2022 on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

January 3, 2022 6:30 pm Reorganization
January 3, 2022 7:00 pm Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022 (Wednesday)
February 7, 2022
February 23, 2022 (Wednesday)
March 7, 2022
March 21, 2022
April 4, 2022
April 18, 2022
May 2, 2022
May 16, 2022
June 6, 2022

June 20, 2022

July 6, 2022 (Wednesday)

July 18, 2022

August 1, 2022

August 15, 2022

September 7, 2022 (Wednesday)

September 19, 2022

October 3, 2022

October 17, 2022

November 7, 2022

November 21, 2022

December 5, 2022

December 19, 2022

January 4, 2023(*Wednesday) Reorganization – 6:30 pm

January 4, 2023 (*Wednesday) Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the 2022 meeting dates as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Municipal Council and will be enacted by one Resolution. The items listed under Consent Agenda will be acted upon after having been read by title by the Municipal Clerk. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the request of any Council Member, and if so removed, will be treated as a separate matter.

RESOLUTION #2022-03 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the attached is the 2022 Hamburg Temporary Budget.

RESOLUTION #2022-04 -OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that Provident Bank is hereby designated as the official depository for borough funds for the year 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-05 - TO CONDUCT TAX SALE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2021 TAXES:

WHEREAS, Regina Flammer, Tax Collector for the Borough of Hamburg, needs to hold a tax sale for non-payment of 2021 taxes; and other municipal charges.

WHEREAS, in accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 99, approved May 12, 1997, the Borough Council must now grant the Tax Collector approval to conduct a tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that approval is granted to the Tax Collector to conduct a tax sale.

RESOLUTION #2022-06 -RATES OF INTEREST - DELINQUENT TAXES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Tax Collector will collect interest on delinquent taxes following the rates as set forth: N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 interest shall be charged for non-payment of taxes at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment. No interest shall be charged if payment is made within the first ten days of each quarter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby provide for charging an additional penalty of 6% of the amount of a delinquency in taxes and/or municipal charges on such delinquencies which exceed \$10,000 as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

RESOLUTION #2022-07 -TAX COLLECTOR INTEREST FUND:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Tax Collector be and that

she is hereby authorized to set up an interest fund in the amount of \$100.00 in order to have funds on hand with which to make change at the time taxpayers pay their bills in person with cash for the year 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-08 - DEFENSE OF TAX APPEALS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Municipal Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and they are hereby authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all the contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Borough of Hamburg tax list including, but not limited to roll back taxes, added and omitted assessments, complaints and such other appeals as are necessary to correct assessments for the Borough of Hamburg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Borough of Hamburg for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation for the year 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-09- TREASURER PETTY CASH FUND:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$50.00 in order to have funds on hand for minor office operating expenses for the year 2022.

RESOLUTION #2022-10 -OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the New Jersey Herald / New Jersey Sunday Herald; Star Ledger and is hereby designated to be the official newspapers of the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2022.

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

RESOLUTION # 2022-10a – MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE- Paris P. Eliades, Esq.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Paris P. Eliades, Esq. is hereby appointed as Judge of the Hamburg Municipal Court for a term expiring December 31, 2023, subject to and effective upon the governing body of the Township of Sparta at its reorganization meeting of January 6, 2022, authorizing the execution of a certain Interlocal Services Agreement regarding consolidation of municipal court services. In the event the Township of Sparta governing body does not authorize execution of the aforementioned agreement at its meeting of January 6, 2022, this appointment shall be null and void.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the appointment of Paris P. Eliades, Esq., as Municipal Court Judge. All Councilmembers present in favor.

RESOLUTION # 2022-10b – MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR – Jonathan E. McMeen, Esq.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Jonathan E. McMeen, Esq. is hereby appointed as Hamburg Municipal Court Prosecutor for a term expiring December 31, 2022, subject, however, to the governing body of the Township of Sparta at its reorganization meeting of January 6, 2022, authorizing the execution of a certain Interlocal Services Agreement regarding consolidation of municipal court services. In the event the Township of Sparta governing body does not authorize execution of the aforementioned agreement at its meeting of January 6, 2022, the appointment shall be null and void.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the appointment of Jonathan E. McMeen, Esq., Municipal Court Prosecutor. All Councilmembers present in favor.

MAYOR MARINO'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Marino relayed that once again the Borough has been dealing with health issues due to COVID restrictions throughout the year. A lot of work is being done with Land Use / BPW to improve the Borough

and we are using Federal funds to do so. The installation of meters is almost completed. Once again, the Mayor thanked the professionals for the work they do, along with Ex-Fire Chief Ricky Padgett. Mayor also mentioned volunteers are needed for the Recreation and Historic Boards.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Krasnomowitz

Councilmember Krasnomowitz wished all a Happy New Year and stated that the Borough has grown more as a community as a result of COVID. He thanked the Council for their support, thanked Ron Garrett for his service on the Council and welcomed John Haig. He added his thanks to the employees, the Police, the crossing guards, and DPW workers. Councilmember Krasnomowitz said the Council strives to minimize taxes while balancing the budget, at the same time managed to fund a huge project of painting the water towers and increase the number of officers in the Police Dept.

Councilmember Oehler

Councilmember Oehler also thanked Ron Garrett for serving, adding that the Borough was limited with COVID but they got the meters in and Recreation started to hold functions again and people were happy with that. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Burd

Councilmember Burd wished all a Happy New Year and welcomed John Haig as a Councilmember. He relayed the school was doing well along with the Fire Dept. too, adding that Ricky Padgett kept him informed.

Councilmember Haig

Councilmember Haig wished everyone a Happy New Year also and thanked Ron Garrett as a Councilmember and thanked Ricky that no one got hurt in the department. He thanked Councilmember Sena for helping him get the necessary signatures needed to run for Council and wished Charlie Kazella good luck in the coming year as Fire Chief.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regard to the good and welfare of the Borough of Hamburg.

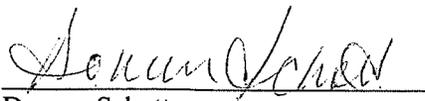
Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date approved 2/7/22

Date released 2/7/22


Doreen Schott
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett