

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MAY 2, 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 Burd
Councilmember Sena	Mayor Marino

Absent: Councilmember Haig

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

April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law

Nays: None

Abstain: Sena

Absent: Haig

April 4, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the April 4, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law

Nays: None

Abstain: Sena

Absent: Haig

April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Law, Sena

Nays: None

Abstain: Burd

Absent: Haig

April 18, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the April 18, 2022 Executive Session Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

As there are no additions or deletions to the bill list, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the bill list only. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler 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.

Roll call:

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

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE # 05-2022 Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215-ZONING MAP OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES CURRENTLY IN THE RESIDENTIAL OFFICE (RO) ZONE TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC) ZONE

As there was no response from the local Planning Board, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to carry the ordinance to the May 16, 2022 meeting. All Councilmembers present in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 2022-59 – Rescinding Resolution # 2022-55 Budget Self-Exam

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution # 2022-59 – Rescinding Resolution # 2022-55 Budget Self-Exam. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Resolution # 2022-60 and Contract– DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant (Wallkill Valley Municipal Alliance)

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution # 2022-60 and Contract– DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant (Wallkill Valley Municipal Alliance). All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

**Franchise Renewal and proposed introduction of Ordinance– Altice USA
Ordinance 06-2022**

Attorney Clemack brings to the Council’s attention Section 10 – that the company will be supplying internet service to the school, municipal building, EMS, and Fire Dept. Mayor mentioned the OEM building also. Councilmember Burd will check with the school to make sure they are receiving the internet service. This ordinance has to be carried for 60 days.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the ordinance on first reading and publication.

Roll call:

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

The Bluffs

Attorney Clemack informed Council members that an updated bond was received from the Bluffs.

ENGINEERING:

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Email: 12 Rt 23

Mayor stated that the Borough is committed to the project of building a Police Dept. on the property located at 14 Rt. 23, utilizing entrances on Rt. 23 and also on Wallkill Ave, thereby not having any interest in selling any property to 12 Rt. 23.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to respond to 12 Rt. 23 that the Borough is not interested in selling any property. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Attorney Clemack informed the Council this is a State program that offers assistance to qualified residents for their delinquent water/sewer bill. They have to apply directly to the State by June 15th and Regina Flammer, our water/sewer collector would be notified should we have any qualified applicants.

Attorney Clemack offered the following resolution:

**Low Income Household
Water Assistance Program
Resolution #2022-61**

WHEREAS, due to the COVID pandemic, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs is offering a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP); and

WHEREAS, applicants who apply to the State and are accepted into the program will have a contract with the State for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will have the resident’s delinquent bill paid by the program; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for applicants to apply is June 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Water / Sewer Collector for the Borough of Hamburg Regina Flammer will be in charge of the program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a vendor contract is entered into by and between the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs and the Borough of Hamburg.

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 May 2, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the resolution as offered.

Roll call:

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

Citizen Leadership Form – Monika Abate

Mayor received a request from Monika Abate to serve on a Board, placing her on the Recreation Commission as there is a vacancy.

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

Red Light Permit Application – Lee’s Strobes and More

A red light permit application was received from a vendor who does overhead lights for demonstration. This was sent to the PD and they had no objection to it.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open to Lt. Tangorra. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Lt. Tangorra relayed he has not been presented with a permit as this one before but knows that large vendors have them for demonstration purposes. Mike Schneider added that trailers also have them.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to Lt. Tangorra. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Mayor reiterated that he wanted more information, will contact MVA directly and would like it carried to the May 16th agenda.

Zoning Officer

While Joe Drossel, Zoning Officer, will be out on medical leave, Jeff Stabile in Hardyston will be covering Zoning. Ron Garrett is interested in covering Property Maintenance.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd for Ron Garrett to fill in as the Property Maintenance Officer at \$100.00 week while the Zoning Officer is out on medical leave. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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: March 2022
- Construction Report: March 2022
- Treasurer Report: January and February 2022
- Tax Report: March 2022

Police Report:

EMS Report: March 2022

Court Report:

Board of Health March 2022

Animal Control January, February, March 2022

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ

Harassment Training

Councilmember Krasnomowitz relayed that Selective Insurance will present a Harassment Training Seminar on any Tuesday in June, holding a daytime and evening class. Councilmember Burd will discuss with the Fire Dept. for the best evening for them to schedule the class.

Police Administrative Position

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to open to Lt. Tangorra. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Lt. Tangorra informed the Council that 3 applicants were chosen to be interviewed for the Administrative Position in the Police Dept. After interviewing, they would like to offer the 2nd interviewed person the position.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to offer Giana McCall the Administrative Position effective May 16, 2022 with a salary of \$38,894.00 plus benefits.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law

Nays: Sena

Abstain: None

Absent: Haig

Doreen Schott discussed the OPRAs she has outstanding for the Police Dept. until the new person starts. After some discussion, she will send them to Attorney Clemack for advisement.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Recreation had their YMCA Family Swim with approximately 25 adults and children attending and enjoying the evening. A guest speaker attended the April meeting, informing the Board of her Art Class business, of which she may be attending the Ice Cream Social on June 26th and doing a project with those that attend. Other activities that Recreation has scheduled are Family Golf – May 15th; Hamburg Contests – June 5th; Foot Golf – July 15th; and Movie Night – September 9th.

Historic Commission – The NJ State Historic Commission attended a meeting and were very impressed with the pictures on the meeting room wall.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

There were 8 fire calls for the month of April. The issue with Fire Chief’s car has been taken care of.

For more information / discussion regarding the issue of the head custodian using a school vehicle, please contact the superintendent.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

No Report

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

No Report

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.

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.

No Executive Session

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, 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.

Mike Schneider – relayed that the retaining wall by the tanks on Banks Street failed inspection by the State and the Borough cannot just construct a retaining wall - the State wants an engineering report. Mr. Schneider also stated there was a pre-construction meeting with PM Construction and Samantha from Mott MacDonald. Mulch for the playground needs to be purchased: 60 yards at \$35.00 yard from Nature’s Choice plus a fuel surcharge per load.

Lt. Jason Tangorra – informed the Council the school will be taking a walking field trip to the Fire Department on May 20th. They will be crossing the highway and the Police will be providing an escort.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler for DPW Foreman Mike Schneider to purchase 60 yards of playground mulch from Nature’s Choice at \$35.00 yard plus an added fuel surcharge for a total cost not to exceed \$2625.00. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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

1. From state of NJ discharge notification 95 Hillside – oil tank removal. (4/6/2022)
2. NJLM Mayor’s Newslines April 2022 (4/6/2022)

3. From Altice USA copy of the "Let's Reconnect Campaign" (4/6/2022)
4. From County of Sussex- Resolution: Continued presence of Ballot Drop Boxes. (4/11/2022)
5. From County of Sussex – Ordinance to provide for adjustment of library fines, fees and sale of surplus ((4/11/2022)
6. Go-gov – Citizen Request and Citizen Notification Software (4/13/ 2022)
7. Final Equalization Table for County of Sussex 2022. (4/26/2022)
8. From State of NJ – NJDOT Fiscal Year 2023 State Aid Grants (4/26/2022)
9. Access NJ (11/27/2022)
10. JCPL – notification of new electric generation supplier for the New Jersey energy choice program (11/27/2022)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Burd to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved 6/6/22

Date Released 6/6/22

Doreen Schott
Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett