

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JUNE 2, 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".

May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the May 5, 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 Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler. All were in favor.

Upon hearing no comments or concerns, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the bills list to the public. All were in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd 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.

ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 08-2025 - 1st Reading

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE WATER/SEWER CAPITOL
IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
WATER/SEWER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG**

TO BE UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY WATER QUALITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 08-2025, Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$50,000 from the Water/Sewer Capitol Improvement Fund to Provide for the Development of a Water/Sewer Asset Management Plan for the Borough of Hamburg to be Undertaken Pursuant to the New Jersey Water Quality Accountability Act. Second reading scheduled for July 7, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

Ordinance 09-2025 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE LOCAL ASSESSOR OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 09-2025 Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation for the Preparation and Execution of a Complete Program of Revaluation of Real Property for the Use of the Local Assessor of the Borough of Hamburg, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey. Second reading scheduled for July 7, 2025. All in favor.

Ordinance 10-2025 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 44-POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 10-2025 Amending Chapter 44-Police Department of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to Provide Additional Qualifications for Membership in the Police Department. Second reading scheduled for July 7, 2025. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-58 Resolution Adopting the 2025 Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-58 Adopting the 2025 Sussex County Hazard Mitigation Plan. All in favor.

2025-59 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$50,000.00

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-59 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$50,000.00. All in favor.

2025-60 Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-60 Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities. All in favor.

Resolutions 2025-61 thru 2025-64 are covered below under Liquor License Renewals 2025-2026

2025-65 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$8,555.93

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-65 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2025 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$8,555.93. All in favor.

2025-66 Resolution Authorizing for Engineering Services Related to the Development of an Asset Management Plan for the Water Utility to Boswell Engineering

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-66 Authorizing for Engineering Services Related to the Development of an Asset Management Plan for the Water Utility to Boswell Engineering. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law authorizing sale of the following surplus property (Fire Department) on Municibid with the listed started minimum bid.

- 38 Stackable Office Chairs with Dolly - \$500
- Setina Push Bumper with lights - \$150
- 31 Scott 30-minute SCBA Bottles (used/out dated) - \$310
- Incident Command Cabinet - \$300
- Whelen LFL Liberty Lightbar - \$100
- Code 3 Lightbar - \$75.00
- 1 MSA Air Bottle (out of service/out of date) - \$20.00
- 1 Scott 60-minute Air Bottle (used/out dated) - \$25.00

All in favor.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to sponsor the Hamburg Fire Department Annual Golf Outing with a donation of \$100. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz asked all councilmembers to take note of the JCP&L Distribution Maintenance Cycle Trimming Notice pertaining to the Franklin Substation.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS 2025-2026 (Resolutions 2025-61 thru 2025-64)

The Licenses listed below have received tax clearance, all fees paid, Chief Tangorra advised there was no issue with renewing

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| • Restaurant Kaya (Cravin Thai) | 1909-33-003-01001 |
| • Hamburg Krishna, LLC. (Hamburg Discount Liquors) | 1909-44-002-007 |
| • Marketplace Liquors | 1909-33-005-006 |

Liquor License for SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) is waiting for tax clearance certificate to be uploaded on POSSE

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| • SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) | 1909-33-004-006 |
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Resolution 2025-61 Liquor License Renewal – Restaurant Kaya

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-61 Liquor License Renewal – Restaurant Kaya. All were in favor.

Resolution 2025-62 Liquor License Renewal – Hamburg Krishna, LLC (Hamburg Discount Liquors)

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to Resolution 2025-62 Liquor License Renewal – Hamburg Krishna, LLC (Hamburg Discount Liquors). A roll call vote

was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Council-member Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, Abstained, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Resolution 2025-63 Liquor License Renewal – Marketplace Liquors

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-63 Liquor License Renewal – Marketplace Liquors. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Council-member Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, Abstained, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Resolution 2025-64 Liquor License Renewal – SJR Co. LLC (Doc's)

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-64 Liquor License Renewal – SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) pending receipt of tax clearance. All were in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted with the upcoming retirement of Regina Flammer, our Tax/Water Collector, some staffing changes would need to be made.

Councilmember Sena recused himself, and removed himself from the dais.

Mayor Krasnomowitz proposed Danielle Sena, currently Administrative Assistant be moved into an assistant to the Collector position and take the training to become a certified Tax Collector, expense to be incurred by the Borough. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated a certified Tax Collector would be needed until she received her certification and could be hired as a shared service. He suggested Danielle move up as soon as possible so she can be trained by the current collector.

Councilmembers asked if there would be a salary change. Mayor Krasnomowitz said there would be no change at this time.

If the move is agreed upon the Borough would then need to fill the Administrative Assistant position. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested hiring applicant Jennifer Valerius to fill that position part time.

Resolution 2025-67 Authorizing Danielle Sena to take Rutgers University Courses for Tax Collection and Change Title to Assistant to the Collector

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2025-67 Authorizing Danielle Sena to take Rutgers University Courses for Tax Collection and Change Title to Assistant to the Collector. All Councilmembers present in favor.

Resolution 2025-68 Hiring of Part Time Finance Clerk / Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Valerius

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law, to accept Resolution 2025-68 Hiring of Part Time Finance Clerk / Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Valerius. All Councilmembers present in favor.

CONSENT MINUTES:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WERE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION, THERE WAS NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS.

Zoning Report:	--
Construction Report:	April 2025
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	--
Police Report:	April 2025
EMS Report:	April 2025
Fire Report:	April & May 2025
OEM	April & May 2025

Court: April 2025

Board of Health: April 2025

Animal Control: --

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd noted the current Personnel Policy needed to be corrected to reflect changes previously voted upon with regard to sick time. Borough employees sick time was increased in keeping with changes made to the DPW contract and the personnel policy was not updated. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated, as it was already voted, the personnel policy needed to be updated and distributed to employees.

Councilmember Burd attended a meeting at the school regarding needed repairs. The meeting was attended by the School's Architect and Engineer and they restated three previously noted options. The first would be to repair the lintel and façade and install the new windows at a cost of between \$657,000 and \$766,000. The second option, a bit more detailed, would cost approximately \$894,000 and third would be to remove the building at a cost of over \$11,000,000. Councilmember Haig asked who would be checking that the quality of the repairs and certify it for use. Councilmember Burd stated it would need to be checked by an inspector. The school's insurance is still looking in to the matter. No one will be allowed to use the building for some time.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler was please to announce the success of the Family Golf Day. They had 39 participants. It was a windy but well enjoyed event.

Councilmember Oehler voiced concern due to a lack of contestants for Miss Hamburg. They are also in need of another volunteer to assist with judging.

Hamburg Day which is coming up on August 24 already has 19 vendors and currently includes two food truck options.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres noted there was a double blast at the Quarry in the past week. Several residents were disturbed and one resident sent pictures of debris and stone he'd found on his car after a blast. Councilmember Endres contacted the company and it is being investigated. He will be following up with Deep Core Logic.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law read the Police Department Report into the record

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There was an update to the Fire Department Officers. Fire Chief Richard Padgett Jr, Asst. Chief Jason Reardon, Captain James McCurry, and Lieutenant Jacob Mosher.

Councilmember Law stated he was pleased with the OEM drill last month that was attended by area fire departments, the mayor and OEM. It was very in depth and the information provided by the state was very helpful.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated the landscaping in front of town hall has been redone. The bell is in place and Dan Barr is working on a plaque to be added with its history.

Regarding the search for more storage space Councilmember Haig stated they have received a quote on a forty-foot shipping container with 4 side doors totaling \$5,200.00 with freight. The container is guaranteed to be water and animal proof. The space can be divided up to accommodate different departments if needed. They are still discussing the best location. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to purchase a forty-foot shipping container for storage for the Borough at a cost of \$5200. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig met with Atlantic Health Services. Hamburg will be hosting two ambulances for the area. As this will cause a parking shortage, he spoke with the corporate representative for Wells Fargo bank and they are willing to let the emergency service personnel park their personal vehicles in the lower lot by the Borough Hall. This would free up space in the Borough Hall parking lot for residents.

Councilmember Haig proposed delineating the Borough Riverview Park and Pickle Ball Field property from the factory property with a fence as a cost-effective option. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested a post and rail fence. Councilmember Haig will be obtaining quotes.

Councilmember Haig discussed quotes he had obtained to replace the front doors of Borough Hall. Prices ranging from \$3850 – 11,000 per door. The lowest quote requires an additional quote for preparing the opening for the new doors. Councilmember Law asked why this was the case. Councilmember Haig opened the floor to Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk who had spoken directly with the vendor. She stated that the company only sells and installs doors. They will work with whoever is hired to make sure everything is done properly. Floor closed to Jean Stephens. Councilmember Haig will obtain quotes for the door prep.

Councilmember Haig stated the need to discuss Harassment Training. He voiced concern regarding attendance at the current every year training. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested the Council pass a resolution requiring training every five years for existing volunteers and employees, and immediately upon hire for new employees and new volunteers before starting their position. Attorney Clemack asked if he wanted it included in the personnel manual. Mayor Krasnomowitz agreed that it should be incorporated into the manual.

Resolution 2025-69 Establishing Harassment Training Requirement for Employees and Volunteers Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept the Resolution 2025-69 Establishing Harassment Training Requirement for Employees and Volunteers All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Tax Resolution T-2025-002 Block 25 Lot 16 11 Route 23

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution T-2025-002 – Redeem Third Party Tax Sale Certificate Block 25 Lot 16, 11 Route 23. All in Favor.

Councilmember Sena noted the Cross County Soccer Tournament will be taking place June 7th and should be using both Hamburg and Hardyston fields. Approximately 1000-1200 in attendance.

Councilmember Sena stated the Municipal Drug Alliance - Wallkill Valley Community Coalition has planned several upcoming events which include: an event for the High School seniors with speakers, barbeque and ice cream. The Safety Town program for incoming Kindergartners. The Alliance is also sponsoring a summer concert at Wheatsworth Park and the Changing the Face of Addiction Walk for the Center for Prevention. Councilmember Sena stated he has been encouraging Dr. Kimberly Sigman, Hamburg School Chief Administrator to join the Coalition as Hamburg needs another representative.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested 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.

Lisa DeRitter from the Center for Prevention & Counseling was introduced by Councilmember Sena and invited to speak about the programs being provided to Hamburg School and Wallkill Valley High School. She provided folders to all council members and briefly reviewed all programs. She mentioned the programs start with kindergarten puppet shows, continues with programs designed for all grades and are free of cost. Councilmember Haig had questions about the "Don't Get Vaped In" program. Mrs. DeRitter stated the children don't realize the dangers of vaping and are drawn to it by marketing with fun flavors and colors, along with sales gimmicks like smart vapes. They are working to increase awareness of the dangerous ingredients and potential health hazards. The Mayor and Council thanked Mrs. DeRitter for her work on behalf of the community.

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

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

1. Sussex County Planning Board Minutes April 7, 2025 (5/29/2025)
2. Sussex County Agricultural Development Board Minutes April 21, 2025 (5/29/2025)
3. Foreclosure Notice – 30 Quarry Road (5/29/2025)
4. NJ Transit 2025 Request for Financial Assistance (5/29/2025)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 7/7/2025

Date Released 7/7/2025

Beth Martin
Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk