

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MAY 1, 2023 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

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**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".

**Motion to conduct swearing- in ceremony in firehouse**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting to conduct the swearing in of Police Department Members. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

**Borough Clerk Doreen Schott administered the Oath of Office for the following Police Department Members:**

Chief Jason Tangorra  
Officer Matthew Dobrowolski  
Officer Michael Marcone

**Return to the Regular Meeting – Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:**

Present:

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

Also Present: Attorney Clemack  
Doreen Schott  
Kathy Garrett

**April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**April 3, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the April 3, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

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

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve and pay the bill list as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**ORDINANCES:**

None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2023-52 – Local Transportation Project Fund (LTPF) grant application**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2023-52 – Local Transportation Project Fund (LTPF) grant application, having to do with the Stormwater Management Grant. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2023-53 – DMHSA Youth Leadership Grant**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2023-53 – DMHSA Youth Leadership Grant. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2023-54 – Overpayment Road Detail**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2023-54 – Overpayment Road Detail. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**2023-55 – Emergency Purchase Limekiln Sewer Pump Station**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2023-55 – Emergency Purchase Limekiln Sewer Pump Station with amendment showing the sewer pump will be re-built and the second pump station will be provided with spare parts for future use. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**ATTORNEY HOUR:**

**ENGINEERING:**

**MAYOR’S AGENDA:**

**Blue Light permit – Russell Law**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the blue light permit for Russell Law.

Roll call:

Ayes: Burd, Oehler, Endres, Haig, Sena

Nays: None

Abstain: Law

Absent: None

**Hamburg Field Pavilion Use**

An email was received from Little League asking to use the pavilion and facilities on specific listed dates. Council discussed an application fee for usage, and key deposit.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law that leagues only will be able to use the facilities after submitting an application along with a \$200.00 deposit fee and must adhere to the park ordinance #18-2011. 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: March 2023
- Construction Report: March 2023
- Treasurer Report: March 2023
- Tax Report: March 2023
- Police Report:
- EMS Report: March 2023
- Court: March 2023
- Board of Health: February and March 2023
- OEM Report Recap
- Animal Control:

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

There were 14 fire calls for the month of April.

Councilmember Burd attended a public hearing of the Hamburg Board of Education FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget. He relayed the total proposed budget is \$9,258,117.00 for the year, with State Aid at only \$1,347,843.00. Salaries and benefits take up a great expense for the school. There are approximately 245 students that attend Hamburg School but the school and taxpayers are responsible for those that leave and attend the charter school also, with the end result at a cost of about \$30,000.00 per student.

**COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER**

There were about 15 adults and kids that attended the YMCA Family Swim. The Family Golf at Black Bear is scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-3; Hamburg Contests will run at the Firemen’s Pavilion on June 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 pm; the Ice Cream Social goes from 1-3 pm at the Rec Fields with Tom Gardner supplying the music and Nicole Christian doing crafts; Movie Night on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Firemen’s Pavilion with the Boy Scouts selling refreshments; Miner’s Baseball Game scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>, purchasing tickets for the fireworks game online; Hamburg Day is September 10<sup>th</sup>; and Breakfast with Santa in December. Councilmember Oehler ended with the activities take money to run, and with the exception of Hamburg Day, most are free.

**COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES**

Councilmember Endres relayed the Historical Society met and he thoroughly enjoyed the presentation Dan Barr gave about the history of the town.

Land Use will be meeting next week.

**COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

**Radio Communication – Quote**

A quote from Spectrum Communications was presented in order to improve the radio communication system within the Borough. The two phases will be broken down as: the water towers on Banks Street and then the Municipal Building area, using the fire tower, with the entire system, network engineering, setup and installation coming to a total of \$125,608.96. This will not only improve the communication at the school, but also on LimeKiln and Wishing Well Roads. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the quote from Spectrum Communications to improve the radio system communications, State Contract #83911, at a total amount of \$125,608.96.

Councilmembers discuss the funding, whether using FEMA funds and CARES funds but CFO Joe Brezina added that funds from the American Rescue Act may be more time sensitive to use.

Roll call:

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

**COUNCILMEMBER HAIG**

**Associated Appraisal Group**

Councilmember Haig requested an appraisal for 14 Route 23, Block 31, Lot 2 from Associated Appraisal Group who responded they will submit a restricted use appraisal report for \$1500.00 of the said property.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the appraisal and amount. All Councilmembers present in favor.

CFO will provide Councilmembers a total cost of expenditures of the property.

**Sewer Station Cleaning**

The five (5) sewer stations in the Borough need to be serviced 2 -3 times a year and are presently overdue. Alec Yanish received estimate #4712 from Tam Enterprises for the service in the amount of approximately \$7335.00. One non-responsive quote and one unable to do so were also received from other vendors. Councilmember Haig commented that this amount was incorrect and high.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open to Alec Yanish. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Alec Yanish stated the number to do the cleaning one time should be approximately \$4000.- \$4300.00.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to Alec Yanish. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the sewer station cleaning with Tam Enterprises estimate #4712 in the amount of \$4000.00 - \$4300.00. All Councilmembers present in favor.

**DPW**

Councilmember Haig discussed starting a DPW worker at \$18.00 an hour instead of \$16.00. After 6 months of hire, the pay would not increase.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to start a new hire in the DPW Dept. at \$18.00 an hour. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Attorney Clemack will contact the Union Representative for approval.

**Bell in Meeting Room**

Councilmember Haig removed the school bell from the meeting room in the municipal building, is cleaning it and will put it over by the Police Dept. building.

**COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

No report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Attorney Clemack will offer 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:

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.

No Executive Session

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law 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.

Hearing no comments from the public, 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. H2M Architects – Remedial action Accurate Forming (4/6/2023)
2. Block 18, Lot 17 (C1403) Notice of Foreclosure (4/6/2023)
3. Final Equalization Table Sussex County 2023 (4/6/2023)
4. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes February 2023 (4/6/2023)
5. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes March 2023 (4/6/2023)
6. Statewide Insurance newsletter – Risks associates with Fentanyl (4/13/2023)
7. NJLM Energy Tax Restoration
8. NJ Health Notice that Animal Cruelty Investigator title no longer exists in NJ (4/14/2023)
9. CSC,TKR, LLC Deficiency Letter (4/14/2023)
10. CSC,TKR, LLC Deficiency Letter email (4/14/2023)
11. Hamburg School Budget Hearing Meeting 4/27/2023 (4/18/2023)

- 12. JCPL Notice of public notice (5/28/2023)
- 13. State of NJ DOT notice of FY 2024 State Aid Grant (5/28/2023)
- 14. Notice of Rite Aid – Change of Officers (5/28/2023)
- 15. Notice of Non-Compliance – Board of Public Works (5/28/2023)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date Released \_\_\_\_\_

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Doreen Schott, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Kathy Garrett  
Deputy Clerk