

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 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:

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| 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

Executive Session – Hearing

Motion to suspend the agenda and to enter into executive session.

Carried

September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll call:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

Roll call:

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 09-2022 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 44-POLICE DEPARTMENT- OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO REPEAL THE POSITION OF POLICE DIRECTOR AND PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication.

Roll call:

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

This ordinance was introduced at the September 7, 2022 regular meeting and published as provided by law; considered for final adoption at the October 3, 2022 regular meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public with regards to the ordinance only. All Councilmembers present in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mike Postorino questioned the reasoning behind the ordinance. Councilmember Law answered that it has been 10 years since the ordinance has been changed and members believe there is a qualified candidate.

Mayor asked if there were any further comments from the public with regards to the ordinance of putting in the position of Police Chief and removing the director’s position.

Hearing no further 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 adopt the ordinance as offered.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Krasnomowitz asked when this ordinance will take effect with Attorney Clemack answering upon publication and then the position will be extinguished. Councilmember Krasnomowitz asked what would happen to the person in that position as his term is not up until the end of the year. Mayor responded that he should be paid until the end of the year, as it was with the judge. The Public Safety position is a separate issue. Councilmember Sena relayed that he does not see this as a cost savings to the town, saying a substantial investment was made in this position and this was an election issue decided by the voters. He went on to say he was the Police Commissioner for 10 years and this was meant to be an administrative position – handling budget and spending which is non-police work and is wondering who will do it now. The Borough is in the middle of talks of a new Police building and who will do that now. The Borough has contract negotiations this year and he is a good negotiator to do so; an outside person is not needed. Councilmember Sena stated he knows the salary of the PD and their benefits; all will have increases. He wondered is all this helping our taxes? No, he stated. It is not.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor called for a roll call:

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

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to pay Police Director Mike Postorino until the end of the year. Mayor added that even though the position has been eliminated, he has helped in a lot of areas.

Roll call:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-88 - 32 Vernon Avenue – Property Maintenance

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve resolution 2022-88 for the property maintenance at 32 Vernon Avenue. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz stated that the cars on this property are finally gone, adding he was hopeful that we will not have to cut the grass much longer either.

Resolution 2022-89 - Credit Card Use Policy

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve resolution 2022-89 outlining the credit card use policy. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY:

Tax Lien Foreclosure – Follow up from previous meeting

Attorney Clemack has spoken to the tax assessor regarding the evaluations. Wendy Brick is doing some research to see if there are any prior applications on these properties but if not, then we should hire an appraiser to do an evaluation.

ENGINEERING:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

JCP&L – Mr. Rich Rebisz – Liaison for Hamburg Borough

Mr. Rebisz introduced himself saying he was looking forward to working with the Borough. He relayed he has been involved in State government for 10 years and then currently in the public sector for 4 years.

Planet Network – Mr. Robert Boyle – Container Building

Mr. Boyle, representing Planet Network, is looking for an area to put a 10X20 shipping container to build out this area. There are five location areas at the Firemen’s Pavilion on Rt. 23 which could house this container.

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

Mayor stated there is one by the highway with a telephone pole close by. He reminded them this is fire dept. property and not Borough property. Mike Schneider, president of the Civil side of the Fire

Dept. invited Planet Network to their meeting on Thursday. Mr. Boyle relayed he would need a permanent easement for that section of property. Attorney Clemack stated he would need to look at the property/deed and the terms and conditions.

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

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

14 Route 23 – Geotechnical Engineering Service - Proposals for service

Mayor states there were 3 proposals for soil and foundation investigation services for 14 Route 23: GZA-\$3,565. - \$7,390., Johnson Soils-\$6,925., and SESI phase I-\$15,000., phase II-\$1,500. John Ruschke reviewed the proposals and recommended going with Johnson Soils.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law for Johnson Soils to perform the Geotechnical engineering work for 14 Route 23 at a cost of \$6,925.00 as submitted.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law, Haig

Nays: Sena

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Bingo License #570 – PTA Hamburg 11/4/22 and 1/20/23

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Bingo License #570 for the PTA Hamburg on 11/4/22 and 1/20/23. All Councilmembers present in favor.

50/50 -Raffle License # 573 – PTA Hamburg 11/4/22 and 1/20/23

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the 50/50 Raffle License #573 for the PTA Hamburg on 11/4/22 and 1/20/23. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Pull Tabs Raffle License # 574 – PTA Hamburg 11/4/22 and 1/20/23

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the Pull Tabs Raffle License #574 for the PTA Hamburg on 11/4/22 and 1/20/23. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Basket Raffle License # 575 – PTA Hamburg 11/4/22 and 1/20/23

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the Basket Raffle License #575 for the PTA Hamburg on 11/4/22 and 1/20/23. 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 / Property Maintenance Report:

Construction Report: August 2022

Treasurer Report:

Tax Report: August 2022

Police Report: August 2022

EMS Report:

Court Report: August 2022

Board of Health July and August 2022

Animal Control January – August

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the consent agenda as given. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ

Police Vehicle

Councilmember Krasnomowitz stated the last police vehicle that was purchased was in 2020, and the final payment for that vehicle of \$890. will be due October 2023. The cars go thru a lot of wear and tear and we need to replace the one that is failing. There is also some funds appropriated for another vehicle.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Haig for Lt. Tangorra to explore the purchase of another vehicle to replace one of the ones that are failing.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Krasnomowitz stated that we actually need two vehicles as one has been in the shop now for about 2 weeks.

Councilmember Haig asked if vehicles are available and the answer was that is an issue. The color we want may not be available but we may get it quicker.

Roll call:

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Oehler, Burd, Law, Haig, Sena

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Land Use meeting will be held on Monday the 10th with DeBoers garage coming before the board with an application to construct a new facility for an auto mechanics shop across the street.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler stated with the resignation of Monika Abate, there is a vacancy on Rec. Movie Night was held, attended by about 25 kids and adults with the Boy Scouts selling refreshments. Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 29th at 1 pm. The Halloween Decorating Contest will run from October 15-31. Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 3rd and the Holiday Decorating Contest will run from December 15-23.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

There were 4 fire calls for September with a total of 59 calls for the year. The Fire Dept. is currently running a fund drive by mail and one is also able to give by way of calling the Fire Dept. phone listed on the website.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

OEM

Councilmember Law relayed funds in the amount of \$144,000 plus were received for the LimeKiln culvert project that has been delayed for some time now. A conference call took place between OEM, State Police and FEMA and extra costs are now associated with engineering, materials and supplies. They are also working closely with John Ruschke for bid docs and change orders. Hamburg is one of three towns to receive a \$10,000. FEMA grant.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Surge Protectors

Councilmember Haig got a quote from Hayenhjelm Electric to install surge protectors on the Police building and Borough Hall at \$3000.00 per building. Attorney advised him he needed two quotes so he will get another and this will be revisited.

DPW Hire

Councilmember Haig stated an applicant was interviewed and he would like to hire him, but in the meantime also received three more applications. Attorney relayed that all applications needed to be considered. After discussions, it was decided to hold a 2nd meeting on October 17th in which all the interviews will be completed and then a decision to hire will be made at that time.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the letter of resignation of Jason Reardon effective September 30, 2022 with regrets. 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. Hearing

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 Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regards to the good and welfare with the Borough. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Charlie Kazella – Fire Chief – relayed that he was advised the Fire Dept. would be able to use the DeBoer house to extensively drill on before it was knocked down.

Lt. Tangorra – stated that he thought installing the surge protectors in the Police Dept. now would be a good idea due to the many brown outs they were having and before it got cold out.

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

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

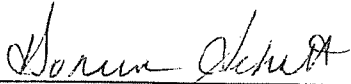
1. SC Agriculture Development Board Minutes May 2022 (9/9/2022)
2. Elizabethtown Gas notice of public hearings (9/14/2022)
3. NJ Transit notice of informational public hearings (9/14/2022)
4. Township of Frelinghuysen – Establishing Station #84 Fire Department (9/16/2022)
5. Resolution Montague Township opposing reassignment of Tier B Storm Water. (9/19/2022)
6. Hamburg School – Letter of recognition for presentation on fire safety (9/19/2022)
7. Notification of withdrawn tax appeal Oak Street Rear and Wild Turkey (9/27/2022)
8. Hamburg Fire Department donation letter (9/30/2022)
9. 2022 SC Board of Taxation Abstract of Ratables (9/30/2022)
10. Eagle Eye Investigation - Letter of Commendation – Hamburg PD

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved 11-7-2022

Date Released 11-7-2022



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett
Deputy Clerk