

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 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 7:00 p.m.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz called for a moment of silence to honor Harold Decker, a 50-year member of the Borough Fire Department and ex-Chief who had just passed.

**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”.

**December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the December 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. All councilmembers 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 Burd, seconded by Councilmember Law. All council members were in favor. After hearing no comment from the public, a motion to close the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the bills list as presented. All council members were in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2024-95** December Budget Transfer

A motion was made by Councilmember Law and seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2024-95 December Budget Transfer. All in favor.

**2024-96** Awarding Contract for Lead Based Paint Inspection Services

A motion was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to award the contract for Lead Based Paint Inspection services to LEW Environmental Services. All in favor.

**2024-97** Authorizing a Change Order to the contract with Road Safety Systems, LLC for the Governor Haines Street, North Governor Haines Street and Highview Street Resurfacing Project (2024 Municipal Aid)

A motion was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law authorizing a Change Order to the contract with Road Safety Systems, LLC for the Governor Haines Street, North Governor Haines Street and Highview Street Resurfacing Project (2024 Municipal Aid)

### **MAYOR'S AGENDA**

Street Sweeping Shared Services Agreement - Hardyston

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the Street Sweeping Shared Services Agreement with Hardyston. All in favor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

Councilmember Burd has attended a few GOP meetings. He noted they will be having a meet and greet with legislatures and stated it would be a good opportunity. Mayor Krasnomowitz also stated that he has spoken with Alan Henderson who will be our county liaison and he plans to attend a Borough meeting.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER**

Councilmember Oehler regrets to inform the Council of the resignation of Kyu Lee from the Recreation Commission. Breakfast with Santa went very well and was well attended.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES**

Affordable Housing – 4<sup>th</sup> Round Review will carry to January 6, 2024 meeting of the Mayor and Council.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

Councilmember Law stated that applicant Katherine Arxer has completed all the requirements for Appointment to Fire Department. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Katherine Arxer as a firefighter with the Borough of Hamburg Fire Department. All in favor.

Councilmember Law opened discussion regarding the Jr. Fire Fighter Program. Councilmember Sena referred to an email received by a Borough Insurance Representative, Michael Chymiy, regarding harassment policies. He wanted to verify that the Mayor and Council would be notified immediately if an incident should occur. Councilmember Sena stated he wanted to ensure accountability and verify proper policies and trainings would be in place. Councilmember Law stated there were policies for the fire department that would also apply to the members of the junior firefighters. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated Borough personnel policies apply to all. Councilmember Law noted the Borough insurance covers all firefighters including junior firefighters. Councilmember Sena inquired about harassment training for all Borough employees. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated there are mandatory trainings for Borough personnel. Councilmember Law stated that it should be yearly. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated that there needs to be more accountability for these trainings and established a committee to review personnel manual and make sure issues are addressed. Mayor Krasnomowitz volunteered to sit on the committee with Councilmember Sena and Councilmember Law to answer questions in the email and establish procedures regarding training. The Committee will report back at the January meeting.

## **COUNCILMEMBER HAIG**

Councilmember Haig noted that the Happy Holidays sign is up. We will need a new sign for non-holidays. Looking for suggestions. Members suggested “Welcome to the Borough of Hamburg” with seal. Requested Council come up with future ideas.

Councilmember Haig brought recommendation by BPW suggesting ordinance including the inclusion of a quarterly assessment of \$75 for manual meter readings for property owners who request an exemption from smart meters installation. Requested exemption to be reviewed by the Board of Public Works on a by case basis. If exemption is determined to be warranted the quarterly assessment of \$75 would be applied to the bill for the property owner responsible for the quarterly billing. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that Attorney Clemack would have to prepare an amendment to the existing ordinance for introduction at the next meeting. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler for Attorney Clemack to prepare amendment to the existing ordinance to include quarterly fee for manual meter readings for those who cannot have smart meters. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that this would remove the current fee of \$200 for refusal to install, if exemption is approved. Councilmember Law questioned the purpose of the fee. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated this would be a service fee. Councilmember Sena requested a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd YES, Councilmember Endres YES, Councilmember Haig YES, Councilmember Law YES, Councilmember Oehler YES, Councilmember Sena NO.

## **COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

Councilmember Sena stated he was very pleased with the way everyone came together to make the tree lighting such a successful event. The children had a very good time and he thanked everyone for their efforts.

## **PUBLIC PORTION:**

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

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz offered 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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to enter into executive session. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to come out of

executive session and enter back into the public session of the meeting. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2024-98**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Michael Roccasanta, Mr. Peter Parigi, and Mr. Matthew Spatucci are hereby offered 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 Sena to accept Resolution 2024-98. Offering employment to Mr. Michael Roccasanta, Mr. Peter Parigi, and Mr. Matthew Spatucci as a Police officer at Probationary Step.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Parenthesis indicate date correspondence was copied to Council)**

1. SCMUA - Estimated Annual Charge - FY2025 (12/10/24)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Date Approved 1-6-25

Date Released 1-7-25



Beth Martin

Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk