

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON APRIL 1, 2024 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz 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
Mayor Krasnomowitz	

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 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".

March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the March 4, 2024 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET – 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to open the floor to CFO Joe Brezina and Man Lee the Borough's Auditor, for the introduction of the municipal budget presentation. All were in favor. CFO Joe Brezina presented the 2024 municipal budget. The municipal tax rate percentage for the year 2024 is 2.1%. Based on an average assessed home at the rate of \$158,970 the increase per month will be \$3.74 per household. The 2024 budget will allow the municipality to maintain all the municipal services, allow for municipal improvements, pay off the debt on the Fire Truck note still owed, and increases our contribution to the capital fund which will allow for future projects. The biggest portion of revenue comes from property taxes, at 65%. Multiple members of the council thanked Joe and the committee for all the hard work put into creating the budget. A motion to introduce the 2024 Municipal Budget was made by

Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. 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 Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to close to the floor to the professionals. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read all of the following ordinances by title only. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to read all of the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

Ordinance # 05-2024 – 2nd 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

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 March 4, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Haig to adopt Ordinance 05-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

Ordinance #06-2024 – 2nd Reading

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

After reading by title only, a motion by Councilmember Law, 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 March 4, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Oehler to adopt Ordinance 06-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

Ordinance #07-2024 – 2nd Reading

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

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 March 4, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Oehler to adopt Ordinance 07-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

Ordinance #08-2024 – 2nd 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.

After reading by title only, a motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the meeting to the public for any comments. All in favor. No public comment.

This ordinance was introduced at the March 4, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Oehler to adopt Ordinance 08-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

Ordinance #09-2024 – 2nd 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.

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 March 4, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Haig to adopt Ordinance 09-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2024-43 Child Abuse Prevention Month

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2024-43 Child Abuse Prevention Month. All were in favor.

2024-44 Distracted Driving Crackdown

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2024-44 Distracted Driving Crackdown. All were in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Sale of Surplus – Municibid

Attorney Clemack opened the discussion about setting prices for items deemed surplus to sell using Municibid. Councilmember Haig suggested going with the higher amount of the range, setting the low bid at \$300 for both the 2004 F-550 6.0 Diesel Mason Dump and the 1999 F-550 7.3 Diesel Mason Dump. A starting bid of \$100 was agreed upon for the Fisher Poly Caster hopper spreader. A motion to open to Alec Yanish, DPW Supervisor, was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig. All were in favor. Alec explained, when it came to the price of the Cummins 40KW Generator there was an issue with the motor and it would only be good for parts.

Councilmember Haig suggested starting the bid price at \$500 for the generator. Alec stated the two Blizzard 8-foot plows are still able to be utilized, but the borough no longer uses Blizzard. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested starting the bid at \$400 per plow. A brief discussion took place about the price for the 2008 Crown Victoria police vehicle. After this discussion Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested starting the bid at \$1500. Attorney Clemack stated all the items and their set bids into the record. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the starting bid on all the above listed items and to sell them using Municibid. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler was made to close the floor to Alec.

ENGINEERING:

There was no Engineering report at this time.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Crossing Guard salaries:

Mayor Krasnomowitz proposed, with the agreement of the finance committee, to raise the rate of pay for the crossing guards from \$30 per day to \$40 per day for regular guards and from \$35 per day to \$45 per day for the captain of the guards. A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to raise the per day salary amount for the crossing guards retroactive to January 1, 2024. All were in favor.

Approval of Water Line Move Related to Pickleball/Basketball Court Project:

Mayor Krasnomowitz discussed the rerouting of the water pipe which currently runs under the pickleball/basketball courts that are being redone. The rerouting would move the pipe to the side of the courts giving easier access if something were to need accessing. Accurate Forming has agreed to pay half the cost of the rerouting. DPW Supervisor Alec Yanish got two quotes, the lowest being from Hank Sanders at \$26,232.85, making the borough responsible for \$13,116.43 payable out of the water/sewer budget. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to hire Hank Sanders at \$13,116.43 paid by the borough and the remaining amount paid by Accurate Forming, to reroute the pipe leading from the main to their pipe around the pickleball/basketball courts. 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:	February 2024
Construction Report:	February 2024
Treasurer Report:	February 2024
Tax Report:	February 2024
Police Report:	March 2024
EMS Report:	February 2024
OEM	--
Court:	February 2024
Board of Health:	February 2024
Animal Control:	--

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 explained himself, Joe the CFO, and Doreen the Municipal Clerk having been going through the Borough's personnel handbook and trying to update it since it has not been updated since the 1990s. It is a clean up of the document. There are some HR policies which need to be updated. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested possibly doing a shared service with Hamburg School for HR purposes.

Councilmember Burd stated the preliminary budget for the Hamburg School will be held on April 25, 2024. The former Business administrator, Bill Sabo, resigned from Hamburg School. Hamburg School is now in a shared service with Ogdensburg for business administrator. Hamburg School lost the most state aid among the Sussex County Schools, as a result of this loss there were two staff

positions eliminated. Per the state of New Jersey, the Hamburg School must budget for 15 students, plus their transportation, to charter schools. For the year 2024 there are four students who attend charter school. The total proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal school year is \$5,766,220.00.

Councilmember Burd stated he would have an update on grants for the May meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER:

Councilmember Oehler explained there were twenty-two people at Family Swim night over at the YMCA.

Councilmember Oehler explained the Recreation Commission is working in conjunction with the Sparta Movie Theater to set up a date and time for the Hamburg Residents to enjoy a movie. They chose Saturday April 20, 2024 at 2pm with a cost of \$11 for just the ticket or \$18 for ticket, small popcorn, and small drink. There are a few selections of movies the people could chose from. There is a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 70 people.

Councilmember Oehler went over some dates of Recreation events coming up:

5/19/2024 (rain date 5/26/2024) – golf instruction at Black Bear Golf Course

6/9/2024 – Miss Hamburg Contest

8/25/2024 – Hamburg Day.

Councilmember Oehler explained the Recreation Commission is deciding between two different dates for a Sussex County Miners game, 7/4/2024 and 8/10/2024.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES:

Councilmember Endres explained the site plans for The Woods at Hamburg were accepted. He stated they have to go to Hardyston's Land Use Board meeting next month, for the detention basin.

Councilmember Endres explained the Coastguard Auxiliary is going to be doing boating safety classes in Lake Hopatcong for the next three months at a cost of \$80.00.

Councilmember Haig stated he spoke to the Borough Engineer about the water/sewer line being extended to DOCs and the Marketplace. DOCs wants to connect to the sewer line as soon as able. Narish, still has to be approached about attaching to the water line.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW:

Councilmember Law read the monthly police report into the record.

1. County Of Sussex Re: Authorizing a form of mutual aid and assistance agreement with the municipalities in Sussex County to expire December 2028 – Councilmember Law explained what the agreement was all about and how it is something done every year.
2. Crossing Guard Post Vernon Ave update – Councilmember Law stated DOT sent a technician out and they got the previously not working sign to work again. DOT also issued keys to the Crossing Guards for the box and training on how to use it properly. The Borough is looking to hire a second crossing guard for this intersection. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested having more police presence in the area of this intersection and to issue tickets to people who do not stop at this intersection when people are crossing the roads with the assistance of the crossing guards. Councilmember Law stated DOT is looking to upgrade this intersection system with better signs and lights. Councilmember Oehler asked the intersection of Oak Street be looked further into as well, as this is a dangerous intersection as well.
3. Authorization to take Police Department Tahoe to the July 4th SC Miners Game / 1st

Responders parade. – A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig for the Police Department to take a Tahoe to the July 4th Sussex County Miners Game. All were in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG:

1. Quarry Road Pump Station – authorization for surge protector (change order request Coppola Services, Inc) \$1,493.38 – A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to authorize the \$1,493.38 for surge protector for the Quarry Road Pump Station. All were in favor.
2. Landscaping Bids – Councilmember Haig explained there were two quotes for Landscaping, one from Desessa Landscape and Construction at \$9,900 and the other from Farmside Landscape and Design at \$11,790. Mayor Krasnomowitz questioned everything covered in this cost. Councilmember Haig explained it covers the athletic fields, landscape maintenance, and the annual fall and spring planting and cleanup. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to reward the bid to Desessa Landscape and Construction at \$9,900. All were in favor.

Councilmember Haig explained there were new thermostats put in at the Borough Hall municipal building. There are two of them. One was removed out of the water/sewer office and moved into the meeting room and the other is in the hallway by the clerk's officer. They are electric and working well.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA:

1. Resolution T-2024-004 – Tax Exemption Block 22, Lot 23 – A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution T-2024-004. All were in favor.

PUBLIC PORTION:

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law 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 Haig to close the meeting to the public. All 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. **Interview DPW Hire**
2. **OWAH vs Hamburg OPRA**

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.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into executive session. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to come out of executive session and enter back into the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

A roll call of Council members was taken. All were still present.

Mayor Krasnomowitz asked for a motion to hire Ryan Locascio as DPW at the union starting salary. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to hire Ryan Locascio as DPW at the union starting salary. All were in favor.

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution in respect to the GRC case OWAH vs Hamburg OPRA that the mayor and council authorize the legal fees requested. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to authorize the legal fees request by the GRC. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, NO.

Councilmember Oehler explained there was an incident at the park the other day. She took her grandson down to the park and there was a kid who was riding around in a power wheel jeep who then decided to start digging holes in the ball field. Councilmember Oehler asked the kid to stop digging. While her grandson was on the swings he kicked the mulch revealing a pocket knife. Councilmember Oehler reported the knife to the police department. Both the police department and the DPW are going to be surveilling the park area more.

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

1. Application for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval Block 14, Lot 21.02 Hardyston (3/4/2024)
2. Notice of Public Hearing re: JCP&L for Approval of a ZECRC (3/7/2024)
3. Minutes from the Safety Committee Meeting on 3/4/2024 (3/7/2024)
4. Sussex County Water Quality Management Policy Advisory Committee Minutes from January 11, 2024 (3/12/2024)
5. Franklin Borough Ordinance 05-2024 (emailed 3/18/2024)
6. Memo Re: Application for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval Block 14, Lot 21.02 – Hardyston Township (3/21/2024)
7. Notification of Filing Action to Foreclose Lot 45 Block 22 (emailed 3/21/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 5/6/24

Date Released 5/6/24



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk