

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MARCH 4, 2024 AT THE MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Sena called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

Councilmember Burd

Councilmember Endres

Councilmember Haig

Councilmember Law

Councilmember Oehler

Councilmember Sena

Absent: Mayor Krasnomowitz

Also Present: Attorney Clemack

Doreen Schott, RMC

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:**

Clerk advised:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 9, 2024 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".

**February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the February 5, 2024 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

A motion to open the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. A motion to close the bill to the public was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the bills list as presented. All in favor.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance #03-2024 Limit Parking at Municipal Parking Lot- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO LIMIT PARKING AT THE MUNICIPAL  
PARKING LOT AT 16 WALLKILL AVENUE, HAMBURG, NEW JERSEY.**

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Endres. All were in favor. After reading by title only, a motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the public for any comments. All in favor. No public comment. This ordinance was introduced at the February 5, 2024 regular meeting and published as proved by law.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Sena to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Endres to adopt Ordinance 03-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

**Ordinance #04-2024 Salary Ordinance - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion to read by title only was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Endres. All were in favor. After reading by title only, a motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any comments. All in favor. No public comment. This ordinance was introduced at the February 5, 2024 regular meeting and published as proved by law.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Oehler to adopt Ordinance 04-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

**Ordinance # 05-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG AMENDING CHAPTER 183-14 – REMOVAL REQUIRED; TIME REGULATED – TO CHANGE THE TIME SNOW AND ICE TO BE REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS**

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to read ordinance by title. All were in favor. After read by title a motion was made by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 05-2024: An Ordinance of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg Amending Chapter 183-4 – Removal Required; Time Regulated – to Change the Time Snow and Ice to be Removed From Sidewalks. All were in favor.

**Ordinance #06-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REGARDING STORMWATER CONTROL**

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to read ordinance by title. All were in favor. After read by title a motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 06-2024: An Ordinance of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Regarding Stormwater Control. All were in favor.

**Ordinance #07-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, TREE REMOVAL – REPLACEMENT STORMWATER**

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to read ordinance by title. All were in favor. After read by title a motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 07-2024: Ordinance of the Borough of Hamburg, Tree Removal – Replacement Stormwater. All were in favor.



**Ordinance #08-2024-1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 44- POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF HEARING OFFICER WITH RESPECT TO POLICE DISCIPLINARY MATERS.**

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to read ordinance by title. All were in favor. Attorney Clemack started a discussion on this matter, asking the council to decide on a yearly appointment with a daily fee or hourly fee. Attorney Clemack stated once the ordinance is passed the Borough can go out for RFP's for a hearing officer with the fee schedule the Council decide on. A motion to open to Chief Tangorra was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. Chief Tangorra asked how the person would be paid. Attorney Clemack stated the hearing officer would be hired for the year but would be paid by the hour, when needed. Attorney Clemack explained if the case settles prior to go to the hearing officer the hearing officer would not be compensated. A motion to close to Chief Tangorra was made by Councilmember Haig, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. After read by title and discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 08-2024: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 44 – Police Department of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to Provide for the Position of Hearing Officer with Respect to Police Disciplinary Matters. All were in favor.

**Ordinance #09-2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**CAPITOL 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 \$85,270. THEREFORE, FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH AND \$137,730 FROM THE DOT GRANT FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$225,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.**

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to read ordinance by title. All were in favor. After read by title a motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 09-2024: Capitol 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 \$85,270. Therefore, from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough and \$137,730 from the DOT Grant for a Total Appropriation of \$225,000 to pay for the Cost Thereof. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2024-35 – Highway Occupancy – Route 94/23 Fire Department Coin Toss**

(3/23/2024, 4/27/2024, 5/18/2024, 6/8/2024, 7/20/2024, 8/3/2024, 8/10/2024, 9/19/2024 and 11/2/2024)

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig, to accept Resolution 2024-35 Highway Occupancy – Route 94/23 Fire Department Coin Toss (3/23/2024, 4/27/2024, 5/18/2024, 6/8/2024, 7/20/2024, 8/3/2024, 8/10/2024, 9/19/2024 and 11/2/2024). All were in favor.

**2024-36 – To Award MA 2023 State Street, Linwood Avenue and Michael Court Road Resurfacing Project**

A motion was made by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to accept Resolution 2024-36 – To Award MA 2023 State Street, Linwood Avenue and Michael Court Road Resurfacing Project. All were in favor.

**2024-37 - Authorizing Emergency Purchase Sewer Pump at Lime Kiln Station**

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to accept Resolution 2024-37 - Authorizing Emergency Purchase Sewer Pump at Lime Kiln Station. All were in favor.

**2024 – 38 – Budget Transfer**

Council President Sena read the resolution into the record. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to accept Resolution 2024 – 38 – Budget Transfer. All were in favor.

**2024 – 39 – Emergency Temporary Appropriations**

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig, to accept Resolution 2024 – 39 – Emergency Temporary Appropriations. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

**2024 – 40 – Purchase of Ventrac Tractor Sidewalk Snow Machine- Sourcewell Co-Op**

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2024 – 40 – Purchase of Ventrac Tractor Sidewalk Snow Machine- Sourcewell Co-Op. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to rescind Resolution 2024-34 Purchase of Arien Mammoth Sidewalk Snow Machine. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

**ATTORNEY HOUR:**

**Proposal – Aloia law Firm LLC**

This was discussed when the ordinance was introduced. Councilmember Law will contact the firm and get the hourly rate. Councilmember Law questioned if he could authorize the hiring of the firm without waiting to bring it to another meeting, if it came in under bid threshold. Attorney Clemack informed him the RFP's all had to be looked at and voted upon.

**ENGINEERING:**

Council President Sena discussed the naming of the river park area and the placement of the remaining items, such as the tables, benches, and grills.

Council President Sena explained the hold up on the work on the pickleball/basketball court is a water line which runs under the court that keeps breaking. Council President Sena explained the Borough is working with Accurate Forming, the engineer, and multiple borough committee



members, to get this problem fixed in order to move forward with the improvements being made.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

2023 Holiday Decorating Contest  
1<sup>st</sup> Place 24 Linwood Avenue  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place 67 Orchard Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place 65 Bluffs Court  
Overall Street Bluffs Court

Council President thanked the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk for getting a letter together and sending it to Jill Space to request a seat on the board of SCMUA.

**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:	January 2024
Construction Report:	January 2024
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	--
Police Report:	February 2024
EMS Report:	--
OEM	February 2024
Court:	January 2024
Board of Health:	--
Animal Control:	yearly

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER BURD:**

Councilmember Burd stated Keith Sukennikoff and Fire Chief Rickey Padgett are working on an AFG (American Firefighter's Grant) grant.

Councilmember Sena questioned if there was a way to help the PTA out, maybe lend volunteers to their events. Councilmember Oehler suggested sharing the recreation commission event schedule and have the PTA share theirs. Councilmember Sena asked if Councilmember Burd could bring it up at the next Board of Education meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER:**

Councilmember Oehler discussed the upcoming recreation events scheduled.

March 22, 2024 – Family Swim from 6pm-7:45pm. The cost went up slightly, but we are now going to have three lifeguards no matter the amount of children swimming.

May 19, 2024 – Family Golf taking place at Blackbear Golf Course. This event is free.

July is going to be the Ice Cream Social. The exact date is not planned as of yet.

June 9, 2024 – Miss Hamburg, Little Miss/Mister Hamburg Contest will take place.

August 25, 2024 – Hamburg Day

Councilmember Oehler explained the Recreation Commission did some research on a Yankee Game bus trip. There were three price points of tickets, with the highest being \$90 per ticket. This gave the ticketholder a \$15 food voucher while at the game. The only issue right now is the cost of

the bus. Councilmember Oehler will reach out to Keith Sukennikoff to see if he can get a estimate of how many people might be interested in a trip like this.

Councilmember Oehler explained one of the new members of the Recreation Commission has expressed interest in getting information on possible setting up a date and time when Hamburg residents can go to the movies and get a ticket and popcorn bundle for a discounted rate. He is also looking to setting up like this for bowling.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES:**

Councilmember Endres explained there were two applications which came across the Land Use Board desk. They were both approved and will take approximately three years to complete. The one application was for the Woods at Hamburg. The other application was for Monico Dwells at Limekiln and Route 23. The Monico Dwells are two-bedroom apartments with garage underneath.

Councilmember Endres explained he had completed the mandatory five-hour training for the planning and zoning board.

Councilmember Endres stated himself, Keith Sukennikoff OEM, Mayor Krasnomowitz, and Councilmember Law will be meeting at the quarry on March 12, 2024 while they do a blast. Councilmember Law requested another member of the council to take his place as he would like to be home during the blast. Councilmember Haig offered to go in his place. The last big blast was only at 20% of what the state allows. Residents are allowed to attend this meeting if interested. Councilmember Endres stated if any other council members wanted to attend a meeting, another meeting at the quarry could be scheduled in the future.

Councilmember Sena commented on the Land Use Board approvals. He stated the borough is starving for ratable growth, which reduces the amount of tax increase.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER LAW:**

Councilmember Law stated the monthly fire department report was not available due to doing upgrades to the system and will have the monthly reports for next month meeting.

