

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2023, 5:00 PM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting were faxed to the Sunday Herald and New Jersey Herald and Star Ledger on February 1, 2023. In addition, copies were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Formal action may be taken.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall request a roll call:

Councilmember Law	
Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Haig
Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Sena

Also Present: Doreen Schott

Mayor thanks all members and public for coming in for this special meeting. He advises that the purpose of this meeting is to fill the vacant council seat.

Councilmember Burd and chairperson for the republican party addresses the members. He advises that state statute NJSA 40A:16 allows for the Governing Body to fill a vacancy. The republican party gave 3 names, one who withdrew his name. Two other candidates are present this evening.

Mr. George Endres addresses the governing body, he advises he has lived in Hamburg since 1998, in the Pennyrock section. His children attended school here, he was active in little league and coaching soccer. He has been a member of the Board of Public Works for the last 3 years, prior a member of the Republican Committee for 2 years. Profession is an Engineer with a laser manufacturing company where he was on the safety committee as safety officer for 20 years. Has lived in two places, Long Island and then Hamburg where he advised he plans on retiring. Mr. Endres advises he is proud to live here, has always been impressed with the job the governing body does year after year in keeping taxes to a minimum increase when at all possible.

Mayor advises that this position is to fill an unexpired term thru this year and the hope is that any candidate would want to run for the seat in the next primary election.

Councilmember Law asks what are some issues, Mr. Endres advises that people have spoken to him regarding taxes. He further advises that this used to be known as the Children's Town, a destination for people to come here; now it is more a drive thru town. He would like to see more business

come to town which would also help with taxes. He advises that he would like to see the park open more, has had people tell him that the back walking area is too secluded and feels unsafe. He likes having a police department in town vs state police but also is aware that it is costly to the budget. Mayor thanks Mr. Endres.

Mrs. Jeannette Tempe addresses the governing body; she has lived here for 30 years, first as a renter on Orchard Street then purchasing another home on Orchard. She advises she too loves that Hamburg is a small town, was known as the Children's Town which is no longer the case. She agrees with what has been said the need to bring businesses in town, maybe approach potential business and see how the town could help them or possibly look into temporary tax incentives. On area she would love to see redeveloped is the Plastoid's building. She has been a member of the Planning, now Land Use Board for over 20 years and advises she has loved to serve on it. She was previously employed by Selective Insurance and then worked in a Day Care facility. She remembers years past there were a lot of problems within the town. She became very active in coming to meetings and things changed for the better when Mayor Clark became mayor. Years past there was a group that wanted to have radioactive waste brought in, she advises that her street pulled together, formed a committee and fought this as they did not feel this was in the best interest of the town. Mrs. Tempe advises she is willing to fight for the town, she does her research and does not give up if it is something she feels strongly about. Mayor again advises this position is to fill an unexpired term and hope is that any candidate would run for the seat in the next primary. Mayor thanks Mrs. Tempe.

Mayor Krasnomowitz thanks both candidates for stepping up to get involved, he advises that there was a third candidate whom withdrew their name. Councilmember Law thanks both candidates as it is not that easy to find people willing to volunteer time. Councilmember Sena thanks candidates and Councilmember Burd for organizing the interviews. Councilmember Burd thanks the Republican Committee which worked hard, he too was glad to see people willing to step in.

Mayor Krasnomowitz will now accept nomination.

Councilmember Law makes a motion to nominate George Endres, Councilmember Haig seconds the nomination.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Krasnomowitz thanks Jeannette, expressing how much she is valued on the Land Use Board.

Mr. George Endres is sworn in by the Municipal Clerk

Mr. Endres takes his seat at the dais.

Councilmember Sena discusses opening the park gate. The DPW can determine whether it should be closed based on the condition of the track, whether there is ice or snow. The area will then be patrolled as it is not now.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Endres to have the park gate opened and patrol of area to resume. All members 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:

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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.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the public. Hearing no comment. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. All members present in favor.

*Sonun Achard AMC
Municipal Clerk*