

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz will call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Law
Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Sena
Mayor Krasnomowitz	

Absent: Councilmember Endres Councilmember Haig

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”.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz suspended the agenda as written to present a local team, with certificates of achievement from the Borough for becoming the Sussex County - Cross County Soccer Tournament 2024— U10 Champions. Councilmember Sena and Assistant Coach Butterworth also presented each player with a trophy and medal.

June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the June 3, 2024 Regular 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 Oehler. 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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler 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 Oehler to read the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

Ordinance # 11- 2024 – 2nd 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

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any comments. All in favor. No public comment on the ordinance. This ordinance was introduced at the June 3, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 11-2024 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Ordinance # 12-2024 – 2nd 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.

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, on the ordinance. This ordinance was introduced at the June 3, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 10-2024 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Ordinance # 13- 2024 – 2nd 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

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. After hearing no public comment, on the ordinance. This ordinance was introduced at the June 3, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 10-2024 on second reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Sena, NO.

2023 MUNICIPAL AUDIT – Audit was emailed to Governing Body on 6/18/2024

- Synopsis of Audit was published as provided by law in the New Jersey Herald / Sunday Herald on June 23, 2024.
- Certification of receipt of Audit to be signed by Council
- Resolution 2024-65 Certificate of Audit

RESOLUTIONS:

2024-65 - Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit – Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to Resolution 2024-65 Certification of Audit. All in favor. *addressed above*

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack requested update on discussion of proposed Ordinance regarding Sump Pump Inspection. Per discussion, with Board of Public Works and Building Officials, the ordinance, should it be adopted, would require that upon home sale, said home would be inspected by DPW to confirm there is no sump pump discharge into sewer system. Fees have not yet been discussed. Tabled for further discussion.

ENGINEERING:

There was no Engineering report at this time.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Approved Catch Basin Casting Replacement & Repair Project Contract signed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WERE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION, THERE WAS NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- Zoning Report: May 2024
- Construction Report: May 2024
- Treasurer Report: May 2024
- Tax Report: May 2024
- Police Report: June 2024
- EMS Report: May 2024
- OEM: --
- Court: May 2024
- Board of Health: May 2024
- Animal Control: --

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Personnel Policy. Motion to accept amended personnel policy by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law. Clarification requested that union contract takes precedent over personnel policy where same item is addressed. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Zoning Officer Hours – discussed under Executive Session

Attended June 18, 2024 meeting of Wallkill Valley Regional High School Board of Education.

Voiced concerns over the average increase to the Borough over the past few years. Will be requesting more information regarding upcoming increases at July meeting.

Pothole repairs needed on corner of Mulberry and State streets.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Contest for Little Miss and Mr. was held on June 9, 2024. 2024 Winners: Little Miss Skylar Titka and Little Mr. Anthony Frangipane. There were no contestants for Miss Hamburg. Miss Hamburg 2023, Vanessa Mundy is willing to stay on as Miss Hamburg for 2024 and represent the Borough at

different events. She will not be able to participate on State Fair level. Due to those circumstances. Recreation is recommending that the award, for 2024 only, be halved to \$125.00. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested that the Recreation Commission provide a presentation addressing how to handle this in future and better ways to approach candidates. Parameters of the competition were discussed.

Hamburg Day – Food Trucks and Vendors have been contracted.

Recreation Commission met with Hardyston to begin discussion of possible joint events.

Tree Lighting – Planning a September meeting to plan event. Councilmember Sena heading event.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Due to Councilmember's absence, Mayor Krasnomowitz reported that the Land Use Board meeting for July 8, 2024 will be cancelled due to lack of business.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law read the monthly police department report.

Fire Department – No report.

Appointment to Fire Department – Angelica Ortiz, Background and medical is complete. Motion to appoint by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Due to Councilmember's absence, Councilmember Law reported for Councilmember Haig. The cost to repair the DPW's 2012 John Deere backhoe is cost prohibitive. It is still running and has some value. Motion to put up for auction, minimum bid \$15,000. Motion by Russell Law, seconded Councilmember Oehler. All in favor.

Request from BPW to amend Ordinance 209-2 (E) (2) -

Ordinance 14-2024 - 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209-2 (E) (2) OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO ALLOW FOR WATER TO BE TURNED ON AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE UPON PAYMENT. Attorney Clemack read Ordinance 14-2024 by title. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 14-2024 - An ordinance amending chapter 209-2 (e) (2) of the general code of the Borough of Hamburg, Sussex County, New Jersey, to allow for water to be turned on as soon as practicable upon payment. All in Favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Project Graduation - Due to lack of volunteers the Municipal Drug Alliance had to cancel the "Project Graduation" project. Hopes future parents will be more supportive.

Presentation – Councilmember thanked the Borough of Hamburg for its encouragement and support of the youth that attended the presentation earlier.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz will offer a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regard to the good and welfare with the Borough. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All in favor.

Hamburg property owner had questions about the role of the Borough Engineer and the fees charged for his services. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated that the Engineer's fees are attached to the various projects he is doing and has done in the Borough. Property owner then expressed 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 expressed her belief that the Borough is dumping polluted water into her property for discharge. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained it is a creek/stream which runs through her property and others.

A resident of the Borough on a nearby property stated that the same creek runs behind his property and has been there for over 100 years.

Resident voiced concerns that drivers are not following the traffic regulations during arrival and dismissal times which are clearly stated on signs in that area. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated that the Chief of Police will be made aware of the situation so that it may be monitored when school restarts. Suggestions of a police barrier or crossing guard were also made.

Resident asked if Hamburg School has Pre-K program and if there were any programs for disadvantaged youth. Mayor Krasnomowitz mentioned that the school has a program where the older students are helpers for the younger. It provides benefits to both groups.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Attorney Clemack offered the following resolution to enter into executive session.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to enter into executive session for the reasons hereafter cited:

1. **Personnel** - Zoning Officer, terms of employment – Rice Notice was issued.

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.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to return to regular session. All in favor.

ROLL CALL:

Attorney Clemack requested a roll call to verify those in attendance:

Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Law
Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Sena
Mayor Krasnomowitz	

A motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law to increase the hours of the Zoning officer an additional 8 hours per week as needed during the summer months, up to maximum 104 additional hours for the summer, at same rate of pay. All in favor.

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

1. County of Sussex Re: Amendments to the Sussex County Resolution Establishing County Roads as Through Streets (6/7/2024)

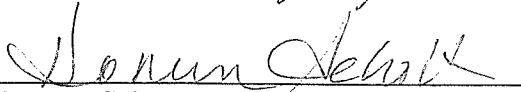
2. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes from meeting on May 6, 2024 (6/7/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 8/5/24

Date Released 8/5/24


Doreen Schott, RMC/
Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Administrative Assistant