Fire Department Membership Application – Zachery Decker – Background check and medical exam completed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the application of Zachery Decker to the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department. All were in favor.

Councilmember Law made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Haig, to open the meeting to Chief Tangorra. All were in favor. Chief Tangorra read the monthly police report. Chief Tangorra explained the trainings himself and the officers have taken this year so far. He went on to state there is a new law which New Jersey passed, where every officer will have to be licensed. It is a two-year expiration, which will have to be renewed every two years. This license will be granted or denied, by the PTC, based on the officer's background check, both driving and criminal. The background checking will begin in June. Chief Tangorra explained the different grants the police department has applied for. Chief Tangorra expressed his gratitude towards Officer Macone, and recommended him for the MADD award, as he has taken ten DUI drivers off the roads in 2023, and two for this year already. Councilmember Law expressed his gratitude towards all of the officers and how great of a job they are doing enforcing the law in the Borough of Hamburg. Chief Tangorra requested permission to take one of the new tahoes to go a 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Parade at the Sussex County Miners game on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilmember Law stated it will be on a future agenda for approval.



Councilmember Sena questioned the amount the officers are seeing of cannabis during DUI stops. Chief Tangorra explained they are seeing a combination of alcohol and marijuana, but are coming in under the legal limits of DUI. The only way to test for marijuana is by blood or urine and the officers can not force someone to submit a sample of urine, and they would need a search warrant for blood. Chief Tangorra stated officers cannot charge juveniles with marijuana.

Councilmember Haig questioned for an update on the smash and grabs taking place. Chief Tangorra explained it is the same group of people and they are going through the entire state. He continued stating the camera system needs to be updated. Councilmember Law will look into grants for camera upgrading. Councilmember Haig stated the new park would need to be included in the pricing for cameras.

Councilmember Law mentioned the school offering the police department an office. Chief Tangorra explained how the room came about and thinks having an officer present in that area would be very beneficial to the town and school. The room could be used for training, conferences, amongst other things. All the councilmembers agreed this was a good idea to utilize the space available.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to close the meeting to the Chief of Police. All were in favor.

Councilmember Law stated OEM is in the third year, third quarter, of the EMMA grant. Hamburg is one of three towns still in the process of the grant. We, as the Borough, have received this grant twice in the past, and are hoping to receive it again this year. Councilmember Law stated the PTA has reached out to OEM to set up an SOP for their color run this year. Councilmember Law discussed the mandatory training OEM took with the state police.

Councilmember Law elaborated on the Fire department grant, and explained it is a microgrant due to the size of the department. Councilmember Endres stated the letter about the quarry from reverse 911 is going out in the water bill.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER HAIG:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres, to hire Blessing Tree Service LLC to take down an unsafe tree at 31 Lawrence Street. All were in favor.

Councilmember Haig explained the loader used to load salt is in really bad shape and the DPW had to use the new machine for the salt.

Councilmember Haig made a motion for the shared services agreement, with Hardyston Township, for the street sweeper at \$140 per hour, the same as it was last year, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor.

Councilmember Haig mentioned the harassment training and reminded everyone if they have not taken it yet they will need to do so, and to see the fire chief for more information.

Councilmember Haig explained he is in the process of getting quotes for a door locking system for the borough hall and the fire department. The quotes for this will be in by next meeting.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER SENA:**

Councilmember Sena stated the budget was due to be introduced on April 1, 2024 with an adoption date of May 6, 2024. The CFO is waiting on the financial statement from the auditors. In 2023 there was an increase of 2.3%, the Borough is hoping this year's increase is lower. Councilmember Sena explained the auction property was paid in full of \$126,000 to the Borough. Councilmember Sena explained the fire truck note will be paid off this year, with a remaining \$220,000. Councilmember

Sena explained the fund balance is in good shape and on its way back to where it needs to be for the Borough. There will be another meeting for the budget prior to the introduction.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

After hearing no comment from the public, a motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:**

There was no executive session at this time.

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

1. JCP&L Notice of Public Hearing (2/12/2024)
2. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes (2/12/2024)
3. Notice of foreclosure action (2/12/2024)
4. JCP&L Re: JCP&L EE&C plan expansion request (2/26/2024)
5. County of Sussex 2024 Revised Board of County Commissioners Municipal Liaisons (2/26/2024)
6. SCMUA Re: Upper Wallkill System – Amendment No. 3 to Service Rules (emailed – 2/23/2024)
7. Recreation Minutes January 2024 (2/27/2024)
8. Legislative Bulletin – 2022-2023 Legislative Session Public Laws (2/28/2024)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Date Approved 4-1-24

Date Released 4-1-24

Doreen Schott, RMC  
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Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk