

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MAY 5, 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 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".

April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All councilmembers present were in favor.

April 7, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the April 7, 2025 Executive 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 Endres, 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 Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor. A motion by Councilmember Oehler, 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.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET – 2025

Mayor and Council held a public hearing of the 2024 Hamburg Municipal Budget. Same was published on April 15, 2025 in the NJ Herald as required by law as certified by Acting Municipal Clerk, Beth Martin.

A motion was made by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the

meeting to the public for comments on the adoption of the budget. All were in favor. After hearing no comments from the public, a motion was made by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law to adopt the budget 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.

Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked all the employees and professionals who worked to put this stable budget together.

2024 MUNICIPAL AUDIT – Audit was emailed to Governing Body on 4/29/2025

- Synopsis of Audit to be published as provided by law in the New Jersey Herald / Sunday Herald.
- Certification of receipt of Audit to be signed by Council

Councilmember Law thanked everyone for their hard work.

Resolution 2025-53 Governing Body Certification of Annual Audit (addressed above)

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to Resolution 2025-53 Certification of Audit. All in favor.

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to read all of the following ordinance by title only. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 04-2025 2nd 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

Motion by Councilmember Endres, 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 April 7, 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 Endres, to approve Ordinance 04-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, NO, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, ABSENT, Councilmember Sena, YES.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-51 Hiring of Finance Clerk / Administrative Assistant – Danielle Sena

Councilmember Sena recused himself, and removed himself from the room for this resolution.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember to accept Resolution 2025-51 Hiring of Finance Clerk / Administrative Assistant – Danielle Sena. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES

2025-52 Chapter 159 Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$2,488.47

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-52 Chapter 159 Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$2,488.47. All in favor.

2025-54 Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan in Connection with the Audit Report Year 2024

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-54 Approving the Corrective Action Plan in Connection with the Audit Report Year 2024. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to open the floor so that our new Borough Engineer could introduce himself. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Law. Pual Ferriero from Boswell Engineering introduced himself, gave a brief history of his experience and what he hoped it could do for the Borough. Councilmember Sena thanked all the committee members for their diligence and patience over the months it took to interview. Councilmember Haig agreed and stated Boswell Engineering is the best fit for the Borough. Councilmember Endres agreed.

2025-55 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Borough Engineering Services with Boswell Engineering

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-55 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Borough Engineering Services with Boswell Engineering. All in favor.

2025-56 Rescinding Resolution 2025-47 – Accepting Municibid Total (PD Phones)

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-56 Rescinding Resolution 2025-47 – Accepting Municibid Total (PD Phones). All in favor.

2025-57 Accepting Totals from Municibid

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2057 Accepting Totals from Municibid. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack began by presenting the final contract for Police Chief Jason Tangorra. Per Attorney Clemack all revisions have been made and both parties are satisfied.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept contract. 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: April 2025

Construction Report: --

Treasurer Report: April 2025

Tax Report: April 2025

Police Report: --

EMS Report: --

Fire Report: --

OEM --
Court: --
Board of Health: March 2025
Animal Control: --
Animal Control: --

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd attended the budget meeting for the Hamburg School Budget.

Councilmember Burd stated the Business Administrator Amanda Weaver had done an excellent job presenting the budget. Councilmember Burd reviewed the presentation briefly with those in attendance. Councilmember Burd noted the Health Benefits increased approximately 23% and with the increase the school stayed within the 2% increase.

Councilmember then addressed Wallkill Valley Regional High School's budget. He noted we are looking at what might be an increase of 13.7% which translates to roughly over 11,000 per month increase.

Councilmember Burd also brought a letter from Dr. Kimberly Sigman to the council's attention regarding damage to the 1900's school building.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler noted plans for Hamburg Day are ongoing. She stated the Recreation Commission has booked a band for the afternoon.

Councilmember Oehler stated she has heard that a member of the commission has resigned but is not able to confirm. Mayor Krasnomowitz reminded her that an official letter of resignation may not be necessary. Councilmember Oehler will continue to reach out to the member.

Councilmember Oehler noted the location for the Hamburg contests may have to change.

Upcoming is the Ice Cream Social, Miners game and Hamburg Day.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres review the Zoning report for the record.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law all reports are in the Consent agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated that we are having difficulty getting everyone to take the mandatory Harassment Training. Councilmember Sena suggested we give them another month to complete the requirement. Councilmember Burd questioned how often this training must be completed.

Councilmember Sena stated he had been told it is meant to be completed annually. Attorney Clemack noted it is a good faith effort to prevent harassment from occurring and could be used as part of defense should an incident occur. Mayor Krasnomowitz and Councilmember Sena requested a copy of the list of those who have not attended. Councilmember Law requested a copy of the list for the departments on which he is liaison.

Councilmember Haig stated he would be working with the new Borough Engineer to fix the school's crumbling sidewalks.

Councilmember Haig noted that regarding property maintenance; the season for mowing has arrived and certain properties the town will have to address. Mayor Krasnomowitz reminded

Councilmember Haig to work with the Property Maintenance/Zoning Officer to identify properties. Councilmember Haig stated he and Councilmember Sena had been to the recreation fields and they have been treated for dandelions but will need another treatment.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena announced that the Rec Soccer Club will be holding their tournament. Anticipated attendance is between 1200-1500. Councilmember Sena will be making all necessary parties aware of what is needed for the event including OEM, Police for both Hamburg and Hardyston.

Councilmember Sena noted that new goals had been ordered and the fields lined for both younger and older teams.

Councilmember Sena stated now that the budget has been approved, they can begin some of the grant projects planned for the parks.

Board of Health – Issuing Animal Summons (29 owners – 43 animals)

Sale of Surplus on Municibid – DPW Kohler Generator minimum bid \$8500 and DPW lawn mower minimum bid \$200. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve sale of the above. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted each member of the council has received a letter from Tax/Water/Sewer Collector Regina Flammar announcing her retirement as of November 1, 2025. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept the retirement. All in favor.

Councilmember Law noted that it was with some regret as she has been serving the Borough so well for so long. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Councilmember Burd form a committee to develop a plan for that department upon her retirement.

PUBLIC PORTION:

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

School Superintendent Kimberly Sigman addressed some of the expenses in the school budget and noted new Business Administrator Amanda Weaver had worked diligently with her to keep costs as low as possible. She thanked School Liaison, Councilmember Burd, for attending the budget meetings and invited those present and future liaisons to participate so there is a clear understanding and transparency with regard to the school budget.

Superintendent Sigman then addressed the issues with the school's 1900's building. They had made repairs due to previous water damage and were in the process of repairing windows damaged by the microburst when further issues were discovered. She stated no one is allowed in the building currently mainly due to asbestos and sagging floor joists. They are removing the asbestos and they have been given three options regarding needed repairs. One option they will not consider is the destruction of the building due to its historic value and importance to the community. She stated the school had completed several repairs in stages over previous years and it has been confirmed that the building is in no danger of collapsing. Superintendent Sigman stated they are waiting for more information from the Engineer and Architect.

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

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that over the last month it had come to his attention that we might be interested in replacing the council folders with tablets. He did not want to make the change without the Councilmembers in agreement. This was suggested in response to concerns regarding using personal devices and OPRA requests. Cost and savings were also discussed. The majority of councilmembers were in agreement. Councilmember Oehler was not in favor. Tablet purchase was approved.

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

1. Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Council Minutes February 6, 2025 (4/30/2025)
2. SC Planning Board Minutes February 3, 2025 (4/30/2025)
3. Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Council Minutes March 11, 2025 (4/30/2025)
4. LOGS Legal Group LLP - Foreclosure 29 Circle Dr. (4/30/2025)
5. NJEDA Main Street Acquisition Grant Notice (4/30/2025)
6. NJ Legislature Meeting Notification (4/30/2025)
7. S.C. Board of Taxation Final Equalization Table (4/30/2025)
8. S.C. Board of Taxation Resolution #04162025-03 (4/30/2025)
9. NJ DOT Grant Applications now being accepted. (4/30/2025)
10. JCP&L Notice of Public hearing (4/30/2025)
11. S.C. Agriculture Development board minutes March 17, 2025 (4/30/2025)
12. Habitat for Humanity NWNJ Events and Information Flyer (4/30/2025)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 6/2/2025

Date Released 6/2/2025

Beth Martin

Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk