

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 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	

Absent:

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".

September 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the September 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Law-Abstained. All 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 Law, seconded by Councilmember Endres. All were in favor.

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

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.

ORDINANCES:

None at this time.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-80 In Support of The New Jersey Department of Transportation Issuing a New Traffic Regulation Order to Implement a Revised School Speed Limit Zone

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-80 in Support of The New Jersey Department of Transportation Issuing a New Traffic Regulation Order to Implement a Revised School Speed Limit Zone. All in favor.

2025-81 Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Hamburg to Enter into an Interlocal Contract
Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-81
Authorizing the Borough of Hamburg to Enter into an Interlocal Contract. All in favor.

2025-82 Resolution Opposing the Increases to the State Health Benefits Program
Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-82 Opposing the Increases to the State Health Benefits Program. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig stepped down from the dais.

2025-83 1st Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator John Haig
Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-83
1st Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator John Haig. Roll call vote was taken.
Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Law, YES,
Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Councilmember Haig returned to the dais.

2025-84 2nd Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Kevin Decker
Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-84
2nd Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Kevin Decker. All in favor.

Councilmember Oehler introduced Anna Titka to the Mayor and Council.

2025-86 Recreation Commission Secretary – Anna Titka
Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2025-86 Recreation Commission Secretary – Anna Titka. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Resolution **2025-87** Authorizing Release of Part of Final Retainage Regarding the Quarry Road
Pump Station Improvements Project to Coppola Services, Inc.
Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-87
Authorizing Release of Part of Final Retainage Regarding the Quarry Road Pump Station
Improvements Project to Coppola Services, Inc. All in favor.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Bingo & Raffle Licenses Approval for Hamburg PTA
Motion to approve the Bingo and Raffle Licenses for the Hamburg School PTA for November 21,
2025, January 30, 2026 and May 1, 2026.
Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the Bingo and
Raffle licenses for the Hamburg PTA. 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:	August 2025
Construction Report:	August/September 2025
Treasurer Report:	August/September 2025
Tax Report:	August 2025
Police Report:	August 2025

EMS Report:	September 2025
Fire Report:	September 2025
OEM	September 2025
Court:	August 2025
Board of Health:	August 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 stated he would like to establish a committee to create a Hamburg Borough flag. Councilmember John Haig was proposed as a member and Councilmember Law recommended resident Daniel Barr, town historian, as another member for the committee.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler noted the Recreation Footgolf event had a total of ten in attendance. The Commission is looking to change the date or time to increase attendance. They are also considering the addition of game nights, senior games days and trivia nights to the calendar in the new year. Councilmember Oehler announced local businesses had donated prizes for the upcoming Trunk or Treat event. Gift certificates for 1st Place - \$50 from Quarry Grill, 2nd Place - \$30 from TJ's Pizza and 3rd Place - \$25 from Weis will be given to the best trunk, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres noted the Borough Zoning Officer had performed fifteen property inspections and issued seven zoning permits this past month.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law read the following reports into the record: Police, Fire Dept., OEM and EMS. Councilmember Law discussed the possibility of the Fire Department charging for services over and above what is required for an incident. Councilmember Law also noted they would like to have any special equipment requests in writing for a chain of responsibility. An ordinance draft should be ready to be presented next month. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if the criteria for when extra charges apply could be better defined. Attorney Clemack agreed better clarification was needed and noted there is no state statute for or against charging for overages. Councilmember Law stated they would send the ordinance draft to Attorney Clemack for review.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Resolution **2025-88** Approval of Design Services Proposal for Lead Line Service Replacement Program from Boswell Engineering

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-88 Approval of Design Services Proposal for Lead Line Service Replacement Program from Boswell Engineering. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig had been asked to obtain quotes to replace the Borough Christmas Tree as it is dying. He has obtained several quotes for replacement trees. Prices ranged from \$6500 without planting to over \$20,000 with planting and warranty. Asked Council for a decision as it would need to be planted immediately. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open floor to Borough CFO, Josephe Brezina. All in favor. Mr. Brezina stated that we are at the

end of the budget year and it will be very difficult to find the necessary funds. Mayor Krasnomowitz voiced concerns over the unexpected expense and suggested that a cut tree might be a possibility. Concerns were raised about the effect of the increase in Health Insurance rates on the budget and the cost of a new tree. Councilmember Sena stated there is no room in the budget for a new tree this year and this would be a better project for next year. All Councilmembers agreed the current tree will serve for this year.

Councilmember Haig reports Hometown Heroes project has 15 responses to date. We are still in the process of gathering nominations. He requested it be considered during budget planning for next year and was assured it was added to the projects list.

Councilmember Haig requested a lower speed limit on Linwood Avenue. He stated there are a lot of children who come down that street for school and cars come down the road very fast. He would like to change the speed limit to 15 miles per hour. Attorney Clemack asked if the road was connected to a state road. Councilmembers noted that it is off Route 23. Attorney Clemack stated it would need State approval of an ordinance to make the change. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to prepare an Ordinance for approval by the State Department of Transportation to change the Speed Limit for the entirety of Linwood Avenue to 15mph. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Resolution T-2025-004 – Tax Overpayment Refund

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution T-2025-004 – Tax Overpayment Refund. All in Favor.

Councilmember Sena attended the meeting of the Municipal Drug Alliance in September. He was pleased to announce that programs established using the opioid settlement have funding to allow those programs to continue in the new year. The Changing the Face of Addiction Walk also raised over \$80,000. They are changing the Project Graduation event and look forward to a more successful program.

Councilmember Sena stated the Budget committee had met earlier in the evening. He was concerned as the health benefits provider is asking for an increase of over 30%. There was some discussion about what could be done.

Councilmember Sena noted that the new field lights have been in use and are a great asset. He stated the programs using the field are growing. Councilmember Sena mentioned the DPW had been contacted regarding changing the baseball field infield in the Spring to clay at no cost to the Borough.

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 Endres to open to the public. All in favor.

School Superintendent, Dr. Kimberly Sigman updated the Mayor and Council regarding the investigation into regionalization. She reviewed the study draft she had received which estimates a drop in the tax levy for the Borough over a five-year period if regionalization moves forward. Dr. Sigman noted all debts and capital obligations would become shared obligations through

regionalization. Salary alignment across all schools would also become part of the regionalization and there would only be one superintendent, whose appointment would be based on experience. Business offices would be consolidated. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if the study included mention of new expenses that the Borough might incur. Dr. Sigman noted that it projected demographics several years into the future. Costs and savings depend on how many schools are involved. There could be a partial regionalization. Councilmember Sena asked how regionalization with Wallkill Valley Regional High School would benefit the Borough. He voiced concern over the recent increases for the high school's sending districts. Dr. Sigman said she could not speak to any school but Hamburg as she does not have their information. She noted regionalization would be decided by the voters.

Dr. Sigman mentioned she is still interested in the sidewalk mural project proposed at a previous meeting and suggested funds for this project could be raised using funds from teachers and staff "Jeans Days" donations. She would like to form a project committee with community members, councilmembers, board members and students.

Dr. Sigman updated the Council on the status of the school's 1900s building. The building now has internal shoring and has been jacked up. They will be putting temporary cement block in certain windows.

Dr. Sigman encouraged the mayor and members of the Council to read the school's digital newsletter and submit contributions. She noted they are pictured in the newsletter.

Recreation Chairperson, Sam Villgomez, asked if it would be possible to let Hamburg School 8th grade students submit flag ideas to the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Law noted the Clean Communities clean up with Hamburg School students will be held this year on October 26, 2025.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Attorney Clemack offered the following resolution to enter into executive session.

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 – Reappointment of Acting Municipal Clerk, Beth Martin

2. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teamsters Union Local 125

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.

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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 advise 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 Oehler to enter into Executive

Session. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to end Executive Session and enter public meeting. All in favor.

Resolution **2025-85** Reappointment of Acting Municipal Clerk – Beth Martin

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve Resolution 2025-85 reappointing Acting Clerk, Beth Martin. All in favor.

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

1. NJ Dept of Health - Vector-borne Surveillance Report 8-17 thru 8-23-2025 (9-8-2025)
2. SC Agriculture Development Board Meeting Minutes July 21, 2025 (9-8-2025)
3. SC Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes 7-24-2025 (9-8-2025)
4. SC Div. of Health - Recalls, Market Withdrawals & Safety Alerts 9/5/2025 (9-8-2025)
5. SC Planning Board Minutes July 7, 2025 (9-10-2025)
6. SC Development Review Committee Minutes July 21, 2025 (9-10-2025)
7. SC Development Review Committee Minutes August 18, 2025 (9-10-2025)
8. Highlands Council Update August 2025 (9/15/2025)
9. NJ Transit Notice of Public Hearing (9-16-2025)
10. SC Board of Taxation 2025 Abstract of Ratables (9-16-2025)
11. SC Agriculture Development Board Meeting Minutes August 18, 2025 (9-16-2025)
12. SC Agriculture Development Board Meeting Minutes August 28, 2025. (9/30/2025)
13. SC Mayor's Reception & Economic Development Symposium 10/22/2025 (9/30/2025)
14. NJ Division of Taxation Certification of Table of Equalized values (10/3/2025)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 11/3/2025

Date Released 11/4/2025

Beth Martin
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Acting Municipal Clerk