

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON February 6, 2023 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

Councilmember Law	Councilmember Endres
Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Haig
Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Sena

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 11, 2023 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".

January 4, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the January 4, 2023 Reorganization Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call:

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

January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call:

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

January 4, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the January 4, 2023 Executive Session Minutes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burd, Oehler, Law, Haig, Sena
Nays: None

Abstain: Endres
Absent: None

January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call:

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

January 18, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the January 18, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

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

Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 04-2023 1st reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 197-TOWING-OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO REVISE SERVICE RATES AND AMEND LOCATION OF SPACE FOR SECURING AND ACCOMMODATING VEHICLES.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law for Attorney Clemack to read the Ordinance by title for first reading and publication. All Councilmembers present in favor.

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Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for March 6, 2023.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Haig asked if the Council did not bring this up as the 1st reading last month or was it only a discussion and Attorney answered it was a discussion only; this is the 1st reading. All Councilmembers present in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEERING:

None

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

2022 Holiday Contest Winners

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the 2022 Holiday Contest Winners and thanked all residents that decorated their homes for viewing pleasure.

1st place – Davis Family – 10 Oak Street

2nd place – Dupre Family – 54 Hillside Drive

3rd place – Ramos Family – 25 Banks Street

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: December 2022

Construction Report: December 2022 and January 2023

Treasurer Report: November and December 2022

Tax Report: December 2022 and January 2023

Police Report: December 2022 and January 2023

EMS Report: December 2022

Court:

Board of Health: November and December 2022

Animal Control:

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the consent agenda as offered. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres relayed that he was happy to be on the Council and happy to help in any way he could.

Land Use was cancelled this month.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Recreation is starting to set their calendar for the year, beginning with Family Fun Night at the YMCA. Other activities they have looked into are the Hamburg contests, the ice cream social and Hamburg Day, which they would like to hold in mid to end of August but they will need a lot of help with the event.

A donation request was received from Officer Heather Russell for a police unity tour. Hearing no Council objections, Councilmember Oehler will make the donation request through Recreation.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

A list of parades was presented for approval from the Fire Department: Newton – Saturday, March 18th, St. Patrick’s Day; Warwick -Saturday, June 3rd; Port Jervis, NY – Saturday, July 8th; Hopatcong – Saturday, October 7th, County Parade.

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

Councilmember Burd commended Charlie, Keith, Russ, and Jeff Stevens for the AFC grant and the amount of work they put into the submission of it.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law congratulated Councilmember Endres for his seat on the Council.

OEM

There was training for coordinators, online training, and zoom calls to keep everyone up to date. The digital signs were used for snow removal issues and seemed to be very effective. The reverse 911 call system also worked effectively for the storm and for recycling.

OEM met with the State Police for new directives with regards to Fire, Police and OEM.

Court

The regionalization of the County Court system is a pilot program in Sussex and Atlantic Counties but any county with State Police must participate in the program. There is nothing settled with regards to any financial responsibilities from the participants.

On Friday, Councilmember Law will be attending an 8-hour seminar on grants at Bergen County College.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Proposal: Sunnyside Landscaping- Retaining wall behind water towers

Councilmember Haig stated he would like to put this proposal on hold at this time, stating the work cannot be done until spring and he would like to look into different ideas.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to table this proposal. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Councilmember Haig relayed the 550 Mason Dump is almost done and about to be delivered.

Route 23 Auto mall: 2022 F-350 SD Regular Cab (for DPW)

Councilmember Haig stated a truck was found to replace the truck that was to be purchased last year but never was. The funds are available and the following resolution was offered.

RESOLUTION 2023-24

PURCHASE OF DPW VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need to purchase a truck to replace the 2022 Ford F-350 4x4 SD Regular Cab; and

WHEREAS, a 2022 F-350 Chassis 4x4 SD Regular Cab was located at Route 23 Automall, Butler New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the vehicle is \$63,795. and under state contract number T-2959.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg to authorize the purchase of the 2022 Ford F-350 from Route 23 Automall, Butler, New Jersey at a cost of \$63,795.

CERTIFICATION

I certify the foregoing resolution to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg at the February 6, 2023 meeting.

 Doreen Schott, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

Landscaping for the Rec Fields

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open to Joe Brezina, Finance. All Councilmembers present in favor.

The part-timer that took care of the fields at the park has retired. Councilmember Haig was looking into farming the fields out – this would free up the DPW. In doing a cost analysis, Joe Brezina showed that 10% or \$70-80.00 a week could be saved on gas, repairs, and supplies. The Borough could use open space funds to pay for the cutting, weeding, and fertilizing of the entire park. The DPW would still cut the roadway and other areas. When asked, he thought it would be around \$18,500.00. He was advised that anything over \$17,500.00 would have to go out to bid.

Councilmember Haig would like to request proposals for now.

DPW

DPW has been doing a great job. The Court house has been cleaned out. “Court” has been removed from the outside of the building and Councilmember Haig would like to put up “Annex” in its place so it will read – Hamburg Municipal Annex. There are no objections.

Orchard Street extension needs work with regards to clean-up and the Main Street signs are faded.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution T-001-2023 redeem tax sale certificate 2020-002 in the amount of \$10,876.38. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution T-002-2023 approve tax exemption Block 20, Lot 27. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Dog Park

Councilmember Sena relayed that people have concerns about the park and it being so secluded. There is open space in the lower part of the park that could be utilized as a dog park. Grants are available for fencing for the park. This would generate people coming so others would not feel so uncomfortable.

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.

Keith Sukennikoff – OEM – made a correction that the Covid funds are reimbursement dollars. He also relayed that the Police Dept. is opening and closing the park.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law 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. **Negotiation – PBA Contract**
- 2. **Negotiations – Road Department**
- 3. **Employee Negotiation Police (rice notice issued)**

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

WHEREAS, the minutes of the closed session be taken and made available to the Public upon conclusion of the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council advises the public that formal action may be taken later this evening on the matters discussed in closed session or on other matter.

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

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into Executive Session. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Discussion: Negotiation – PBA Contract; Negotiations – Road Department; Employee Negotiation Police (rice notice issued)

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

Mayor Krasnomowitz formed a committee of Councilmember Law, Councilmember Burd, and Councilmember Oehler to interview police applicants.

Councilmember Sena asked if we were interviewing before the contract was settled? Mayor replied that we are gathering applications already as it takes approximately 3 months to hire with another 6-9 months for training. Councilmember Sena stated we have 9 officers with 2 out; we have to see what goes on with the contract. Mayor replies that time can't stand still and we can't not protect the citizens of the town because of ongoing negotiations; we have a responsibility to provide a department that is adequate and right now it is not. Councilmember Sena responded that with this contract we are trying to do this.

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

- 1. Legislative Bulletin (1/6/2023)
- 2. Local Finance Notice – Business & Rental Unit Liability Insurance Implementation (1/6/2023)
- 3. From State of NJ DEP annual fee reporting and assessment (1/6/2023)
- 4. Notification – Marathon Energy is now Energo (1/9/2023)
- 5. Notice of action to foreclose Block 13, Lot 6
- 6. November 2022 Land Use Board Minutes 1/18/2023

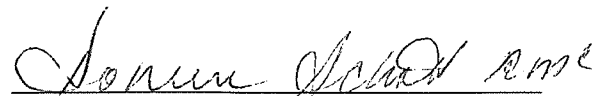
- 7. Altice USA – notice of deficiency letter (1/18/2023)
- 8. From State of NJ notice of deficiency – Lime Kiln Road Culvert Replacement Project (1/18/2023)
- 9. Sussex County Water Quality Management Minutes July 2022 (1/20/2023)
- 10. Morris County Sherriff's Office – Police Unity Tour Donation request (1/20/2023)
- 11. OPRA for Practitioners class 1/20/2023)
- 12. Correspondence from Gemini Group (1/20/2023)
- 13. Resolution from Hardyston Township opposing cuts to school state aid (1/27/2023)
- 14. From NJ Attorney General – Legalized games of chance - super bowl boxes

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 3/6/23

Date Released 3/6/23



 Doreen Schott, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett
Deputy Clerk