

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON APRIL 18, 2022 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:**

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

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”.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Councilmember Krasnomowitz	Councilmember Law
Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Haig
Councilmember Sena	Mayor Marino

Absent: Councilmember Burd

Also Present: Doreen Schott  
Richard Clemack, Attorney

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open to Ashley Wilson, CFO and Joe Brezina, Treasurer. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Ashley Wilson, CFO relayed the municipal tax rate is being submitted at 3.1%, which equates to approximately \$73.00 a year. Pensions and contractual agreements are yearly items that increase a tax rate. Ms. Wilson stated that our utility surplus brought the tax point down along with adjustments to line items that were made. When Councilmember Krasnomowitz questioned the addition of the school tax, Mayor mentioned both the high school and elementary school had referendums that passed and that will be added to the municipal tax.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to close to the professionals. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the resolution as given introducing the calendar year 2022 municipal budget: Be it Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the introduction of the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Hamburg calendar year 2022 is hereby introduced with the public hearing date on May 16, 2022 in Hamburg, NJ at 7 pm.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Law, Haig

Nays : None

Abstain : Sena

Absent : Burd

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open to the public on 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.

Mayor advised that the bill from Spectrum was sent to the insurance and the Borough is waiting to hear whether all or partial will be covered.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve and pay the bill list as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2022-55 – Self Examination of Budget**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution No. 2022-55 – Self Examination of Budget as presented.

Roll call:

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

**Mayor**

**2021 Road Resurfacing (2021 Municipal Aid)**

Mayor Marino stated the 2021 Road Resurfacing was budgeted last year.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig to sign the 2021 Municipal Aid Contract.

Roll call:

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

**Councilmember Krasnomowitz**

**Notification of resignation**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the letter of resignation with regrets from Cassandra Louis, Police Dept. effective April 22, 2022. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz stated ads were placed and applications for the full-time position are being received.

**Recreation Grant – discussion**

Councilmember Krasnomowitz informed Councilmembers that he had a discussion with John Ruschke and was informed that the Borough could put the grant on hold until the end of the year and then maybe use a combination of those funds and from the road project that is upcoming.

Attorney Clemack offered the following resolution:

**DCA Grant 2021  
Resolution #2022-57**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received a DCA 2021 Recreation Grant with a 20% cash match to resurface the tennis courts; and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 4, 2022 meeting a motion was made to decline the grant for the resurfacing of the tennis courts due to budgetary concerns; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, after further consideration, the Mayor and Council decided to accept the DCA 2021 Recreation Grant for the resurfacing of the tennis courts in the amount of \$70,000

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg at the April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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Doreen Schott, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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

**Councilmember Burd**

**Hamburg Fire Department -Highway Occupancy Application – Charitable Solicitation**

The Fire Department submitted paperwork for a Highway Occupancy Application Charitable Solicitation on Route 23 & 94 Intersection for the following dates: May 21, July 16, August 6, September 24, October 8, November 5, 2022.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve said application. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig 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.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig 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. Personnel Matter – Hearing – postponed is carried**
- 2. Personnel Matter – Report of Police Director**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:14012(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act provided for matters of this nature to be discussed in executive session; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the executive session shall be taken and made available to the Public upon conclusion of the matter and provided that the privacy rights of the person will not be violated; and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may take formal action on the matter discussed in executive session or any others matters when it returns from the executive session.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council enters into executive based upon the foregoing.

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

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

Roll call:

Councilmembers Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Law, Haig, Sena

No action taken.

Councilmember Sena discussed the topic of gender education for grades 1-3 and advised he will be attending the Board of Education meeting to ask questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date released \_\_\_\_\_

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Doreen Schott, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett