

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 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 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”.

November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All council members were in favor.

November 4, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the November 4, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. All council members were in favor.

November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All council members were in favor.

November 18, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the November 18, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. All council members were in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

As there were no additions or deletions to the bills list, a motion to open the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All council members were in favor. After hearing no comment from the public, a motion to close the bill list to the public was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve the bills list as presented. All council members were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

None at this time

RESOLUTIONS:**2024-93** December Budget Transfer

A motion was made by Councilmember Law and seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2024-93 December Balance Transfer. All in favor.

2024-94 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hamburg Authorizing a Change Order to the Contract with Riverview Paving, INC. for the State Street, Linwood Avenue & Michael Court Resurfacing Project (2023 MUNICIPAL AID)

A motion was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2024-94 Authorizing a Change Order to the Contract with Riverview Paving, INC. for the State Street, Linwood Avenue & Michael Court Resurfacing Project (2023 MUNICIPAL AID). All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR: Attorney Richard Clemack voiced concerns regarding the late notice given by Borough Engineer John Rushke. Professional Services were contacted in October for renewals. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained he had received a call explaining Mott MacDonald would not be renewing their professional services agreements with smaller municipalities. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Councilmembers Endres, Haig and Sena form a committee to investigate new engineering firms for the Borough due to their liaison roles with Land Use, BPW and Finance respectively. Motion by Councilmember Oehler seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the committee as proposed by Mayor Krasnomowitz. All in favor.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Space Farms Deer Removal Contract for 2025 presented by Mayor Krasnomowitz. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Space Farms Deer Removal Contract for 2025.

Mayor Krasnomowitz asked that the floor be opened to Deputy Clerk Jean Stephens and CFO Joseph Brezina regarding Planet Networks services. Mrs. Stephens had researched internet providers and spoken with Planet Networks for the Borough. She stated Planet Networks is faster and more efficient higher than our current providers because they are running new fiber. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the price is also much lower and even if there is a cost to cancelling with our current providers, we would still be saving money. Monthly cost per service location would be only \$50 per month, no equipment rental fees and no contract required. Attorney Clemack requested the resolution for this change include month to month language. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept change of internet service providers to Planet Networks. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the floor to Jean Stephens and Joseph Brezina. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz spoke regarding the recent fire on Gingerbread Castle Road. He voiced his sincere thanks to everyone who helped fight the fire and spoke very highly of everyone who fought the blaze. He stated he was very impressed and very proud of the professional work and cooperation he saw from all the responders.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD: No report at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER:

Councilmember Oehler stated that the Recreation Commission was prepared for the upcoming tree lighting and for their breakfast with Santa. Councilmember Oehler stated the addresses of the winners from the Halloween Decorating Contest. 1st Place - 12 Linwood Ave., 2nd Place - 72 Orchard and 3rd Place - 17 Hamilton St.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES:

Councilmember Endres stated the November Land Use Board meeting had been cancelled and the meeting with Borough Planner J. Caldwell was postponed. He noted that the state had given the Borough a number of 125 units required for affordable housing. As the Borough does not have that space available the committee and Borough Planner are researching options and alternatives.

Councilmember Endres updated the council regarding the need for a Borough Lead Contractor. Two services responded to the bid request. Committee is still reviewing the bids packages. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if they could be ready by the mid-month meeting of the Mayor and Council so a decision could be made before year end.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law read the monthly police department report into the record. Councilmember Law addressed the information packet provided by fire department regarding the Junior Firefighter Program. Issues discussed at previous meeting have been addressed. They are still waiting on the Insurance company paperwork. Attorney Clemack was impressed by the professionalism and thoughtfulness of the packet presented. Noted that they will need to include language in Ordinance because it will be amending “Code of the Borough of Hamburg”. Motion by Councilmember Law, Seconded by Councilmember Haig to open to Sid Crum from the Fire Department regarding the Junior Fire Fighters. All in favor. Mr. Crum asked if the sample Ordinance could be sent over to Attorney Clemack for review and editing. Attorney Clemack agreed. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the floor to

Sid Crum. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig addressed letter received from owner of 176 Rt 23. They are requesting removal of one (1) EDU. Councilmember Haig attended meeting of the BPW and the Board recommends we approve this request. Property would be subject to periodic inspections by the Zoning officer if the removal was approved to make sure modifications had been made to ensure the EDU would no longer be needed. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve removal of one EDU subject to the conditions stated. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig noted that the snowflakes are now up for the season. The holiday sign should be up next week.

Councilmember Haig voiced concerns regarding the remaining mess from the fire on Gingerbread Castle Road and certain properties in the Borough that have existing dangerous conditions that need to be addressed. Especially Gingerbread Castle Road and Limekiln. Councilmember Haig is concerned they present a safety hazard to Borough residents. Councilmember Haig suggested a letter be sent to the State by the Municipal Clerk regarding their hazardous properties. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested that he meet with the Councilmember Haig, the Borough Property Management officer and the construction official to investigate what can be done.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Resolution T-2024-009 to authorize tax exemption for disabled veteran.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution T-2024-009 authorizing tax exemption for disabled veteran. All in favor.

Councilmember Sena noted the budget committee has had their third meeting and has been discussing various grants they will be seeking for the Borough.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

Resident Sid Crum noted, regarding the Limekilns and the hazard they present, when he had been on council the State was supposed to fence in that area to prevent incidents.

OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff thanked the Mayor and Council for their support during the Gingerbread Castle Road fire. Suggested monthly construction reports would be helpful for emergency services to know what issues a site may present. Mr. Sukennikoff requested that when considering a new Engineer, they make them aware of the Borough's various FEMA projects.

Councilmember Oehler thanked all the local businesses who supplied food and beverages for all the firefighters.

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 12/16/24

Date Released 12/17/24

Beth Martin

Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk

