

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MARCH 17, 2025 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 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”.

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 Oehler. All were in favor. Upon hearing no comments or concerns. Motion to close the bills list to the public was made by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All were in favor. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the bills list as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-39 Resolution Authorizing Participation of the Borough of Hamburg in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) Cross-Acceptance Process

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to accept Resolution 2025-39 Authorizing Participation of the Borough of Hamburg in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) Cross-Acceptance Process. All were in favor.

2025-40 Statewide Insurance Fund Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner 2025 Fund Year

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2025-40 Appointing Statewide Insurance Fund - Fund Commissioner 2025 Fund Year. All in favor.

2025-41 Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant 2025 Fund Year

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to accept Resolution 2025-41 Appointing Risk Management Consultant 2025 Fund Year. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

As Attorney Clemack was not present Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to approve the sale of surplus on Municibid new/unused Police Phones. Current value \$500 ea. Councilmembers discussed minimum acceptable as they will not advertise a minimum bid. \$450 was considered to be acceptable by all. Items to be considered both as a group and individually. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to auction the new/unused Police phones. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres stated, at the March 10th meeting of the Land Use Board, board members reviewed and discussed Ordinance 215-22.1 in reference to recent inquiry about owning backyard chickens. The board did not recommend any changes to the ordinance which requires three acres for a livestock unit.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law announced the Fire Department had received it's first applicant for the Junior Firefighters Program. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Dakota Padgett as a junior member of the Hamburg Fire Department pending approval of his physical. All in Favor.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated that the shrubs and tree in front of the Borough Hall had been removed due to their deteriorating condition and would be replaced.

Councilmember Haig was provided with information regarding the historic school bell donated to the Borough and would like to place it in the cleared area on a concrete pad. He is investigating placing a plaque with pertinent information with the bell.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the floor to Police Chief Jason Tangorra regarding signage on the Orchard Street extension.

Chief Tangorra noted that the current signs for snowplowing are very confusing because the move start time is 2 AM in the morning. He recommended the signs state overnight. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if the ordinance stated on the signs includes time. If so, ordinance would need to be changed. Councilmembers agreed that the ordinance should be amended. Councilmember Sena noted it should be investigated further and an amendment brought to the next meeting. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the floor to Chief Tangorra.

Councilmember Haig stated there had been an incident at the Riverbank Park. Persons broke into the basketball. Cameras and more benches for the pickleball courts are still needed. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted they had also discussed landscaping a dividing berm.

Councilmember Burd stated if the park is being damaged, cameras are needed and asked if there was a more affordable solution. Councilmember Law mentioned posting signs when cameras are installed so people are aware they can be seen. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested the greatest need was supplying power to the park and the possibility of installing motion activated lighting. Councilmembers agreed to start with supplying power and work on the project step by step.

Councilmember Haig noted that the entrance was also a concern. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if there were any cost estimates for paving the entrance. He requested estimates for paving the entrance and possibly the parking area. Councilmember Haig said he would contact pavers.

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 Department**

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 Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler 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 resume the public meeting. All were in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Mr. Austin Morris as first choice candidate for police department hire as a Police officer at Probationary Step for June Academy Training pending fulfilling background check, physical and all other requirements. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Council-member Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 4/7/25

Date Released 4/8/25

Beth Martin

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Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk

