

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025 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:

Present:	Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Endres
	Councilmember Haig	Councilmember Oehler
	Councilmember Sena	Mayor Krasnomowitz
Absent:	Councilmember Law	
Also Present:	Attorney Clemack	
	Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk	

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Deputy Clerk advised:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 12, 2025 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".

January 6, 2025 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the January 6, 2025 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. All councilmember present were in favor.

January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All councilmember present were in favor.

January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All councilmember present 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres. All were in favor. Upon hearing no comments or concerns. Motion to close the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the bills list as presented. All in favor.

ORDINANCES:

Attorney Clemack offered a resolution to read all of the following ordinances by title only whether for introduction or adoption. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to read all of the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

Ordinance 01-2025 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All were in favor. No public comment. This ordinance was introduced at the January 6, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

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

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Ordinance 01-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Ordinance 02-2025 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 -8 B (11) RESTRICTIONS ON WATER USAGE; DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE-- OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All were in favor. No public comment. This ordinance was introduced at the January 6, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

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

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Ordinance 02-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Ordinance 03-2025 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20-FIRE DEPARTMENT - OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER'S AUXILLARY.

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All were in favor. No public comment. This ordinance was introduced at the January 6, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Sena to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve Ordinance 03-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, Abstain, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Ordinance 04-2025 1st Reading

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203-VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC-OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO PROHIBIT THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE FRONT YARD OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS EXCEPT ON HARD SURFACES DESIGNED FOR PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES

Attorney Clemack requested a possible change to the text he had given for this ordinance due to a concern regarding codifying. After reading by title only, a motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance 04-2025 Ordinance Amending Chapter 203-Vehicles and Traffic-of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg to Prohibit the Parking of Motor Vehicles on the Front Yard of Residential Lots except on hard surfaces designed for parking motor vehicles. Councilmember Haig questioned whether a gravel surface would be considered a hard surface. Attorney Clemack stated that a determination would need to be made defining a hard surface. Councilmembers voiced concerns regarding recreational vehicles, gravel driveways and costs to homeowners. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to table Ordinance 04-2025 for further discussion. All in favor.

Ordinance 05-2025 1st Reading

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 203- VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS REGARDING PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS ON STREETS OR ROADWAYS IN QUALIFIED PRIVATE COMMUNITIES

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 05-2025 Amending Chapter 203- Vehicles and Traffic - of The Code of The Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey - To Provide an Additional Regulations regarding parking during snow storms on streets or roadways in Qualified Private Communities. Second Reading scheduled for March 3, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

Ordinance 06-2025 1st Reading

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$ 75,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT AS NEEDED BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY.

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 06-2025 Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$ 75,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a Police Vehicle and Equipment as needed by the Borough of Hamburg, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey. Second reading scheduled for March 3, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-25 Salary Water/Sewer Superintendent

A motion was made by Councilmember Sena and seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2025-25 Salary Water/Sewer Superintendent. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated that employee had received notice and granted permission to discuss in public session. The employee hours are to be increased and the rate is in keeping with current. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack addressed the Affordable Housing Requirements Fourth Round. Currently the

Department of Community Affairs allocated 125 affordable units to the Borough. A sub-committee of the Land Use Board and the board planner studied the methodology of the DCA result and concluded in a report that the number should be around 74 units. Attorney Clemack noted that this is affordable housing units only. There are four regular market units for every affordable housing unit. Attorney Clemack noted the Borough is almost completely developed and has no developable land. Councilmembers noted that the borough also lacks sewer, water or other service capacities for dense development. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted currently if applicants for development purposes come to the Borough, they are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and we require 20% to be affordable. Land Use Committee Board attorney recommended no further action be taken at this time at this time.

Resolution 2025-26 Fourth Round Affordable Housing

Motioned by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-26 Fourth Round Affordable Housing. All in favor.

Attorney Clemack noted that a recent case held that emails discussing public government business sent to or from personal accounts of government officials are subject to OPRA. He reminded all present they should not be using personal accounts for municipal business.

Resolution 2025-27 Resignation of DPW laborer, Scott Knapp. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-27. All in favor.

ENGINEERING:

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Resolution 2025-28 Resignation of Peter Parigi, Police Officer Recruit. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-28. All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Zoning Report:	December 2024
Construction Report:	December 2024
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	December 2024
Police Report:	--
EMS Report:	December 2024
Fire Report:	January 2025
OEM	January 2025
Court:	December 2024
Board of Health:	December 2024
Animal Control:	--

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd noted the school budget is being prepared and will be presented in March.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler stated the Re-Organization meeting for the Recreation Commission had gone well. The Chairman for the commission will be Sam Villagomez, Co-Chair Art Walton. The Commission scheduled events for the year on the calendar and have assigned chairs and co-chairs for upcoming events. They have two new members incoming. Councilmember Oehler voiced concerns regarding the rising costs of events and funding. Councilmember Endres suggested a Christmas in July event.

Councilmember Oehler announced and congratulated the winners of the 2024 Holiday Decorating contest 1st Place 72 Orchard Street, 2nd Place 116 Rt. 23 S., 3rd Place 18 Linwood and Best Overall Street Linwood Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres informed those present that interviews for a new Borough Engineer had begun and several were scheduled for this week.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW - Absent

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

In the absence of Councilmember Law, Councilmember Haig present the Fire Department Parade Requests. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to permit the Borough Fire Department to participate. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig stated the new Borough sign is up and looks good. Spring décor is being planned.

Councilmember Haig received a call from the Fire Chief that there are necessary repairs needed and will be paid from their budget.

Councilmember Haig noted that the resignation of DPW worker requires permission to hire a new DPW worker. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to hire a new DPW worker. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena noted this is the year for the Borough Rabies Clinic.

Councilmember Sena stated Finance Committee has been meeting and they are currently in the cost cutting phase of the budget. There are some increased expenses due to health insurance and pensions. There are also vehicles which need to be purchased.

Councilmember Sena noted that as the liaison for the County Drug Alliance he has been working to make sure the newly acquired funding is distributed fairly.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Borough resident questioned whether the upcoming police vehicle purchase could be done through a co-op or program. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated some programs require a larger purchase quantity

then we need or could afford. Vehicles are purchased under state contract. Attorney Clemack noted that the State contracts in bulk and sets price.

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

Councilmember Endres asked if there had been progress with honoring hometown heroes. Councilmember Haig stated that we had run out of funds but would be moving forward now that other projects are complete. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that in some towns the banners are sponsored by those who nominate the honoree.

Councilmember Sena wanted to remind the Council that the Borough will be receiving grant funds for improvements to the Borough parks sometime in the Spring.

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

1. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes 11/4/2024 (1/23/25)
2. Sussex County Commissioners - Resolution Re-Appointing County Historian (1/23/25)
3. Sussex County Agriculture Development Board Minutes Frankford Twsp. (1/23/25)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 3/3/25

Date Released 3/4/25

Beth Martin
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Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk