

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MARCH 20, 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:

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

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".

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET – 2023

Joseph Brezina, CFO and Man Lee, Nisivoccia are present.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open to the professionals. All members present in favor.

CFO presents a power point presentation titled "Borough of Hamburg 2023 Municipal Budget".

Brief highlights of the presentation:

2023 Average Assessed Home is \$158,166

2023 Average Municipal Taxes will be \$1,708 or \$4.47 increase per month on average assessed home.

Fund Balance Used \$460,000.00, remaining fund balance is \$1,288,495. The fund balance percentage of the budget is 34%, the ideal level is at 30% for emergency needs and to meet the cash obligation in current fund (County and School Taxes)

Home value has increased and Hamburg is increasing smart capital budgeting with cash savings for future projects. Other budget highlights include, 2.3% increase during inflationary rates of 6.5%-9.5%, debt is kept at a minimum of less than 0.10%, continued responsible use of the Fund Balance, some of the continued Shared Service agreement for animal control, construction department and municipal court.

Mayor thanks Mr. Brezina for the presentation.

The finance committee which met several times over the past months included Mayor

Krasnomowitz, Councilmembers Sena and Burd, CFO, Clerk and Donelle Bright. At the first meeting the rate was upwards of 5%. Councilmember Sena and Burd advises that a lot of work went into being able to get that rate down to 2.3% that the committee went line by line making adjustment and not short changing any department or line item in the budget. The 2.3% is lower than past years at a time when inflation is high and the cost of everything is increasing.

Councilmember Sena states it is a very solid budget and we may find one of the least increase county wide. Governing body members thank the committee for the work done.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce the 2023 Hamburg Municipal Budget with a public hearing scheduled for April 17, 2023, 7:00 pm at the Hamburg Borough Municipal Building, 16 Wallkill Avenue, Hamburg, NJ.

Roll Call

Ayes Burd, Oehler, Endres, Law, Haig, Sena

Nays None

Abstain None

Absent None

Man Lee from Nisivoccia reminds the governing body that this year the borough is under state review of the budget.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the meeting to the professionals. All members present in favor.

Councilmember Burd advises that he believes the school budget will be in the end of March, he will be attending and report back.

ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd for Attorney Clemack to read all four ordinances by title for 2nd reading and publication. All members present in favor.

Ordinance # 05-2023 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 159- RENTAL PROPERTY- OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENTAL THE CODE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE II ENTITLED - BUSINESS AND RENTAL INSURANCE REGISTRATION.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All members present in favor.

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This ordinance was introduced at the March 6 2023 regular meeting and published as provided by law and will be considered for final adoption at the March 20, 2023 regular meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing no comment from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll Call

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

Ordinance # 06-2023 – 2nd Reading

BOND ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 02-2022 FINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 7, 2022, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 15-02 FINALLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2015, PROVIDING FOR THE BOROUGH'S SEWER PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$440,000 THEREFOR AND BY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$440,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All members present in favor.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mike Schneider states that now this project is above \$800,000. dollars and questions the 5 year plan the BPW had. Mayor advises that this pump station is so old and in need of constant repair costing money that it should have been done years ago. Further stating the project went out to bid 3 times and each time coming back with the same results and we don't want to take the chance that the system goes down.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll Call

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

Ordinance #07-2023 – 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the meeting to the

public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All members present in favor.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing no comment from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll Call

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

Ordinance #08-2023 – 2nd Reading

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO GENERAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND VARIOUS OTHER ROADS AS NEEDED IN THE BOROUGH BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$60,000 THEREFORE FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH AND \$160,000 FROM THE DOT GRANT FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$220,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions and comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All members present in favor.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing no comment from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the meeting to the public. All members present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Roll Call

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

RESOLUTIONS:

2023-34 Child Abuse Prevention Month

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adopt resolution 2023-34. All members present in favor.

2023-35 Ibank short term financing – Reimbursement

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adopt resolution 2023-35. All members present in favor.

2023-36 Ibank short term financing – Combination

Motion by Councilmember Law, Seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt resolutions 2023-36 All members present in favor.

2023-37 Ibank short term financing – Form and Sale

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to adopt resolution 2023-37 All members present in favor.

Committee Report:

CR Haig –

Landscaping Quotes – Councilmember Haig advises that he is tabling as he just received one of the quotes today and he wants to review

Quotes for Water Leak Detector- Council advises that there are three quotes, one from Engineer Supply in the amount of \$3,995.00, one from USA Bluebook in the amount of \$4012.02 and a third Non-Responsive quote documentation from Grainger Industrial Supply. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to authorize the purchase of a water leak detector to Engineer Supply in the amount of \$3,995.00 All members present in favor, this purchase will be from the water/sewer department.

Basketball Court-

Councilmember Haig advises that he has some information putting a basketball court in by the tennis courts. He and Alec met with the gentleman that installed in Sparta. The product is a snap together court including everything needed. He and Councilmember Sena will work on this and report back to the council.

CR Sena –

Soccer goals

Councilmember Sena advises that he is tabling as he is waiting for one more price. Agreed is that the present goals will be taken down as they are damaged.

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. **Contract Negotiations – PBA Local 138**
2. **Contract Negotiations – DPW Local 125**
3. **Employee Negotiation - Police**
- 4.

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.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to enter in executive session. All member present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to come out of executive session. All members present in favor.

Attorney Clemack receipts the following resolution

**Contract Negotiations DPW Local 125
RESOLUTION 2023-38**

WHEREAS, negotiations have ensured between the borough and union representatives; and
WHEREAS, a verbal agreement was reached between the negotiators and then explained to the members of the council in executive session; and

WHEREAS, the mayor and council are in agreement with the proposal explained by Mayor Krasnomowitz; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows that the mayor and council hereby adopt as settlement of the DPW collective bargaining negotiation that the following salary increase commences 2024; 2.5% a year for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract will be for 5 years and other issues also agreed upon and discussed in executive session by the mayor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt aforementioned resolution. All members present in favor.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion to open the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they may have. Hearing no comment from the public, motion 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. All members present in favor. Meeting adjourned

Date approved: 4/3/2023

Date released: 4/3/2023


Doreen Schott, Municipal Clerk