

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON September 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 Burd	Councilmember Haig
Councilmember Sena	Councilmember Oehler

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Clemack
Doreen Schott, RMC
Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk advised:

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".

Swearing In Ceremony

Sergeant Christopher Kellenbach

Mayor Krasnomowitz introduced Sergeant Christopher Kellenbach. Mayor Krasnomowitz read a letter, into the record, from Dr. Gail A Caputo, Councilwoman Borough of Medford Lakes, congratulating her Godson on his promotion to Sergeant of Hamburg Borough Police Department. Municipal Clerk, Doreen Schott, read the oath and Sergeant Kellenbach repeated after her. Sergeant Kellenbach was congratulated by all.

Police Detective Jordan Descafano

Mayor Krasnomowitz introduced Detective Jordan Descafano. Municipal Clerk, Doreen Schott, read the oath and Detective Descafano repeated after her. Detective Descafano was congratulated by all.

Public Sale at Auction: Block 31, Lot 2

Attorney Clemack invited all persons bidding on Block 31, Lot 2 to come forward. Attorney Clemack read the resolution stating the auction was published in the newspaper, two times, a potential bidder had to register with the borough and submit a check with 10% of the bid offered. The minimal price of the parcel is \$125,000.00. The mayor and council have to accept or reject the bid at a second meeting. As a condition of the sale the bidder will agree to pay the closing costs at closing. The successful bidder will be responsible for any and all environmental clean up to the parcel. The parcel is sold AS-IS. Mr. Memili stated his bid was \$126,000.00. A motion was made

by Councilmember Endress, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to award Mr. Memili Block 31, Lot 2. All were in favor. Attorney Clemack congratulated Mr. Memili.

August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

August 7 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the August 7, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

August 21, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the August 21, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

There are no additions or deletions to the bill list. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public with regards to the bill list only. All in favor. Hearing no comment, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the bill list. All in favor.

ORDINANCES:

Stormwater Ordinances 11-2023 through 20-2023

Attorney Clemack offers the following general resolution; Resolved Ordinance 11-2023 through 20-2023 (stormwater ordinances) is hereby read by title for second reading and adoption. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All in favor.

Ordinance #11-2023 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE CONTAINERIZED YARD WASTE.

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Haig, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded Councilmember Haig to adopt Ordinance 11-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #12-2023 – 2nd Reading

ILLICIT CONNECTION

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Haig. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 12-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #13-2023 – 2nd Reading
IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Haig. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 13-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #14-2023 – 2nd Reading
LITTER CONTROL

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Sena. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded Councilmember Haig to adopt Ordinance 14-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #15-2023 – 2nd Reading
PET WASTE

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded Councilmember Law to adopt Ordinance 15-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #16-2023 – 2nd Reading
PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Sena, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 16-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #17-2023 – 2nd Reading
REFUSE CONTAINERS / DUMPSTERS

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Sena, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded Councilmember Sena to adopt Ordinance 17-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #18-2023 – 2nd Reading
WILDLIFE FEEDING

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Sena, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded Councilmember Law to adopt Ordinance 18-2023. All in favor

Ordinance # 19-2023 – 2nd Reading
YARD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Sena, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded Councilmember Law to adopt Ordinance 19-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #20-2023 – 2nd Reading

PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE

The mayor opened to the public. A motion to close to the public was made by Councilmember Sena, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded Councilmember Law to adopt Ordinance 20-2023. All in favor

Ordinance #21-2023 – TABLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TREE REMOVAL-REPLACEMENT ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres, to table Ordinance 21-2023 Tree Removal-Replacement Ordinance until the next meeting. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2023-80 – Statewide Insurance Resolution to join the fund and indemnity and trust agreement

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2023-80 – Statewide Insurance Resolution to join the fund and indemnity and trust agreement. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2023-81 – 32 Vernon Avenue Maintenance Lien

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2023-81 - 32 Vernon Avenue Maintenance Lien. All Councilmembers present in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack had nothing further to report.

ENGINEERING:

There was no engineering report at this time.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Phoenix Consulting Group – CFO Mentoring Services - Shared Service Agreement addendum

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the renewal of the expiring contract for Phoenix Consulting Group through the end of the year. All were 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: August 2023

Construction Report:

Treasurer Report:

Tax Report:

Police Report:

EMS Report:

Court: July 2023

Board of Health: July 2023

OEM Report July -August 2023

Animal Control:

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: COUNCILMEMBER BURD

The Hamburg School is starting a Strategic Planning Process Meeting. They are looking at working on a five (5) year plan. They are asking for members of the community and council to join in on these meetings to help work on the plan. Both Mayor Krasnomowitz and Councilmember Burd will be attending these meetings.

Councilmember Burd read the fire report into the record. There were eight (8) calls consisting of, 2 MVA, 1 Alarm, 1 Smoke condition, 2 assisting EMS, and 2 stand-by. Councilmember Haig questioned the response time for EMS to calls in Hamburg, as there have been some complaints about long response times. Councilmember Haig made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Law, to open the discussion to the Chief of Police. All in favor. Chief Tangorra stated if the ambulance is here in town the response time is quick. If there is a second call, while the first call is in progress, a second ambulance has to be called in from a secondary location, usually Dover, NJ, which can extend the response time. After a discussion between the councilmembers Councilmember Burd is going to contact St. Clare's Ambulance and set up a meeting between the council members, the Chief of Police, and John from St. Clare's in regards to response times. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close to the Chief of Police. All in were favor.

The fire department is requesting a clothing allowance of \$300 per year for qualified members. A discussion on LOSAP was had, and rejected, a few years ago. The Fire Department is hoping this will entice members to do more, and come out to more calls and drills. Attorney Clemack stated all active members on the council needed to step down and not take part in the conversation. Councilmembers Haig, Law, and Oehler stepped down due to being active members of the Fire Department. Councilmember Burd stated the requirements, set forth by the fire department, to receive the stipend. A member must complete 40% of calls, drills, fundraisers, and parades. A member must also be an active member, 18 years of age, have a valid NJ Driver's License, and have completed all state mandated training for the fire department. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked what the allowance would be for, given they are given their gear. He also asked if it was to be given in check or reimbursement form. Councilmember Endres asked if it was legal to do this with them being a volunteer company. Attorney Clemack stated it is legal. Councilmember Sena asked for statistics showing this stipend would increase participation. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated he doesn't feel this would increase membership. Councilmember Sena is concerned, from an accounting standpoint, if something isn't documented correctly the possibility of a member coming back at the council with a lawsuit or such, costing way more than the current projected amount. Councilmember Burd requests setting up a committee to discuss and workout a plan. Councilmember Endres appreciates the Fire Department and everything they do for the borough, and feels they should be compensated but not sure this allowance is the way to go. Councilmember Burd stated this could boost morale. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated this is something which needs to be budgeted for, and that a committee to work on this is the best way to go. A motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Sena to open to the public on this topic only. Ron Garrett, from the public, volunteerism is way down, throughout the state of New Jersey. The people doing the reporting have to be trusted they are doing it 100% correctly. There is no way 31 people will make the 40% requirement for the stipend. This is meant to be an incentive to get people to come out and make another call or drill. Councilmember Endres asked what else can be done to drive up membership. Mr. Garrett stated the fire department would be lucky to get 8 or 9 people to get to the 40%. Joyce Oehler stated a prior chief of the fire department went to the local high school trying to get people

to join as members, at no prevail. A motion made by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Burd, to close this portion to the public. All in favor. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested doing a trial period to see if this incentive boosts members responses to calls. Mayor Krasnomowitz also suggested getting a committee together to work out the details. Councilmember Burd stated the fire department hasn't increased their budget ask in a few years.

Councilmembers Haig, Law, and Oehler rejoin the dais.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Sunday September 10, 2023 is Hamburg Day. There are 17 vendors and 3 or 4 food trucks scheduled for the day. There will be a watermelon eating contest. There is a rain date of Sunday September 17, 2023. OEM will be the person who makes the recommendation for cancellation due to weather and ground wetness.

Foot Golf is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at Crystal Springs.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

The Dalf Tree group on Gingerbread Castle Road have a resolution granting preliminary and final site plans for variances on Monday September 11, 2023.

The Woods are also starting to do the site plans.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

The new Police Department Administrative Assistant started on Tuesday and is working out really well. The new police vehicles are getting the lighting and safety packages are being installed, and they should be on the road soon. The crown vic which is being used for road jobs currently will be put out of commission once the news ones completed. SWAK meeting was cancelled again this month.

OEM report for the month is in the consent agenda packet. On October 14, 2023 the 2nd phase of training will take place on the Vernon Flats. This will involve hands-on training on a train emergency. The EMS, Fire Department, and Police Departments, from the surrounding areas, will all take place in the training.

Nisivoccia Consulting LLC quote for upgrading the hardware used with the state police was for \$3852.00. The CFO has confirmed the money has been allotted. Attorney Clemack resolved a professional contract with Nisivoccia Consulting LLC for informational technology services with the terms set forth in a letter dated June 13, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to issue the purchase order. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Two quotes were received for removing the trees down at the River Bank Park. One being from Blessing Tree Service LLC at \$3900.00 and the other from KMM Tree & Lawn Service at \$5350.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to award the bid to Blessing Tree Service LLC not to exceed \$3900.00. All in favor. The CFO is going to make sure all proper paperwork is in order. This work will begin as soon as possible.

Councilmember Haig is in the process of getting prices from camera companies to upgrade and add new cameras in and around the park, and also at the basketball courts and the water pump stations. There was an incident at the park where having good quality cameras would have helped the end result of the situation.

Councilmember Haig would like all members of the council to visit the Police Station and look at the storage problem they are having with the evidence storage. The evidence has to remain in the police station. A solution needs to be come up with.

The DPW office trailer and mason dump chassis need to be disposed of. Attorney Clemack resolved they must be declared surplus. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to declare the DPW office trailer and mason dump chassis surplus. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

CFO would like to start scheduling Budget meetings.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. There was no one who wished to speak during this time. A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

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

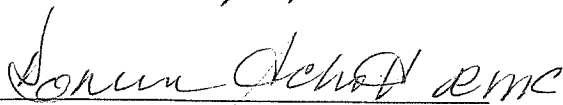
1. NJ Transit Corporation Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Request for Federal Financial Assistance (8/10/2023)
2. County of Sussex Resolution: Amendments to the Sussex County Resolution Establishing County Roads as Through Streets (8/10/2023)
3. Foreclosure: 13 Amherst Court (8/10/2023)
4. Agreement – Roadway Catch Basin Upgrade Project (8/14/2023)
5. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (8/14/2023)
6. Sussex County Ordinance County Roads (8/14/2023)
7. Cable Renewal Letter (8/25/2023)
8. Hamburg School – Strategic Planning Meeting (8/30/2023)
9. JCP&L – Provision of Basic Generation Service (8/30/2023)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Date Approved 10/2/23

Date Released 10/2/23


Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk