

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MAY 6, 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 Sena	Mayor Krasnomowitz

Absent: Councilmember Oehler

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".

April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the April 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

April 1, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the April 1, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion to open the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. After hearing no comment from the public, 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.

RESOLUTION

2024-48 Self Examination of Budget

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig, to accept Resolution 2024-48 Self Examination of Budget. All were in favor.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET / PUBLIC HEARING-- 2024

Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing of the 2024 Hamburg Municipal Budget. Same was

published on April 17, 2024 in the NJ Herald as required by law.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to the public for comments on the adoption of the budget. All were in favor. After hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the following into the record:

Be it resolved by the Council Members of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$4,298,928.22.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to adopt the budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, ABSENT, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked all the employees and professionals who worked to put this stable budget together.

ORDINANCES:

Discussed under Attorney Hour

RESOLUTIONS:

2024-49 Award of Contract for 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Governor Haines Street, North Governor Haines Street, and Highview Street Resurfacing Project

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2024-49 Award of Contract for 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Governor Haines Street, North Governor Haines Street, and Highview Street Resurfacing Project. All were in favor.

2024-50 Termination Agreement – Saint Clare’s Health, LLC

Discuss under Councilmember Haig

2024-51 Authorizing Admin. Asst to take Introduction the Duties of Municipal Clerk

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2024-51 Authorizing Admin. Asst to take Introduction the Duties of Municipal Clerk. All were in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Appointment of Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters – RFP

Discussed under executive session

Revision of the Zoning Ordinance –

Attorney Clemack stated there are two open questions in regard to the revision of the zoning ordinance. The first question has to do with the animal ordinance. The second one is the Air B&B ordinance, which does not need to be in the zoning ordinance, but should be a separate ordinance, under a police ordinance. The council needs to discuss the guidelines they wish to set for Air B&B requirements in the borough. These two portions will be looked over and discussed by council for the next meeting.

Attorney Clemack read the resolution to allow the council to enter into executive session for the matter of discussion on Appointment of Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters – RFP. A

motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig, to enter into executive session for the matter of discussion Appointment of Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters – RFP. All were in favor.

Rescind Food Service Manage Certification – Chapter 277

Mayor Krasnomowitz explained the ordinance, for the borough, had higher standards than required by the state of New Jersey for food handling licensing. A motion made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to Introduce Ordinance 10-2024: Rescind Chapter 277 – Food Service Manage Certification. All were in favor. Adoption and second reading will be at the June 3, 2024 meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg.

Sale of Surplus Property Bid Results

- 2004 F-550 6.0 Mason Dump - \$1210.00
- 1999 F-550 7.3 Mason Dump- \$1270.00
- Fisher Poly Caster Hopper Spreader -0-
- Cummins 40KW Generator - \$4200.00
- Blizzard 8-foot plow (a) -0-
- Blizzard 8-foot plow (b) -0-

Mayor Krasnomowitz offered a recommendation to send the items not successfully auctioned off to scrap. A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to send the unsuccessful auction items to scrap. All were in favor.

A motion to accept the auctioned prices of the 2004 F-550 6.0 Mason Dump, 1999 F-550 7.3 Mason Dump, and Fisher Poly Caster Hopper Spreader was made by Councilmember Haig, and seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor.

ENGINEERING:

There was no Engineering report at this time.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Block Party Approval – Prospect Ave May 25, 2024

A discussion was had on the approval of the Block Party in question. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to grant approval of the block party with the requirement they have to reach out to Chief Tangorra in regards to regulations and requirements for the event. All were in favor.

Blue Light Permit – Sidney Crum

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to approve a blue light permit. All were in favor.

Hamburg Garage Sale

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to have Hamburg Garage Sale weekend the weekend of September 28/29, 2024. 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: March 2024
Construction Report: March & April 2024

Treasurer Report: March & April 2024
Tax Report: March 2024
Police Report: April 2024
EMS Report: March 2024
OEM: April 2024
Court: March 2024
Board of Health: March 2024
Animal Control: --

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD:

Councilmember Burd reported the Hamburg School had an increase in their budget of 2.35%. The Hamburg School lost \$171,000 in school aid. Councilmember Burd explained schools are rated on diversity and income. Across the area there was variety of increase and decreases. Hamburg had a 12%, Hardyston had a 7%, Ogdensburg had a 10%, and Franklin had a 29%.

Councilmember Burd explained the Borough decided not to go with a human resource outside company and to keep everything in house.

Councilmember Burd read a portion of Doreen Schott's retirement letter. A motion was made by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Doreen Schott's letter of retirement, with great regret. All were in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER:

No report as Councilmember Oehler was absent.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES:

Councilmember Endres thanked Doreen for everything she has done for the Borough and expressed how much she will be missed.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW:

Thanked Doreen for all her work with the Borough and wished her well in her retirement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to open the floor to Chief of Police, Jason Tangorra. All were in favor

Chief Tangorra explained the month of April was very busy for the police department, being they had the Distracted Driver Grant. He read the monthly report into the record. He explained the different trainings the officers and administrative assistant took through out the month of April. Chief Tangorra explained they have applied for another grant for Crossing Guards. Councilmember Law explained Car #6 has a bad transmission and a discussion needs to happen about weather or not to put money into it or to get rid of it and to purchase a new one. Councilmember Law explained the Crown Victoria will be put up for auction on Municibid.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG:

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the floor to OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff. All were in favor.

Resolution 2024-50- Termination of agreement- Saint Clare's Health

Councilmember Haig, OEM Coordinator and committee have met with Atlantic Health and are proposing to enter into contract with Atlantic Health. Borough of Hamburg would be considered a central hub for Atlantic Health, with an ambulance always on site. During discussions response times, sprinter vans will be used so no power is needed. They would be housed in the OEM building. The committee saw no draw back with going with Atlantic Health. Attorney Clemack advises prior to moving forward he would require a signed contract from Atlantic Health. Upon discussion Mayor Krasnomowitz and councilmembers agree. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to table Resolution 2024-50- Termination of agreement- Saint Clare's Health. All were in favor.

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to close the floor to the Chief of Police and OEM Coordinator. All were in favor.

Hamburg Municipal Building Lighting Estimate:

A motion By Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to open the floor to the DPW Supervisor Alec Yanish. All were in favor.

Councilmember Haig explained multiple companies were reached out to for quotes to upgrade the lighting fixtures in borough hall. The only company who responded was JEM Electric for a total of \$6580.00. DPW Supervisor explained the quote covers putting 18 high hats in the meeting room, to replace the fixtures in the offices and hallway, and in the bathroom. Councilmember Sena questioned why the ballasts in the current fixtures wouldn't just be changed. DPW Supervisor explained there is real no savings and the high hats will look nicer and cleaner. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept the quote to replace the lighting in the municipal building from JEM Electric in the amount of \$6580.00. All were in favor.

Councilmember Haig explained he received a quote from Shane Services LLC for \$700 to power wash the building two times. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the quote from Shane Services LLC of \$700 to power wash the building two times. All were in favor.

Pickleball Court /Basketball Court Improvement Project – Change Order Superior Play Systems: Councilmember Haig explained the Borough has allocated \$8000 to cover the cost of the nets and hoops for the pickleball court / basketball court project. Superior Play Systems quoted the borough \$7735.50 to put up the fence. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the change order and grant permission to Superior Play Systems to put the fence up for a total of \$7735.50. All were in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA:

Resolution T2024-005 – Water/Sewer Overpayment Block 11, Lot 30 C0011

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution T2024-005. All were in favor.

Delinquent Animal Licenses

A discussion was had about delinquent animal licenses. Summons may be issued to residents who have delinquent animal licenses.

Councilmember Haig explained his plan to continue to make the borough hall more presentable. He will be getting quotes for new doors and shutters.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

A resident expressed her concerns about the amount of water running through her property. She has been attempting to sell this property, but has been unsuccessful due to the water issue. She explained she believes the borough is dumping stormwater into her property for discharge. She is asking for help with this issue from the borough.

A motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law 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. Appointment of Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters - RFP

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 Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to enter into executive session. All were in favor.

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

Attorney Clemack stated a resolution for RFPs for appointment of Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters. The mayor and council authorized the hiring of Brian Aloia Esq. from Aloia Law Firm LLC as the Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters for a one-year appointment. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to hire Brian Aloia Esq. from Aloia Law Firm LLC. as the Hearing Officer – Police Disciplinary Matters. All were in favor.

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

1. Notice to Foreclose 74-78 Limekiln Rd – (emailed 4/1/2024)
2. Preliminary Equalization Table for Sussex County 2024 (4/5/2024)
3. Petition of Appeal Block 14 Lot 11 (emailed 4/5/2024)
4. Memo from Elizabethtown Gas re: petition of Elizabethtown Gas to implement an infrastructure investment program (4/11/2024)
5. JCP&L New Smart Meter pamphlet (4/11/2024)
6. Franklin Borough Ordinance 05-2024 Amending Chapter 161 “Land Development” (emailed 4/15/2024)
7. Notice of Hearing Re: Rite Aid Corporation Bankruptcy (4/16/2024)
8. Resolution from Byram Township funding JCP&L to ratify modernization to upgrades. (4/18/2024)
9. County of Sussex Resolution in Support of NJ Assembly Bill A4102 which allows Boards of County Commissioners to Remove Commissioners who miss Three Consecutive

- Meetings without an Excused Absence (4/19/2024)
10. Sussex County Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2024 (4/29/2024)
 11. Notice of Pending Foreclosure – 6 Card Street (4/29/2024)
 12. Application for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval (Hardyston) (4/29/2024)
 13. Notice of Complaint – 15 Oak Point Drive (4/29/2024)
 14. NJDOT FY 2025 State Aid Programs (4/29/2024)
 15. County of Sussex Final Equalization Table for 2024 (5/1/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 6-3-24

Date Released 6-3-24



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk