

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2024 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz called 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 Endres	Councilmember Sena
Mayor Krasnomowitz	Councilmember Haig

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".

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz presented Doreen Schott, Hamburg Borough's Municipal Clerk, with an award and thanked her for 30 years of dedicated service to the Borough. Former Mayor Paul Marino wished her all the best for her upcoming retirement.

July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All councilmembers present in favor.

July 1, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the July 1, 2024 Executive Session Minutes. All councilmembers present in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

As there were no additions or deletions to the bills list, motion to open the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. All councilmembers present 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the bills list as presented. All councilmembers present 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 Haig to read all of the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

Ordinance # 14- 2024 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209-2-CONTROL AND FEES-OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig 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 July 1, 2024 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig. All in favor. Motion to adopt Ordinance 14-2024 on second reading by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres. All in favor.

Ordinance #15 – 2024 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215-ZONING-OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG BASED UPON AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2018 MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION REPORT PREPARED BY THE HAMBURG LAND USE BOARD

After reading by title only. Per Attorney Clemack must be presented to Planning Board in ordinance form before second reading. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to introduce Ordinance #15-2024 amending Chapter 215-Zoning- of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg based upon and in accordance with the recommendations of the 2018 Master Plan Re-examination report prepared by the Hamburg Land Use Board. Second reading scheduled for the October 7, 2024 of the Mayor and Council. All in Favor.

Ordinance #16 – 2024 – 1st Reading

ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 215, ARTICLE XX: FLOODPLAINS OR FLOOD HAZARD AREAS REGULATIONS TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 215, ARTICLE XX: FLOOD DAMAGE, PREVENTION AND FLOOD HAZARD AREA REGULATIONS TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance #16-2024 amending the Borough of Hamburg Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 215, Article XX: Floodplains or Flood Hazard Areas Regulations to adopt a new Chapter 215, Article XX: Flood Damage, Prevention and Flood Hazard Area Regulations to adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to designate a Floodplain Administrator; and providing for severability and an effective date. Second Reading scheduled for September 4, 2024 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2024-66 Denville Line Painting award via MCCP for MA 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Law and seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2024-66 Denville Line Painting award via MCCP for MA 2024. All in favor.

2024-67 RSS (Road Safety Systems LLC) award via MCCP for MA 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Law and seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2024-67 RSS (Road Safety Systems LLC) award via MCCP for MA 2024. All in favor.

2024-68 Corrective Action Plan – Will be Addressed under Audit

2023 MUNICIPAL AUDIT and CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

2024-68 – Resolution approving the corrective action plan

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2024-68 approving the 2023 Corrective Action Plan.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack offered first reading of Ordinance 17-2024 regarding Sump Pump Inspections. Resolved by the Mayor and Council that upon home sale, there be required, along with carbon monoxide and smoke detector certifications, a sump pump investigation. Initial fee for said inspection would be \$25, with additional charges of \$25 for any re-inspections. Said inspection to be done by a member of the Department of Public Works to confirm there is no sump pump discharge into sewer system. Second Reading scheduled for September 4, 2024 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 17-2024. All in favor.

Attorney Clemack noted that Resolution 2024-55 from June 3, 2024 needed a resolution authorizing Mayor to execute contract with Atlantic Health retroactive to June 3, 2024. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2024-70 dated retroactively to June 3, 2024 authorizing Mayor to execute contract with Atlantic Health.

ENGINEERING:

There was no Engineering report at this time.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Proposed Change of Wildlife Ordinance – Ordinance 148-2 Feeding of the Bears. Discussion regarding modifying the ordinance. In some cases, feeders for smaller animals and birds have become an issue for homeowners near those who are providing feed for such animals. Discussion included seasonal feeding regulations, including private property in current resolution, limiting number of or banning feeders. Tabled for further discussion until next meeting.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd voiced concern regarding the 14.4% tax levy increase from Regional High School. It was mentioned that they have experienced a decrease in no further information was provided.

Councilmember Burd explained the need to hire Finance Clerk/Administrative A replacement due to the changes in staff that will occur upon current Clerk's retirement position be advertised. Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded Councilmember advertise full-time position of Finance Clerk/Administrative Assistant All in favor Clemack will prepare salary ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Law read Recreation report in Councilmember Oehler's absence. Game event has been cancelled. Hamburg Day – Volunteers are needed to assist the event.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres explained that Deep Earth Logic, the monitoring company had provided a seismograph to measure the effect of blasting in Holly Drive area. quarry is doing registers within or below state limits. Earthquake earlier this year the work moves to the northern end of the quarry it has lessened considerably. Re made available. Councilmember Endres is trying to set up a tour of the quarry for residents of Hamburg.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law read the monthly police department report into the record. O vehicle and its equipment has been processed.

OEM report read into the record.

Fire Department report read into record.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by John Burd that meeting be opened to representatives. All in favor. Sid Crum provided a brief presentation regarding Junior program for Hamburg. Junior firefighters will go to fire school, be trained and certified they will not be allowed in actual fire zones. Program is designed to encourage young future firefighters. Councilmember Law will be point of contact for any and all questions concerns. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Sena to Department. All in favor.

Councilmember Law noted that there is a new prosecutor for the court and that the service is working out very well.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to attach a lien at 11 Route 23 for the cost of having the DPW clean up the overgrowth on the vacant in favor.

Zoning officer has requested that the time parameters for property maintenance issues to allow for quicker action.

Councilmember Haig read an e-mail from property owner at Prince Street intersection clearance of their property overgrowth could be provided by Borough DPW. Councilmember explained that we do not maintain private properties.

Councilmember Haig has gathered information and quotes in reference to clean up the town clock at the intersection of Routes 23 & 94.

Basketball court and Pickleball courts in Riverbank park are open. Still waiting for camera quotes and Engineer drawing for berm separating properties. Thanked Spartan Aggregates for their donation of \$3700.00 of stone for the new park.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena explained that the new park will soon have grills and a few more tables installed. Councilmember is investigating ways to increase activity at main park on Gingerbread Castle Road. Projects being considered include adding disc golf, expansion of playground, shade trees and landscaping to increase area use. Checking with Finance if projects can be covered by Open Space funds. Councilmember Haig explained that new cameras are being considered for the main park as well for better imagery and security.

Councilmember Sena stated that Finance would begin working on the 2025 budget in September. Regarding holiday illumination they are looking to improve lighting on Orchard Street Extension and Main Street.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law explained that with the increase in storms they are concerned about providing more accurate storm notification that would allow all involved departments to prepare faster responses. They have received a proposal from Weather Works, a certified company, which includes localized, current advance alerts of incoming bad weather. FEMA grants require a certified company. Currently the Borough receives basic morning weather reports from this same company. Cost of this service would be divided in thirds and covered by the Police Department, Department of Public Works and Office of Emergency Management current budget. Cost is \$1398 for the first year. (\$465 per Department). Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd. to accept Weather Works proposal for one year to test the service. All in favor.

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 Haig. All in favor.

Resident stated they live in the area affected by the blasting at the Quarry and have noticed the improvement. Also spoke regarding the animal issue because they have also had past issues. Believes it was enforced by property maintenance in the past. Believes it should be enforced because it encourages not only bears but rats and other vermin.

They questioned if a Junior Firefighter program might be an issue for the Borough's insurance company. They also firmly stated that they do not believe underage youth should be on the fire truck. Councilmember Law noted this is addressed in the program information provided.

They questioned why the Borough is purchasing another new police vehicle. Councilmember Law explained it was replacing a car that was no longer serviceable. Councilmember Sena also explained police cars are routinely replaced due to wear and tear and there was a great deal of difficulty trying to purchase vehicles during Covid and several had to be replaced.

Resident stated they were glad to hear that cameras in the parks are being addressed.

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

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

1. JCP& L, RE: Notice of Public Hearing, Docket No. ER24040209 June 26, 2024 (7/8/2024)

2. County of Sussex, RE: Resolution establishing the Sussex NJ 250 Committee designating logo and catchphrase for the Sussex County NJ 250 Committee (7/8/2024)
3. County of Sussex, RE: Resolution in Opposing proposition to change designation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to a National Park and Preserve (7/8/2024)
4. Elizabethtown Gas, Pipeline Safety packet. (7/8/2024)
5. Township of Long Beach RE: Resolution 24-0701.09 Opposing the Industrial Onshore Wind Project July 3, 2024 (7/11/2024)
6. Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Council Minutes, May 14, 2024 (7/11/2024)
7. Sussex County Agriculture Development Board Minutes, June 17, 2024 (7/17/2024)
8. 2023-2024 Legislative Session - Public Laws (7/18/2024)
9. Letter from Montvale Mayor (7/22/2024 - also emailed on 7/8/2024)
10. Borough of Franklin Ordinance Adoption (7/25/2024)
11. NJ Business Action Center (Small Business) letter (7/25/2024) (full packet in Council's office)
12. Sussex County Open Space Committee Minutes from June 27, 2024 (7/29/2024)
13. Notice from Whibco - Safety Data Sheet (7/29/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 9/4/24

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Bill Mont Deputy Clerk
 Doreen Schott, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Administrative Assistant