

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 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:**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Marino called for a Moment of Silence for all Councilmembers, volunteers, employees, and board members who have passed away during the year.

**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

**November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the November 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and Council.

Roll Call:

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

**November 7, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call:

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

**Plaque Presentation:**

**Honoring Mayor Paul Marino**

Councilmember Krasnomowitz presented Mayor Marino with a plaque after honoring him with a brief synopsis of his career beginning with Councilmember for seven years and then becoming Mayor and serving a term of 22 years. He relayed during that time span the town went thru major changes of which the Mayor had a crucial part in.

Senator Steven Oroho presented Mayor Marino with a Proclamation of which is an official record of the State. He also stated that he has known the Mayor and his wife, along with their five children for many years. The Mayor has been very active in the past 22 years as a Mayor and then before that as a Councilmember.

Mike Schneider and Fire Department Members presented Mayor Marino with a plaque for his years of service in the Fire Dept. beginning in 1994 and thanked him for all he has done.

Doreen Schott, Borough Clerk, presented Mayor Marino with a scrapbook that started from the first letter Mayor Marino wrote in the newsletter in 1995 and ended with the last one in 2022. The scrapbook was full of articles collected by his wife Paula and compiled by the office staff.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to the public on the bill list. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd 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:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2022-103 – Extending Designation of Temporary Chief Financial Officer**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept 2022-103 – Extending Designation of Temporary Chief Financial Officer.

Mayor stated this is naming and extending Joseph Brezina as our Temporary Chief Financial Officer. He has also just taken his test and will know within a few months how he has done on it. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2022-104 – Accepting sub-grant award FY 2022 Emergency Management Grant**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept 2022-104 – Accepting sub-grant award FY 2022 Emergency Management Grant.

All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2022-105 – Transfer Resolution – Budget Transfer**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-105 – Transfer Resolution – Budget Transfer.  
All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2022-106 – Authorizing Change order to contract with PM Construction 2021 MA Project**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution 2022-106 – Authorizing Change order to contract with PM Construction 2021 MA Project.  
All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2022-107 – Resolution authorizing removal of tree 17 Mountain View Street**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept resolution 2022-107 – Resolution authorizing removal of tree 17 Mountain View Street.  
All Councilmembers present in favor.

**ATTORNEY:**

**ENGINEERING:**

John Ruschke has taken over overseeing the construction of the proposed police building.

**MAYOR’S AGENDA:**

Mayor Marino again thanked everyone for attending, thanking his wife Paula for her continued support throughout the years, including Donna, Aiden, the office staff, Council, Fire Dept. etc. He also stated he will miss the camaraderie and thanked everyone that was in the room for supporting him

Mayor Marino added that when he first got involved on the Council, he was put on Finance and the State got involved and said all were going to be put in jail. He went to Trenton to find out what had to be done and six years later the town was debt free. The intersection plan in 1997 was the second highlight of his career as Mayor, changing the look of the town along with the look of Main Street. The park was the third highlight of his career as it was also a focal point of the town.

Mayor Marino also commended and thanked Richard Clemack for doing a great job over all these years.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the 2023 Agreement with Space Farms. 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- Property Mtn. Report: October 2022

Construction Report: September, October 2022

Treasurer Report:

Tax Report:

Police Report: November 2022

EMS Report: May, June, July, August, September, October, November

Court Report: October 2022

Board of Health: October 2022

Animal Control

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the consent agenda as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER KRASNOMOWITZ**

There will be a Land Use meeting on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> in which the Board will be confirming resolutions.

The Amended Agenda shows that notification was received from the Hardyston Construction Dept. that permitting will now have to be done electronically beginning in January and the cost for that will be an additional \$4779.49.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to remit payment in the amount of \$4779.49 for permitting with Hardyston Construction Dept. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Krasnomowitz informed members that with another Police Officer retiring at the end of December he would like to begin to advertise for another Police officer.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to advertise for another police officer as this is a long process and another officer is in the budget.

Councilmember Sena stated he would not recommend it at this time as there are issues to discuss. Councilmember Krasnomowitz withdrew his motion and tabled this at this time.

**COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER**

Recreation held their Breakfast with Santa and this was attended by approximately 140 adults and children. Santa also attended, read “Twas the Night Before Christmas”, the children received goodie bags and all had a wonderful time.

**COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

Fire Department Application – Robert Misskerg –background and medical check complete.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the Fire Department application of Robert Misskerg as all information has been received. All Councilmembers present in favor.

There were 10 Fire Calls for the month of November.

The Fire Dept. received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$47,000.000 and Councilmember Burd commended Keith Sukennikoff and Charlie Kazella for helping out.

**COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

Councilmember Law relayed the LEPC is up to date. The Limekiln Road culvert project is proceeding, is DEP approved, and a \$10,000.00 grant was received to repair the road.

Councilmember Law thanked Mayor Marino as he was the one that got him involved on the Council 15 years ago and said it was the best thing that happened to him. Councilmember Law added that he appreciated all that the Mayor has done for him.

**COUNCILMEMBER HAIG**

**17 Mountain View Street - Tree**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to remove the tree at 17 Mountain View Street. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Haig relayed the committee consisting of Councilmembers Law, Haig, and Alec Yanish met with seven applicants for the DPW full time position and would like to hire Matthew McNabb pending the submission of all documents. Start date will most likely be January 1, 2023. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to hire Matthew McNabb starting January 1, 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Councilmember Haig also thanked Mayor Marino stating that over the years he has been a great friend.

**COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Resolution T-009-2022 Tax Overpayment Block 11.01, Lot 1 C0040 in the amount of 4575.12. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Sena said that Mayor Marino was the first person he met in Hamburg. The two of them got involved on the Board of Trustees in the Condo Association and learned a lot and that was a long time ago.

**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. Negotiations – PBA Contract**

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. Executive Session has been tabled and carried.

**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.

Keith Sukennikoff – thanked Mayor Marino for the great conversations they have had and Mayor thanked Keith for all he has done with OEM, keeping the best interests of the Borough first.

Mike Schneider – thanked the Mayor, also relaying that he has known him for a long time, hired him quite a few years ago and is a good friend.

Suzette Villagomez – Recreation Commission – thanked the Mayor and wished him the best in the coming years.

Charlie Kazella – Fire Chief – relayed the Mayor’s family was the first family he met when he moved into the neighborhood and that was when he went over to help when his daughter drove through the garage.

Aiden – said “you are a nice grandpa”

Mayor Marino thanked the Senator and all in attendance for coming and relayed that he enjoyed serving the town for the past 29 years.

Charlie McMickle – said good luck and you are going to be missed.

Councilmember Sena – stated one of the best things you did was to get the people involved.

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

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

1. DCA – Request for proposal FY 2023 Lead Remediation Grant Program (11/9/2022)
2. DCA Notification of Fire Department Grant awards (11/9/2022)
3. Jersey Professional Management correspondence (11/9/3022)
4. Notice of Foreclosure Block 3, Lot 2 (12/5/2022)
5. State of NJ – Hazardous 94 Hillside (11/29/2022)
6. NJLM – Newley Elected Officials Leadership Program 911/30/2022)
7. NJLM – Budgeting for Elected Officials (11/30//2022)
8. Sussex County Department of Health – Complaint Investigation Form

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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

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

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Doreen Schott  
Municipal Clerk, RMC

Submitted by Kathy Garrett  
Deputy Clerk