

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MARCH 7, 2022 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 Haig
Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Sena
Mayor Marino	

Also Present: Attorney Clemack
Doreen Schott
Kathy Garrett

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk will advise:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 9, 2022 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 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

February 7, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the February 7, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilmember Burd added to the bill list a bill in the amount of \$13,000.00 for a Ford ELT to replace the damaged Fire Chief's car. Mayor stated there will be added costs to add the lights, etc. which should be paid from the insurance money.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig to add this to the bill list. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig 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 Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve and pay the bill list as presented with addition.

Roll call:

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

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE # 02-2022 Second Reading

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$360,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO BE UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY WATER QUALITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$360,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for the second reading and publication. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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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. All Councilmembers present in favor. The ordinance was introduced at the February 7, 2022 regular meeting and published as provided by law; considered for final adoption at the March 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Roll call:

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

ORDINANCE #4-2022 Second Reading

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

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 Law to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All Councilmembers present in favor. The ordinance was introduced at the February 7, 2022 regular meeting and

published as provided by law; considered for final adoption at the March 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing no 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 Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

2022-36 - 2022 Sewer System Financing Form and Sale Resolution

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-36. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2022-37 - 2022 Sewer Improvement EIT Financing Reimbursement Resolution

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-37. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2022-38 - Annual Salary Resolution

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to accept resolution 2022-38. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2022-39 - Budget Self-Exam Resolution

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-39. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2022-40 - CFO Position

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept resolution 2022-40. Mayor stated this resolution is establishing Ashley Wilson as the CFO for the Borough of Hamburg. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2022-41 – National Child Abuse Month

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-41. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2022-42 - Temporary Budget Amendment

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-42. Mayor added since the budget will not be introduced until April, the Borough needs to have funds to operate. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Saint Clare’s EMS Agreement

Police Director Mike Postorino will review the agreement when it comes in and advise. If the terms are satisfactory, motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz that the Mayor has the authorization to move ahead and sign the agreement with Saint Clare’s.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

ENGINEERING:

No report

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

School Proclamation

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the School Proclamation as offered. Mayor Marino reiterated the importance of the program called the Week of the Young Child. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Police Building Update

On Monday, March 21st, the architect will be attending the Council meeting to present to the Council the plans for the new Police Building.

Blue Light Permit – Tyler J. Niedergall

Blue Light Permit -Brian Stout

Mayor will sign the Blue Light permits for Tyler J. Niedergall and Brian Stout of the Fire Dept.

Optimum / Altice USA – They will be attending a future meeting, any request, issues or services the town may want to address.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz relayed there have been complaints from lack of service to equipment failing. He added that many families were working from home during the pandemic and they would like to see improvements with the infrastructure of the internet. Also, at times kids are still trying to do school work from home and a slow internet is not helpful. Councilmember Krasnomowitz added that Planet Network is still one to one and a half years out to being established in Hamburg.

Fire Safety

Mayor Marino thanked OEM, Fire Dept., and Police Director for all the help given in straightening out the department numbers to send down to the State.

Mayor also added that Devin Vogel did a lot of work and troubleshooting on the newest fire truck but it is now in compliance.

Mayor Marino cautioned all to be vigilant with the building doors as they are being left open. He asked that all double check when leaving to make sure all doors are locked.

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: January 2022 February 2022

Construction Report: January 2022

Treasurer Report:

Tax Report: January 2022, February 2022

Police Report: January 2022, February 2022

EMS Report: January 2022, February 2022

Court Report: January 2022

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ

Loss Control Safety Visit

Councilmember Krasnomowitz relayed that Ivan Cohen from Statewide Insurance recapped his findings from his visit to the Borough, with his findings being satisfactory including a walk-thru of the DPW garage and noted that prior recommendations had been complied with.

Land Use meeting on Monday, March 14th. A LU subcommittee to review Zoning ordinances will be presenting their findings and then make their recommendations to Council next month.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Historic Commission Resolution- Proposed Museum

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to support the Historic Commission Resolution to use the Court House for a proposed Museum.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz added this would be a place to hang the Borough’s artifacts and also use the room for recreation. Senior services, etc.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

2022 Parade List

The Fire Dept. requested to attend the following parades: Port Jervis, NY on July 9th, Warwick, NY, County Parade in Franklin on October 1st with the chief’s vehicle and a pumper or rescue truck.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the parade request with vehicles. All Councilmembers present in favor.

There were 12 Fire Calls for the month.

The mask mandate at school has been lifted.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

SCMUA meetings were cancelled.

The Court Clerk has been taking court records and what she needs out of the court house and moving them to Sparta.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated there were two proposals received for the 2022 Landscape Maintenance Contract: Farmside Landscape and Design in the amount of \$11,890.00 and Di Sessa LLC Landscape and Construction in the amount of \$9,900.00.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Sena to go with DiSessa LLC Landscape and Construction in the amount of \$9,900.00 for the landscape maintenance and lawn care.

Roll call:

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

Councilmember Haig relayed that Geddis is going to be repainting the Fire Dept. sign and also the lights on the firehouse are being replaced.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution T-002-2022 Tax Exemption Block 34, Lot 10. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Drug Alliance will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8th at 3:30 pm at Hardyston.

The Road Dept. took the lights off the tree by the municipal building and will they be replaced with brighter lights next year.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Law, 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.

Charlie Kazella – Fire Chief- thanked all who helped with getting the certificates for the firemen and also for the help with finding a new car for the chief.

Tara Scrittore – Kindergarten- Hamburg School – thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and informed all that April 2nd was the opening day of the preschool playground, inviting all to attend.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Mayor Marino added that the Borough’s new treasurer Joe Brezina was in attendance and that he and Ashely Wilson, CFO were doing a great job for the town.

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. From Jacobus & Associates to SC Taxation – 2022 tax appeals (2/16/2022)
2. 2022 Board of County Commissioners Municipal Liaisons (2/16/2022)
3. NJ Board of Health registration (2/18/2022)
4. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes (2/18/2022)
5. From Sussex County application for Dante’s Pizza, Hamburg (2/25/2022)
6. Open Public Meetings Webinar (2/25/2022)
7. State of NJ -New guidance role of Law Enforcement in Election activities. (2/25/2022)
8. County of Sussex resolution opposing extension of executive orders by Governor Murphy (2/25/2022)
9. Tax Court – Berger v Hamburg (2/28/2022)
10. 2022 JCP& L Distribution Vegetation Activity (3/1/2022)

11. Local Finance Notice 2022-04 (3/1/2022)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved 4-4-22

Date Released 4-4-22



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett