

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 16 WALLKILL AVE. HAMBURG, N.J. ON JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Krasnomowitz at 6:30 PM.

A moment of silence was held in honor of President Jimmy Carter's passing.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The Clerk read the Statement of compliance into the record:

Adequate notice of this Reorganization Meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Reorganization Meeting through a Legal Notice published on January 9, 2024 in the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and through notices faxed and mailed to the following named newspapers and posted on the Bulletin Board at the Borough Hall: The New Jersey Herald / The Sunday Herald.

Mayor Krasnomowitz introduced Assemblywoman Dawn Fantasia and County Commissioner Alan Henderson who were in attendance.

III. OATHS OF OFFICE:

- Acting Clerk, Beth Martin read the "Statement of Determination of the Board of County Canvassers".
- Acting Clerk, Beth Martin administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Elect John Haig for a three (3) year term expiring 12/31/2027. Councilmember Haig will then take his place at the dais.
- Acting Clerk, Beth Martin administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Elect Mark Sena for a three (3) year term expiring 12/31/2027. Councilmember Sena will then take his place at the dais.

IV. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call of the 2025 Hamburg Governing Body.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BURD, ENDRES, HAIG, OEHLER, SENA, MAYOR KRASNOMOWITZ

ABSENT: LAW

V. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Krasnomowitz opened the floor for council nominations for the position of Council President for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to nominate Councilmember Sena as Council President for the year. All councilmembers present in Favor.

VI. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Robert's Rules

of Order for all Council meetings for the year 2025. All Councilmembers present in favor.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

2025-01 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS:

BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Mayor Krasnomowitz offered the name of Richard J. Clemack Esq. for appointment as the Borough Attorney for the year 2025.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of John Ruschke of Mott MacDonald for the appointment as Interim Borough Engineer.

MUNICIPAL CONFLICT PLANNER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of John Ruschke of Mott MacDonald for the appointment as Interim Municipal Conflict Planner.

MUNICIPAL PLANNER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name Jessica Caldwell Dykstra of J Caldwell and Associates for the appointment as Borough Planner for the year 2025.

HISTORIC PLANNER

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of Wayne McCabe of Historical Preservation Alternatives LLC for the appointment as Historic Planner for the year 2025.

BOROUGH AUDITOR:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of Man Lee of Nisivoccia & Company for appointment as Borough Auditor for the year 2025.

BOND COUNSEL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of James Spanarkel of Waters, McPherson, McNeill PC for appointment as Borough Bond Counsel for the year 2025.

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of Timothy J. Profeta, Esq. of Laddey, Clark & Ryan for appointment as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2025.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of John C, Grey, Jr., Esq. for appointment as Public Defender for the year 2025.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE AGENT:

Mayor Krasnomowitz shall offer the name of Arthur J. Gallagher and Company (George Morville) for appointment as Municipal Insurance Agent for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-01 Mayor Krasnomowitz's professional services appointments, further approving

Professional Services Contract as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law. All Councilmembers present in favor.

2025-02 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg will hold their Regular Meetings for 2025 on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).

January 6, 2025 6:30 pm Reorganization

January 6, 2025 7:00 pm Regular Meeting

January 22, 2025 (Wednesday)

February 3, 2025

February 19, 2025 (Wednesday)

March 3, 2025

March 17, 2025

April 7, 2025

April 21, 2025

May 5, 2025

May 19, 2025

June 2, 2025

June 16, 2025

July 7, 2025

July 21, 2025

August 4, 2025

August 18, 2025

September 3, 2025 (Wednesday)

September 15, 2025

October 6, 2025

October 20, 2025

November 3, 2025

November 17, 2025

December 3, 2025 (Wednesday)

December 15, 2025

January 5, 2026 Reorganization – 6:30 pm

January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the 2025 meeting dates as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-03 - 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the attached is the 2025 Hamburg Temporary Budget.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adopt the 2025 Hamburg Temporary Budget as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-04 - OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that Provident Bank is hereby designated as the official depository for borough funds for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-04 as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-05 - TO CONDUCT TAX SALE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2023 TAXES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that approval is granted to the Tax Collector to conduct a tax sale for non-payment of 2023 taxes; and other municipal charges.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2025-05 as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-06 - RATES OF INTEREST - DELINQUENT TAXES:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Tax Collector will collect interest on delinquent taxes following the rates as set forth: N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 interest shall be charged for non-payment of taxes at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment. No interest shall be charged if payment is made within the first ten days of each quarter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby provide for charging an additional penalty of 6% of the amount of a delinquency in taxes and/or municipal charges on such delinquencies which exceed \$10,000 as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-06 as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-07 - TAX COLLECTOR INTEREST FUND:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Tax Collector be and that she is hereby authorized to set up an interest fund in the amount of \$100.00 in order to have funds on hand with which to make change at the time taxpayers pay their bills in person with cash for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2025-07 as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-08 - DEFENSE OF TAX APPEALS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Municipal Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and they are hereby authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all the contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Borough of Hamburg tax list including, but not limited to roll back taxes, added and omitted assessments, complaints and such other appeals as are necessary to correct assessments for the Borough of Hamburg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Borough of Hamburg for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2025-08 as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-09 - TREASURER PETTY CASH FUND:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Treasurer be

and is hereby authorized to set up a petty cash fund in the amount of \$50.00 in order to have funds on hand for minor office operating expenses for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2025-09 as presented. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-10 - OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that the Advertiser-News South and New Jersey Herald / New Jersey Sunday Herald, Star Ledger; is hereby designated to be the official newspapers of the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Sena to accept Resolution 2025-10 designating the official newspapers of the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2025. All councilmembers present were in favor.

2025-11 - APPOINTMENT OF COMPLIANCE OFFICER 2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg that Beth Martin is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2025.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-11 designating Actin Clerk, Beth Martin, as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Hamburg for the year 2025. All councilmembers present were in favor.

VIII. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

At this time, Mayor Krasnomowitz presented his nominations for one (1) year appointments to the various positions of Borough Government for the year 2025:

REGISTRAR	BETH MARTIN
OFFICE MANAGER - BD. HEALTH	BETH MARTIN
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER	BETH MARTIN
COMPLIANCE OFFICER P.A.C.O	BETH MARTIN
DEPUTY CLERK/ DEPUTY REGISTRAR	JEAN STEPHENS
CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR	BETH MARTIN
RECREATION BOARD SECRETARY	SUZETTE VILLAGOMEZ
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY	WENDY BRICK
ADMIN. ASST. / FINANCE	KRISTEN KELLY
LAND USE BOARD SECRETARY	WENDY BRICK
HISTORIC COMMISSION SECRETARY	WENDY BRICK
WATER & SEWER COLLECTOR	REGINA FLAMMER
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL OFFICER	JOSEPH BREZINA
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	MARGUERITE NEMETH
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT.	KEVIN DECKER
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MGMT.	JOHN HAIG
FIRE OFFICIAL	HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP
911 COORDINATOR/FIRE DEPT INVENTORY SUPPORT	KEITH SUKENNIKOFF
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	VERNON TOWNSHIP
WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT	JOHN PERRY
HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	FRED MOSES
POLICE DETECTIVE	JORDAN DESCAFANO

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Mayor

Krasnomowitz's appointments with the addition of Keith Sukennikoff as Fire Department Inventory Support. All councilmembers present were in favor.

IX. APPOINTMENTS - CROSSING GUARDS:

Mayor Krasnomowitz offered the following appointments as Crossing Guards:

- Lorraine Pastor Stacy Reardon - Captain.
- Sam Villagomez William Papanestor
- Hermalin Cruz

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Mayor Krasnomowitz's appointments as presented. All in favor

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – LAND USE BOARD:

Mayor Krasnomowitz made the following appointments to the Land Use Board: (9 Members + 2 Alternates).

- William Oehler – Class II** Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Daniel Hall – Class IV** Term expiring 12/31/2028
- Glenn Davey Roberts – Class IV** Term expiring 12/31/2028
- The above appointees join the following Land Use Board Members*
- George Endres- Class III Term expiring 12/31/2026
- Vacancy – Class IV alt #1 Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Vacancy – Class IV alt #2 Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Sam Villagomez -Class IV Term expiring 12/31/2027
- Vacancy - Class IV Term expiring 12/31/2027
- Pattie Brown - Class IV Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Jeannette Tempe – Class IV Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Mayor Richard Krasnomowitz – Class I Term expiring 12/31/2026

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz made the following appointments to the Historical Commission. (5 Members 4-year term + 2 Alternates 2-year term.)

- Lisaann Permunion – Class C Alt #1** Term expiring 12/31/2026
- the above appointees join the following Historic Commission Member*
- Charles McMickle – Class C Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Dan Barr – Class B Term expiring 12/31/2026
- Art Walton – Class C Term expiring 12/31/2026
- Bill Oehler- Class C Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Vacancy – Class C Alt # 2 Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Russ Brown – Class A Term expiring 12/31/2027

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT RECREATION COMMISSION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz made the following appointment to the Recreation Commission. (5 Members + 2 Alternates 5-year terms)

- Giuseppe (Joe) Caserta** Term expiring 12/31/2029
- Vacancy – Alternate #1** Term expiring 12/31/2029
- The above appointee will join the following Recreation Commission Members*
- Sam Villagomez Term expiring 12/31/2025
- Vacancy – Alternate #2 Term expiring 12/31/2026
- Art Walton Term expiring 12/31/2025

Vacancy Kyu K Lee apt 2/5/24
Kami Wolff

Term expiring 12/31/2027
Term expiring 12/31/2028

APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Krasnomowitz offered the following names for appointment to the Board of Public Works (Six Members + Mayor - Three (3) year terms):

Patricia Berado Term expiring 12/31/2027

Paul Marino Term expiring 12/31/2027

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Mayor Krasnomowitz's appointments as presented. All in favor

The above appointees join the following Board of Public Works Members

Ronald Garrett Term expiring 12/31/2025

Vacancy Term expiring 12/31/2025

John Moeckel Term expiring 12/31/2026

Vinnie Busteed Term expiring 12/31/2026

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the following appointments for the Officers of the Hamburg Fire Department for 2025:

Fire Chief Richard Padgett

1st Assistant Chief Sid Crum Jr.

Motion by Councilmember Haig seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Mayor Krasnomowitz's appointments as presented. All in favor

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - COUNCIL - COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the duties of each Council Member for the year 2025 with the mayor as ex-officio of each Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

SC Economic Development

Recreation Commission

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Office Administration

Board of Education

Grants and a Member of the Finance Committee

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Court

Police Commissioner

Fire Commissioner

Sanitation and Recycling

Solid Waste

OEM

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Building and Grounds

Road Department
Water Quality
BPW Liaison

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Finance
Board of Health
Municipal Drug Alliance
Open Space

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Land Use Board
Construction Department
Historical Society / Historic Commission

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Mayor Krasnomowitz's appointments as presented. All in favor.

MAYOR KRASNOMOWITZ'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Krasnomowitz wished everyone present a Happy New Year. He thanked all of those who work for the benefit of the Borough for their efforts in 2024. He thanked former Borough Clerk, Doreen Schott, who retired in 2024 for all she had done in her 30 years with the Borough. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated he was impressed by the way those involved handle the challenges of the past year. Especially the Microburst incident and the fire on Gingerbread Castle Road. He praised the skills of our emergency workers and of all those who came to our aid during these incidents.

Mayor Krasnomowitz also noted that a lot of good also happened during 2024. The opening of the new park with new picnic areas and pickle board courts and the new fire truck which has been paid in full, within budget, 2 years ahead of schedule. He commented on how beautiful the wonderful new holiday decorations look throughout town, also while costs stayed in budget. Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked the Council members for all their work and noted they will continue to work to keep budget increases down in the new year while providing the services the Borough residents need.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Krasnomowitz invited each member of the Council to offer any comments or thoughts they might have at this time.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig was pleased with the community's response to the decoration around the clock area and throughout town. A new welcome sign is being prepared for the clock area and they are looking to do more seasonal decorating of that area.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena stated he was looking forward to continuing his work for the Borough thanks to his re-election. He was pleased that time was taken to meet to further discuss the Fire Department's Junior Firefighters program so that a well-informed decision could be made. He

complimented the work of the Borough employees and noted it benefits the community.

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated his appreciation of the good communication between the school and the Borough. Councilmember Burd complimented both the school and Borough for keeping their costs down. He also complimented the work of the Borough employees and the comfortable atmosphere that exists within the Borough offices.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and noted she had visited the new park with her grandchildren and was surprised how much activity was available. She stated the Recreation Commission will be trying to add things to their schedule but was concerned by the need for volunteers. It is good for the town and makes a big difference in the community. She was highly complimentary of the new holiday décor and the impression it makes.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres thanked Mayor Krasnomowitz and the council members for everything they have done this past year for the community.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regards to the good and welfare of the Borough of Hamburg. A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

County Commissioner Alan Henderson was pleased to present a framed print of the Gingerbread Castle to the Borough from the estate of his late mother. He noted that he had been there as a child and remembered when his sister worked there as Gretel. Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked him thinking of the Borough and gifting the beautiful print to the Borough.

Ron Garrett, chairman of the Board of Public Works, expressed his honor at being the chairman of this board and his appreciation of the work they do for the residents of the Borough. After hearing no further comments from the public, a motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. All members present in favor.
Meeting Adjourned

Date Approved: 2/3/2025

Date Released 2/4/2025


Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk



Compiled and submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk