

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JULY 7, 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	Mayor Krasnomowitz
Absent:	Councilmember Sena	
Also Present:	Attorney Clemack	
	Beth Martin, Acting Municipal Clerk	
	Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk	

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Adequate notice of this meeting was 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".

June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All councilmembers present were in favor.

June 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the June 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Endres abstained from the vote. All remaining 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. All were in favor.

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

Motion by Councilmember Law, 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, YES, Councilmember Oehler, 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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to read all of the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

Ordinance 08-2025 – 2nd 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**

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 June 2, 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 Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 08-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES.

Ordinance 09-2025 – 2nd 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**

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law 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 June 2, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 09-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES.

Ordinance 10-2025 – 2nd 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**

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law 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 June 2, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law. 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 adopt Ordinance 10-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES.

Ordinance 11-2025 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT NUISANCE OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for the first reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Sena to introduce Ordinance 11-2025 Amending the Borough Zoning Ordinance to Prohibit Nuisance Outdoor Lighting with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for August 4, 2025. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-71 Special Emergency Resolution – NJS 4A:40-53,55

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-71 Special Emergency Resolution – NJS 4A:4-53, 55. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES.

2025-72 NJ Department of Community Affairs Leap Implementation Grant Resolution FY25 (Vernon Township Animal Control) Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2025-72 NJ Department of Community Affairs Leap Implementation Grant Resolution FY25. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz opened the floor to Councilmember Oehler. Councilmember Oehler stated the Secretary of the Recreation Commission resigned after the June meeting. The Mayor and Council accepted the resignation of Recreation Secretary, Suzette Villagomez, with regret. Councilmember Oehler noted Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk, has agreed to assist until the end of year while the commission advertises for a new secretary. Councilmember Oehler would like to have new secretary in place for training by September/October.

2025-73 Resolution Appointing Jean Stephens – Interim Recreation Secretary

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2025-73 Resolution Appointing Jean Stephens – Interim Recreation Secretary. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler authorizing sale of the following surplus property (Police Department) on Municibid with the listed started minimum bid. All in favor.

- 2014 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor – starting bid \$2000

MAYOR'S MINUTES:

No Report at this time.

CONSENT MINUTES:

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 MINUTES AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Zoning Report:	May & June 2025
Construction Report:	May 2025
Treasurer Report:	May & June 2025
Tax Report:	May 2025
Police Report:	May & June 2025
EMS Report:	--

Fire Report: June 2025
OEM June 2025
Court: May 2025
Board of Health: May 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 previously it had been estimated that our portion of funding for Wallkill Valley Regional High School would be 14%. The actual percentage will be just under 10%. The monthly amount is still an increase from last year.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler updated the council on upcoming events. the Ice Cream Social is happening on Saturday, July 12. Miners Game is July 19th and there are still 20 tickets available. 20 have already been sold. Hamburg Day now has at least 15 vendors, the mobile library, several food vendors.

Councilmember Oehler asked if there was a way Recreation Events could get more exposure on the website. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the floor to Jean Stephens who handles the Borough website. All in favor. Mrs. Stephens recommended giving Recreation its own tab on the website and requested permission to makes changes as needed. Mayor Krasnomowitz gave her permission to makes the changes. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close floor to Jean Stephens. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres read Zoning report into minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law noted the SWAC (Solid Waste Advisory Committee) meeting was once again cancelled. He also stated two new police officers are now on the road.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated storage container has been ordered and shipping is delayed. Noted we can not move the EMS until it is ready.

Flags (American, NJ and POW) have been ordered for Clock area.

Councilmember Haig noted he'd heard that Dover was selling Christmas Décor and he will be taking a look at what is being sold to see if it would benefit the Borough.

Councilmember Haig received a letter from the NJ Department of Transportation, Mayor received the same letter regarding highway safety and they will be meeting with them virtually on July 14.

Councilmember Haig ceded the floor to Mayor Krasnomowitz regarding 25 Oak Point Drive. The water at this location was accidentally turned off in error (during Borough shutoffs). The homeowners did not realize what had happened and called in a plumber. The Board of Public Works has recommended we reimburse the homeowners . Motion by Councilmember Burd,

seconded by Councilmember Oehler to reimburse the homeowners for the plumber expense of \$266.56. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

No Report.

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 Haig to open to the public. All in favor.

Resident asked about the progress on the Hometown Hero flags that had previously been discussed. Councilmember Haig noted they are completing some previous projects and it was in the works. Resident stated some towns ask the family and friends to pay for the flags. Mayor Krasnomowitz and Councilmember Haig stated they believed it should be the Borough's responsibility.

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.

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. **Attorney – Client Privilege Employee Employment Matter**
2. **Postorino vs. Hamburg**

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

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

Attorney Clemack requested a roll call upon return from Executive session.

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

Councilmember Haig recused himself and removed himself from the dais.

Attorney Clemack read Resolution 2025- 74 into the record.

Resolution 2025-74 Adopting the Hearing Officer's Recommendation Regarding Officer Dana Black. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt the Hearing Officer's recommended disciplinary action and dismissing charges against Officer Dana Black. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES.

Attorney Clemack read Resolution 2025- 75 into the record.

Resolution 2025-75 Adopting the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Terminate Officer Dana Black.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-75 Adopting the Hearing Officer's Recommendation to Terminate Officer Dana Black. A roll call vote was taken: Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES.

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

1. Sparta Township: Notice of Hearing 6/18/2025 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan (6/9/2025)
2. Franklin Borough - Notice of Hearing 6/16/2025 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan (6/9/2025)
3. SC Planning Board Meeting Minutes 5/5/2025 (6/9/2025)
4. SC Development Review Committee Meeting Minutes 5/19/2025 (6/9/2025)
5. SC Division of Health Newsletter June 2025 (6/13/2025)
6. Hardyston Twsp - Notice of Hearing 6/24/2025 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan (6/15/25)
7. SC Agricultural Development Board Minutes 5/19/2025 (6/17/2025)
8. SC Open Space Committee Minutes March 27, 2025 (6/27/25)
9. SC Division of Health Newsletter July 2025 (6/13/2025) (7/1/25)
10. SC Div of Health - Ribbon Cutting Invite - Mobile Health Clinic (7/1/25)
11. Foreclosure 27 King Cole Rd. (7/2/25)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 8/4/2025

Date Released 8/4/2025

Beth Martin

Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk