

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JUNE 3, 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".

May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

May 6, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the May 6, 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 list 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:

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

Ordinance # 10-2024 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 227-FOOD SERVICE MANAGER CERTIFICATION-

OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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. After hearing no public comment, on the ordinance. This ordinance was introduced at the May 6, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to adopt Ordinance 10-2024 on second reading. All in favor.

Ordinance # 11- 2024 – 1st Reading

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$73,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT AS NEEDED BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY

Attorney Clemack read Ordinance 11-2024 by title. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to introduce Ordinance # 11- 2024 – Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$73,000 From the Capital Improvement Fund for The Purchase of a Police Vehicle and Equipment as Needed by The Borough of Hamburg, In the County of Sussex, New Jersey. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained this ordinance is needed due to a police vehicle being put out of commission. Councilmember Sena explained there is an urgent need and the usage of the vehicles has increased causing more wear and tear on the current vehicles. Councilmember Law explained another vehicle is having transmission issues and the police department is filling the gap with the newly purchased OEM truck. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Ordinance # 12-2024 – 1st Reading

CAPITAL 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 \$14,818 THEREFORE FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH AND \$111,182 FROM THE DOT GRANT FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$126,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

Attorney Clemack read Ordinance 12-2024 by title. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance # 12- 2024 – Capital 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 \$14,818 therefore from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough and \$111,182 from the DOT Grant for a Total Appropriation of \$126,000 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 – 55– Rescinding Saint Clare’s

Attorney Clemack stated he was still waiting for the signed contract from Atlantic Health and this resolution will be effective upon receipt of signed contract from Atlantic Health System. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Sena, to accept Resolution 2024-

55 – Rescinding Saint Clare’s Services. All were in favor.

2024-56 – MA 2025 – Approval to submit NJDOT grant – Cinderella Street Orchard Street Mountain View Street Road Resurfacing

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2024-56 – MA 2025 – Approval to submit NJDOT grant – Cinderella Street, Orchard Street, and Mountain View Street, Road Resurfacing. All were in favor.

2024-57 - Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2024 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriations of \$8,626.52

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Sena to accept Resolution 2024-57 - Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2024 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriations of \$8,626.52. All were in favor.

2024-62 - Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2024 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$245.17

Councilmember Law thanked Chief of Police Tangorra. Councilmember Law explained this is the first time since 2020 this grant was received. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained only two municipalities out of the twenty-six in Sussex County received this grant, Hamburg and Hardyston. A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2024-62 - Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2024 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$245.17. All were in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack requested to open the meeting to the Chief of Police. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the Chief of Police, Jason Tangorra. All were in favor.

Shared Service Agreement – Hamburg BOE and Borough of Hamburg

Chief Tangorra explained the Hamburg School has a large office, which is currently not being used, and offered it to the Hamburg Police Department for their use by the lead officer or detective. Chief Tangorra explained this is a great use for resources and police presence. He went on to explain the police department will have access to the office 24/7 granted via a key fob assigned to each officer who will be using the space.

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

Resolution 2024-63 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Hamburg Board of Education for the Use of Part of Hamburg Board of Education 1900 Building by the Hamburg Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2024-63 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with the Hamburg Board of Education for the Use of Part of Hamburg Board of Education 1900 Building by the Hamburg Police Department. All were in favor.

Hearing Officer Contract

Attorney Clemack explained the contract from Brian J. Aloia Esq. for Hearing Officer for Police Disciplinary Matters has been signed by Brian Aloia and just needs to be executed by the mayor and attested by the clerk. A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Brian J. Aloia Esq. as Hearing Officer for Police Disciplinary Matters. All were in

favor.

Atlantic Ambulance Contract

Discussed under resolutions

Sump Pump Ordinance Discussion

The Borough Engineer sent over an ordinance from another municipality outlining their rules and regulations in regards to sub pumps and the dumping of them. Attorney Clemack stated there are a few questions he has and would like the Construction Official to verify and answer some of the questions. This ordinance will be revisited once the questions have been answered.

ENGINEERING:

There was no Engineering report at this time.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked everyone who was involved in the May 23, 2024 wind storm that hit Hamburg pretty hard. This wind storm came through around 7am and lasted approximately ten minutes, but in those ten minutes trees, poles, and power lines were all taken down leaving the Borough without power and access to specific places for a few hours. JCP&L got the power restored to the town within a few hours. Mayor Krasnomowitz went on to comment about the most impressive part of the day was our in-town response team, OEM, Police Department, DPW, council members, office of administration, Sussex County OEM, Wantage Township, and Forestry Division, among other departments who came out to help. The Governor and the head of JCP&L both called and asked what was needed. Mayor Krasnomowitz congratulated everyone involved on a job well done and he couldn't be prouder of the work that was done in the town.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the floor to the OEM Coordinator and Chief of Police to further explain the day of the storm. All were in favor. OEM Coordinator and Chief of Police explained there were 4 Sussex County Sherrif Officers helping with traffic and detours. Life threatening situations were established and were handled first. Chief Tangorra explained Sparta Dispatch had 147 calls come in and were able to handle all of them, starting with any life-threatening ones and the police department worked their way through them all. A motion to close to the professionals was made by Councilmember Law, and seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All were in favor.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS 2024-2025 (Resolutions 2024-58 thru 2024-61)

The Licenses listed below have received tax clearance, all fees paid, Chief Tangorra advised there was no issue with renewing

- Restaurant Kaya (Cravin Thai) 1909-33-003-01001
- Hamburg Krishna, LLC. (Hamburg Discount Liquors) 1909-44-002-007
- Marketplace Liquors 1909-33-005-006

Liquor License for SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) is waiting for tax clearance certificate to be uploaded on POSSE

- SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) 1909-33-004-006

Resolution 2024-58 Liquor License Renewal – Restaurant Kaya

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2024-58 Liquor License Renewal – Restaurant Kaya. All were in favor.

Resolution 2024-59 Liquor License Renewal – Hamburg Krishna, LLC (Hamburg Discount Liquors)

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to Resolution

2024-59 Liquor License Renewal – Hamburg Krishna, LLC (Hamburg Discount Liquors). All were in favor.

Resolution 2024-60 Liquor License Renewal – Marketplace Liquors

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2024-60 Liquor License Renewal – Marketplace Liquors pending receipt of all required fees. All were in favor.

Resolution 2024-61 Liquor License Renewal – SJR Co. LLC (Doc's)

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2024-61 Liquor License Renewal – SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) pending receipt of tax clearance. 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:	April 2024
Construction Report:	--
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	April 2024
Police Report:	May 2024
EMS Report:	April 2024
OEM	May 2024
Court:	April 2024
Board of Health:	April 2024
Animal Control:	--

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD:

Councilmember Burd explained the update personnel policy will be emailed out to the rest of the council for review sometime next week and will be on the July agenda for approval.

Councilmember Burd explained Walkkill Valley School is going to be having a large increase in its tax levy. Starting next month, the borough will be paying an increase of \$20,000 per month going from \$168,000 to \$186,484.00. Councilmember Burd explained over the past four years there has been a 36% increase. Councilmember Sena mentioned there were going to be two open seats on the Board of Education coming up and the borough needed better representation on that board. He went on to state the borough manages their budget well and then the school goes and continues to raise the tax levy. Councilmember Burd will be attending the upcoming Board of Education meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER:

Councilmember Oehler went over upcoming Recreation Commission events.

June 9, 2024 – Miss Hamburg/Little Miss/Mister

June 18, 2024 – Recreation Commission meeting at 6:30pm and they will be discussing going in with Hardyston on doing outdoor movie nights. Councilmember Sena stated he would be in attendance.

July 4, 2024 – Sussex County Miner's Game, tickets are for sale at the borough hall.

July 14, 2024 – Ice Cream Social

August 25, 2024 – Hamburg Day. Councilmember Oehler explained there will be no dunk tank this

year due to cost, but there will be other activities in place.

September 13, 2024 – Foot Golf

Councilmember Law suggested calling Lakeland Bus Company for pricing on buses to take a group into Yankee Stadium for a Yankee game.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES:

Councilmember Endres explained the quarry is offering another date for the public to come and view an explosion and to tour the facility. Complaints have decreased, Councilmember Endres believes this is due to the fact they are finished with the ramp they were building and are further away from the borough.

Councilmember Endres explained the state of New Jersey is requiring each municipality to form a committee for affordable housing. The LUB has taken this responsibility and have formed a subcommittee. It is four members and J. Caldwell. The subcommittee will meet an hour before the scheduled LUB meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW:

Councilmember Law read the monthly police department report, and the year-to-date fire department report into the record. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested how many mutual aid calls were covered by other towns. Councilmember Law expressed his gratitude for the Sparta Court, who we have a shared service agreement with, is working really well.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG:

Councilmember Haig explained how all of the municipal parking lots were line stripped. He also stated the new shutters have been installed and the building has been power washed. He explained the fire department doors are in and the bay doors have been primed, by the DPW. He requested to have the roof of the municipal building looked at.

Councilmember Haig explained the fencing for the basketball/pickle ball courts will be installed on June 4, 2024. He continued to explain there were trees which came down during the storm, and Blessing Tree Service took care of them. Councilmember Haig stated a name for the park was needed. Councilmember Sena suggested “Hamburg Borough Riverbank Park”. A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to officially name the park, where the basketball/pickle ball courts are going, “Borough of Hamburg River Bank Park”. All were in favor.

Revising Ordinance 03-2022 to show \$200

Councilmember Haig explained the BPW recommended to raise the rate charged to residents with the old water meters from \$100 to \$200. There are approximately 40-60 people who still have not put the new meters in. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained this charge is not just about the money, but to get the remaining old meters changed out to the new ones.

ORDINANCE 13-2024 -1 ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209-8 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, RESTRICTION OF WATER USE, DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES SUB-SECTION B (11) TO INCREASE FEE FOR THE DENIAL OF ENTRY FOR MATTERS RELEVANT TO READING, REPAIRING, OR INSTALLING METERS, PIPES OR FIXTURES

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce **ORDINANCE 13-2024** - A roll call vote was taken; Councilmember Burd, YES; Councilmember Endres, NO; Councilmember Haig, YES; Councilmember Law, YES; Councilmember Oehler, YES; Councilmember Sena, NO.

Memo from Zoning Officer -- 32 Vernon Ave

Councilmember Haig explained he received a memo from the Zoning Officer requesting the DPW take care of the lawn maintenance at 32 Vernon Ave due to multiple attempts of reaching the owner to no avail. DPW Supervisor explained it would be approximately \$1100 for each time they did maintenance to the property.

RESOLUTION No. 2024-64 – Lawn Maintenance 32 Vernon Ave

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2024-64 – Lawn Maintenance for 32 Vernon Ave. All were in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA:

Resolution T-2024-006 – Redeem Third Party Tax Certificate #2020-004

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution T-2024-006 – Redeem Third Party Tax Certificate #2020-004. All were in favor

Dog Licensing

Councilmember Sena explained the number of delinquent animal licenses outstanding went from 40 down to 20. The zoning officer will now be issuing summons to the remaining outstanding delinquent animal licenses.

Councilmember Sena expressed his gratitude for the amazing turn out during the Wallkill Cross County Soccer Tournament which took place on Saturday June 1, 2024. There were approximately 1400 or more people between the Hamburg Park and the Hardyston Park. Councilmember Sena coaches two teams, who played in the tournament, and they won all of their games. Councilmember Sena asked if medals could be presented to the team members at the July meeting. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated he would be honored to hand them out. It was a fantastic event without one problem had.

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 regarding paving equipment and trucks being left on Orchard Street overnight and over a holiday weekend. The resident questioned as to why there was no police presence and tickets issued to the company. Chief of police stated it wasn't reported. The resident expressed she feels the responsible party, meaning the residents who were having the paving completed at their house, should be the one to report it to the police. Mayor Krasnomowitz urged the resident to report it to the police the next time something is to happen so it can get taken care of in a timely manner.

A resident thanked Councilmember Burd and Councilmember Sena for all their hard work and attention on the tax bills. She stated she is happy to know they are looking out for the town and its tax bill.

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

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Sena discussed ratable versus taxes. There was a 2.3% increase since 2023 and a 0.8 ratable growth. He continued to explain without any ratable growth the burden falls to the tax

payer. The borough needs substantial growth and there are people working against the town. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained the LUB approved an apartment complex project and the Hardyston LUB denied it in a 4/3 vote. Mayor Krasnomowitz went on to state he would recommend to the applicant to appeal the Hardyston decision, and it is a solid project which would bring rateables to the borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session at this time.

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

1. Notice of Bankruptcy for Endo International (5/10/2024)
2. Township of Hampton Resolution (5/10/2024)
3. Sussex County Planning Board Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2024 (5/10/2024)
4. Hamburg Recreation Commission Minutes from March 19, 2024 (5/10/2024)
5. Hamburg School 2024—2025 Tax Levy Certification (5/15/2024)
6. Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Council Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024 (5/15/2024)
7. Memo from Sprague Operating Resources LLC (5/17/2024)
8. JCP&L Notice of Public Hearing Docket #QO23120872 (5/21/2024)
9. JCP&L Notice of Public Hearing Docket #ER24020075 (5/21/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 7/1/2024

Date Released 7/2/2024



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Beth Martin, Deputy Clerk