

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON APRIL 7, 2025 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:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:**

Present:	Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Endres
	Councilmember Haig	Councilmember Law
	Councilmember Oehler	Councilmember Sena
	Mayor Krasnomowitz	

Also Present: Attorney Clemack  
Beth Martin, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Jean Stephens, Deputy 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".

**March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. All councilmembers present were in favor.

**March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. All councilmembers present were in favor.

**March 17, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. All councilmembers 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 Oehler, 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 Endres. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the bills list as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, Abstain, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET – 2025**

Mayor Krasnomowitz opened the floor to CFO Joe Brezina and Man Lee the Borough's Auditor, for the introduction presentation of the municipal budget. All were in favor. CFO Joe Brezina presented the 2025 municipal budget. The municipal tax rate percentage for the year 2025 is 1.9%. Based on an average assessed home value of \$160,560 the increase per month will be \$4.30 per household. The 2025 budget will allow the municipality to maintain all the municipal services, allow for municipal improvements and purchasing of necessary equipment, and increases our contribution to the capital fund which will allow for future projects. The biggest portion of revenue comes from property taxes, at 69%. Members of the council thanked Joe and the committee for all the hard work put into creating the budget. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested that the CFO send a copy of the presentation to himself and all councilmembers. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce the 2025 Municipal Budget with second reading and adoption scheduled for May 5, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Council. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES. All were 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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to read all of the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

## **ORDINANCES:**

### **Ordinance 07-2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

#### **ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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. This ordinance was introduced at the March 3, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

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

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig, to approve Ordinance 07-2025 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. All in favor.

### **Ordinance 04-2025 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Tabled from the 3/3/2025 meeting)**

#### **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**

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to introduce Ordinance 04-2025 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. Ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for May 5, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Council. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, NO, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **2025-43 Self Examination of Budget Resolution**

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-43 Self Examination of Budget Resolution. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember NO, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

### **2025-44 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$7,000**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-44 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$7,000. All in favor.

### **2025-45 DPW Hire – Charles Morehouse**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2025-45 DPW Hire – Charles Morehouse to start on April 22, 2025. All in favor.

### **2025-46 Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites**

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-46 Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites. All in favor.

### **2025-47 Accepting Total from Municibid (PD Phones)**

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept Resolution 2025-47 Accepting Total from Municibid (PD Phones). All in favor.

## **ATTORNEY HOUR:**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:**

Attorney Clemack will offer 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 Contract**
2. **Attorney Client Privilege**
3. **Personnel – Police Hire**

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.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept the resolution as offered. All in favor.

Sale of Surplus on Municibid – DPW 2009 Dodge Sterling Mason Dump with plow and salter minimum bid \$13,000 and Office HP Envy 20 TouchSmart Computer minimum bid \$275

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve sale of the above. All in favor.

## **MAYOR'S AGENDA:**

Motion by Councilmember Endres , Seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Block Party for Prospect Ave May 24, 2025. All in favor.

Mayor was pleased to announce the Borough was awarded a Recreation grant totaling \$76,895.00 for improvements over at Gingerbread Castle Road Park.

## **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:	February & March 2025
Construction Report:	February & March 2025
Treasurer Report:	February & March 2025
Tax Report:	March 2025
Police Report:	February & March 2025
EMS Report:	February & March 2025
Fire Report:	February & March 2025
OEM	February & March 2025
Court:	February 2025
Board of Health:	January, February & March 2025

Animal Control: --

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

Councilmember Burd noted that we have received several resumes for the position of Administrative Assistant/Finance Clerk and have scheduled interviews with three of the candidates.

### **COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER**

Councilmember Oehler stated Recreation Commission held a Family Swim at the Sussex YMCA and it was a successful event. She discussed plans for a Hamburg Day scavenger hunt that would encourage attendees to visit every vendor and announced that they already had their first vendor for the event. Councilmember Endres asked if they were reaching out to more food vendors. Councilmember Oehler stated that the Commission was contacting more food and other vendors to grow the event.

### **COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES**

Councilmember Endres announced the joint meeting of the Hamburg and Hardyston Land Use Boards to discuss "The Woods" project would be held on April 14, 2025 at 7 PM in Hardyston's meeting room. Mayor Krasnomowitz encouraged Council members and public to attend.

Councilmember Endres noted that the Zoning Officer, Joe Drossel, had issued several warnings and summonses regarding property maintenance violations. Several were to repeat offenders which Mayor Krasnomowitz noted is a problem for the Borough and requested assistance from Attorney Clemack. Attorney Clemack stated the Borough has property maintenance ordinances which do allow for the Borough to provide clean up if necessary. He also noted that the fines are higher for multiple offenses. Attorney Clemack said if fines remain unpaid the Borough could place a lien. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the issue needs to be addressed further.

### **COUNCILMEMBER LAW**

Councilmember Law noted all his reports were in the consent agenda and the remaining issue was for Executive session.

### **COUNCILMEMBER HAIG**

Councilmember Haig stated that he and DPW supervisor, Alec Yanish, had inspected a line striper for sale. The purchase was made through Sourcewell for \$5998 and will be used for roads and fields. Cost was split between Open Space and Capital Funds.

### **COUNCILMEMBER SENA**

Councilmember Sena noted regarding the park and Open Space they had purchased smaller goals for the younger children's teams. There is growing activity at the park and the Borough is looking to see what can encourage the activity and use of the fields.

The Committee is still meeting with engineers to finalize a choice for the new Borough Engineer. The acid management plan for water and sewer is being addressed as part of this process. Plans and improvements have been a large part of these interviews and discussions. As part of that discussion the possibility of obtaining grants towards this goal arose and a grant writing company was recommended. This company, Millenium, has a large grant database and could assist in the process. They have both annual agreements and hourly rates. Councilmember Sena would like to meet with their representatives face to face with members of the Council. He recommended Councilmembers Haig and Burd join him for this proposed meeting.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz will offer a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regard to the good and welfare with the Borough. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by councilmember Oehler to open to the public. All in favor.

Hearing no comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into Executive Session. All in favor.

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

Attorney Clemack requested a roll call to verify all members were present.

A roll call was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES, Mayor Krasnomowitz, YES.

**Resolution 2025-48** to accept in the case of Postorino v. Borough of Hamburg approved that insurance counsel be advised by the Borough Attorney of the resolution discussed by the members of Council in Executive Session. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-48. All in favor.

**Resolution 2025-49** to accept Mr. Hunter Ryan as a candidate for police department hire as a Police officer at Probationary Step for Academy Training pending fulfilling background check, physical and all other requirements effective per Police Chief Tangorra. Motion by Councilmember Oehler,

seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-49. All in favor.

**Resolution 2025-50** Approving the Contract for Police Chief Jason Tangorra, retroactive to January 1, 2023 and valid until December 31, 2027. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Resolution 2025-50.

A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

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

1. Hamburg Land Use Board - Legal Notice of Hearing. May 10, 2025 (3/7/2025)
2. Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Council Minutes September 10, 2024 (3/18/2025)
3. JCP&L Notice of Public Hearings (3/18/2025)
4. S.C. Dept. of Health Office of Mosquito Control (3/18/2025)
5. S.C. Agriculture Development Board Minutes February 18, 2025 (3/20/2025)
6. S.C. Dept of Health - Upcoming Events February 2025 (3/20/2025)
7. McCarter & English RE: KP Kit & Jay LLC. Blk 14 Lot 11 (3/20/2025)
8. NJ WasteWise Bulletin Spring 2025 Newsletter (3/25/2025)
9. S.C. Open Space Committee Minutes February 27, 2025 (3/28/2025)
10. NJ DEP Division of Water Resource Mgmt. RE: Water Monitoring 3/13/25 (3/28/2025)
11. NJ Dept. of Health Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report 3/22/25 (3/28/2025)
12. NJ Dept. of Health Measles Warning 3/28/25 (3/28/2025)
13. NJ DEP Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification 19 Prospect Ave. (4/2/2025)
14. NJ DEP Waste Guidance for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza waste. (4/2/2025)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Date Approved 5/5/2025

Date Released 5/6/2025

Beth Martin

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Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk