

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

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**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: Beth Martin, Acting Municipal 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".

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz will offer 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. Personnel – Police

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

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

**Resolution 2024-91**

Resolution offering Mr. Matthew R. Bottge employment as a Police officer at Probationary Step under the Collective Negotiation Agreement dated "1/1/2023 – 12/31/2027" titled "Agreement between the Borough of Hamburg and the Hamburg Police Officers' Association".

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2024-91

offering employment with the Hamburg Police Department to Mr. Matthew Bottge subject to the execution of a Contract for Reimbursement for Training Expenses and to ramifications with Legal Department and Police Chief. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd YES, Councilmember Endres YES, Councilmember Haig YES, Councilmember Law YES, Councilmember Oehler YES, Councilmember Sena YES.

#### **Resolution 2024-92**

Resolution offering Mr. Charles Cardona employment as a Police officer at Step One under the Collective Negotiation Agreement dated “1/1/2023 – 12/31/2027” titled “Agreement between the Borough of Hamburg and the Hamburg Police Officers’ Association”.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution offering employment to with the Hamburg Police Department to Mr. Charles Cardona, starting as soon as possible, subject to ramifications with Legal Department and Police Chief. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd YES, Councilmember Endres YES, Councilmember Haig YES, Councilmember Law YES, Councilmember Oehler YES, Councilmember Sena YES.

#### **MAYOR’S AGENDA:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion for the Agreement for 2024 Recycling Tonnage Grant Services appointing Marguerite Nemeth as the Borough of Hamburg’s Recycling Coordinator. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Agreement for 2024 Recycling Tonnage Grant Services appointing Marguerite Nemeth as the Borough of Hamburg’s Recycling Coordinator. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested two volunteers for the committee to review the two proposals received for a Lead Inspection and Evaluation Services. Councilmember Endres, a council liaison for Zoning and Land Use will lead this committee. Councilmembers Sena and Oehler volunteered.

#### **Resolution 2024-90**

Resolution establishing a Council Committee consisting of Councilmembers Endres, Sena and Oehler be appointed to evaluate and recommend a proposal to the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2024-90 establishing a Council Committee consisting of Councilmembers Endres, Sena and Oehler be appointed to evaluate and recommend a proposal to the Mayor and Council.

Regarding a new Fire Chief Vehicle, Councilmember Law stated they reviewed the State bid on several models available and recommend a Ford Explorer at a cost range of \$47,000--\$49,000. Councilmember Law had some questions regarding possible upgrades to the alternator and battery which were not on the State contract, the cost would be minimal. Borough Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Brezina, noted the price may be lower if purchased through Morris County Co-op. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked about the additional cost of outfitting the vehicle. Mr. Brezina stated based on previous experience it would cost an additional \$12,000-\$15,000 to outfit a new vehicle. Councilmember Haig questioned whether an existing Borough vehicle could be repurposed. Councilmember Law noted that the Borough vehicles coming out of service are beyond repair. Councilmember Sena stated that we have had problems with used vehicles in the past and it would better serve the town to purchase a new vehicle. Councilmembers discussed parameters for use for the new vehicle and possible restrictions. Discussed possible limit to countywide use only. Council to approve any further distances.

Regarding Water Department Utility Vehicle, Mayor Krasnomowitz requested an update. Councilmember Haig said they are still investigating options. Borough CFO, Joseph Brezina, provided State contract price information for a Ford F150 at \$41,000 and Ford F350 at \$47,000 but neither included the required utility chassis which is needed due to the weight of the equipment used by the department. Mr. Brezina stated the budget limit has been set at \$80,000. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the funds will be coming directly from Water/Sewer 2025 budget. Councilmembers Law and Sena both stated more information is needed. Councilmember Haig will continue to investigate options and pricing.

Mayor Krasnomowitz has received a letter from the County Tax Board requesting a meeting on December 18, 2024 at 9:15 am to discuss reassessment. Mayor Krasnomowitz will be attending. Borough Tax Assessor Jason Laliker will also be attending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMEMBER BURD:** No report at this time.

**COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER:** No report at this time.

**COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES:** No report at this time.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

Resignation from Fire Department of Robert Misskerg

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resignation of Robert Misskerg from Fire Department. All in favor.

Councilmember Law attended Mayors meeting, in lieu of Mayor Rich Krasnomowitz, where they discussed the lack of facilities in the county for overnight tourism. They are looking for larger towns to investigate Air BnB's and other possible facilities.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER HAIG**

Councilmember Haig informed the mayor and council, snowflakes purchased last year were found to have oxidation issues. They were still under warranty and the company had them picked up 3pm Friday, repaired them immediately and they are already on their way back to us. Councilmember Sena asked if this would be an ongoing issue. Councilmember Haig asked supplier who said issue was rare. Councilmember Law suggested removing bulbs.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

Councilmember Sena provided the Mayor and Council with an update on the plans for the Borough Christmas Tree Lighting. Councilmember Sena noted there are many departments and people helping to make this event happen for the children and the town. Santa will be there. Costumed characters will be there. The Hamburg School choir and band will be performing. The Borough has purchased a tent and lighting for this event and future events. There will also be hot cocoa and cookies. It is being promoted on signs, the website and social media. Councilmember Haig invited everyone to attend. Next meeting will be on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

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


After hearing no further comments from the public, a motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Date Approved 12-2-2024

Date Released 12-3-2024

  
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Beth Martin  
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk