

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3, 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:

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Present:	Councilmember Burd
	Councilmember Law
	Councilmember Sena
	Mayor Krasnomowitz
Absent:	Councilmember Endres
Also Present:	Attorney Clemack
	Beth Martin, Acting Municipal Clerk
	Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk

Councilmember Haig
Councilmember Oehler

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".

PRESENTATION - New Police Officers – M. Roccasanta, H. Ryan, & M. Spatucci were officially sworn in as probationary police officers for the Borough of Hamburg.

PRESENTATION – RUSSELL LAW

Mayor Krasnomowitz acknowledged the soon to be retired Councilmember Russell Law. Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked and congratulated him for his 17 years of service to the Borough and presented him with an award for his service.

November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. 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 Oehler to approve the bills list as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 12-2025 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 203 –VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC- OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO BAN TRAFFIC AND PARKING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Law, 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. All were in favor. This ordinance was introduced at the November 3, 2025 regular meeting and published as provided by law.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Haig to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adopt Ordinance 12-2025 on 2nd reading. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

RESOLUTIONS:

2025-95 Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2025 Statewide Holiday Crackdown

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept 2025-95 Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2025 Statewide Holiday Crackdown. All in favor.

2025-96 December 2025 Budget Transfer

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolution 2025-96 December 2025 Budget Transfer. All in favor.

2025-97 Resolution Requesting Permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedication by Rider Account for Donations & Contributions to the Borough of Hamburg Hometown Heroes Banner Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:5-29

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-97 Requesting Permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedication by Rider Account for Donations & Contributions to the Borough of Hamburg Hometown Heroes Banner Program. All in favor.

2025-98 Resolution of the Borough of Hamburg, Endorsement in Support of the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Rockfall Mitigation Improvements

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-98 Endorsement in Support of the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Rockfall Mitigation Improvements. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz then opened the floor to Councilmember Haig to discuss the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Councilmember Haig stated they had received several quotes from vendors but one, Gates Flags, stood out in terms of quality and service. Motion by Councilmember

Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the floor to Hometown Heroes Committee member Lisa Karas and Joseph Pugliese from Gates Flags. All in favor.

Ms. Karas expressed her love of the Borough and the community. She stated after the death of a friend, a veteran, she had asked Councilmember Haig why we did not have a Hometown Heroes program and volunteered for the committee. She felt very strongly we need to honor those who have served and was proud to be asked to be a member of the committee. She introduced Joseph Pugliesi from Gates Flags.

Mr. Pugliesi noted the committee's choice of banner size is 24x48 and provided a sample of the banner material which he stated is UV coated. Banners will be printed with same person on both sides so all traffic can view them. Life span of banners is between 3-5 years. Mr. Pugliesi noted with proper care they can last even longer. Mr. Pugliesi stated Gates Flags brackets are made in the USA. He also provided a sample of the bracket that will hold the banner. Mr. Pugliesi reviewed the steps of the program and what his company provides for the municipality. (Forms, letters, photo editing). Councilmember Haig opened the floor to questions from Councilmembers. Funding for the program and replacement banners and parts were discussed. Majority of towns sponsor the brackets and veteran's family or friends sponsor the banners. Timing for program, placement and space were also discussed. Councilmember Haig noted that to date we have had 33 responses to the request for nominees.

Attorney Clemack noted that purchase of the brackets must be done by resolution. He also stated we would need an ordinance setting forth fees and exemptions if we are going to charge public for the banners. He also noted we would need a contract with Gates Flags for their services.

Councilmember Haig made a motion to open the floor to CFO Joseph Brezina regarding handling funds.

CFO Joseph Brezina stated they would need a Resolution dedication by rider to set up a trust account designated for all funds related to the program. As a trust it would be perpetual specific to the purpose it was enacted for.

Attorney Clemack requested a cost total from Joe Pugliesi of Gates Flags. He stated, per quote provided, for a quantity of 50 the banners would be \$90 each. (\$4500) and hardware sets \$100 per set. The total cost for 50 complete sets would be \$9500.

Attorney Clemack requested a resolution to authorize a contract with Gates Flags to provide the banners, hardware sets and services for hometown heroes program.

Resolution 2025-105 Authorizing contract with Gates Flags to provide banners and hardware sets and services for the Hometown Heroes Program per the prices quoted above. Costs not to exceed \$9500.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Russel Law to approve Resolution 2025-105. All in favor.

Motion to close the floor by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Law. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Performance Bond Release – Bluff's at Ballyowen Mayor Krasnomowitz stated this would be carried.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the Halloween Decorating Contest Winners. Mr. Saliba was

present to accept his award.

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:	October 2025
Construction Report:	--
Treasurer Report:	October & November 2025
Tax Report:	October 2025
Police Report:	November 2025
EMS Report:	October 2025
Fire Report:	October 2025
OEM	October 2025
Court:	October 2025
Board of Health:	October 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 the School Regionalization Committee would be meeting next via Zoom and he would provide the link to the Mayor and Council should they wish to attend.

Borough Flag Committee for town flag development has held an initial meeting, reviewed several concepts and are planning their next meeting. They will be discussing flag protocols and regulations.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler stated the Borough tree lighting is coming up on Friday and volunteers are needed to help with refreshments.

Councilmember Oehler was pleased to announce the Recreation Commission was planning a Family Game Night on February 20, 2026. They are trying to keep it simple and fun. The Commission is also planning their annual family swim at the YMCA on March 20th. Attendance has dropped and this event may be discontinued in 2027. A Trivia Night has also been placed on their calendar for April 18, 2026.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

As Councilmember Endres was unable to attend Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the postponement of the Land Use Board Meeting for December 8th.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig brought everyone's attention to the Holiday decorations for the Borough. The snowflakes are up and all the Borough decorations have been installed.

Councilmember Haig would like to approach local landscapers about landscaping three portions of Borough property in exchange for free advertising of their business at the location. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated they would need proof of insurance and to be responsible for their area for an entire year including maintenance. Approval would also be subject to Council approval of their plan and materials. Councilmember Haig said it will take a lot of effort to begin process and he would

like Council to voice their support. Councilmember Sena stated he thought a committee should be formed. Mayor and Council all agreed and voiced their support.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Councilmember Law for his service.

Councilmember Sena stated the third budget meeting was held earlier and they are working on the issue of healthcare costs for Borough employees and other items affected by this increase.

Councilmember Sena read all of the following Resolutions as one vote as they were all Refund Resolutions.

Resolution T-2025-006 – Tax Overpayment Refund Block 3 Lot 4

Resolution T-2025-007 – Tax Overpayment Refund Block 17 Lot 18 C1921

Resolution T-2025-008 – Tax Overpayment Refund Block 17 Lot 18 C0508

Resolution T-2025-009 – Tax Overpayment Refund Block 21 Lot 31

Resolution T-2025-010 – Tax Overpayment Refund Block 17 Lot 18 C0601

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept Resolutions T2025-06 through T2025-010.

Attorney Clemack called for a roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Sena stated the Wallkill Valley Drug Alliance Committee was held on November 19. The Opioid settlement funds had a small increase. He announced Hamburg School Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Sigman would like to join the committee. Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve Dr. Kimberly Sigman as a representative for Hamburg on the Committee. All in favor.

Councilmember Sena wanted to make the Council aware regarding a serious warning he had received through the committee regarding a substance coming out of southeast Asia. It is a synthetic opioid called Kratom and comes in a variety of forms. It is even available in a packet like those holding water flavoring. It is meant to help those withdrawing from opioids but can easily be misused and it can cause an overdose.

Councilmember Sena reminded the council that they will be working on the remaining improvements needed for the parks using the \$30,000 grant balance. He thanked Alec Yanish and the Borough DPW for their work on the fields. The league started with one team and they now have five using the Hamburg field. The park has become a very active place.

COUNCILMEMBER LAW

Councilmember Law stated at the recent meeting of the Fire Department they voted to disband the Fire Department Auxiliary. The organization was created to aid firefighters at the scene, but has been replaced by canteen or rehab services. These new providers are better equipped and trained. Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept the disbandment.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Haig, NO, Councilmember Law, YES, Councilmember Oehler, ABSTAINED, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Councilmember Law had recently attended a Narcan training session and noted he had received information similar to Councilmember Sena. At this meeting a representative discussed several towns which have boxes that dispense Narcan at no cost in their communities. He noted Narcan has only one purpose to save a life. It is not addictive and has no other effect. Councilmember Law would like a representative to attend a future meeting. The mayor and council agreed.

Councilmember Law thanked all the Councilmembers, the Mayor, Attorney Clemack and all the Borough employees for working with him throughout the years.

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.

Board of Education representative Sheila Frayko thanked Councilmember Law for his service. Mrs. Frayko stated the Regionalization Committee will be meeting on December 10th. A link will be provided on the school website for those who want to attend. Dr. Sigman was also trying to record the meeting for those unable to attend.

Resident Anthony Saliba asked if the issue of Sexual Harassment training from a meeting earlier in the year had been resolved. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated it had been resolved.

He also questioned the placement of the fence at the Riveredge Park. Councilmember Haig said it is just meant to delineate the two properties.

Resident Lisa Karas wanted to know why the Borough did not have a dog park. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated it had been considered. The concern was the number of residents who do not clean up after their pets and the trash which would be hard to police and maintain. Councilmember Oehler also stated it would also increase the insurance risk.

Ms. Karas then praised the DPW for all their work keeping the Borough well maintained.

Hearing no further comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Law to close 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 Meeting Minutes 10/6/2025 (11/6/2025)
2. Sussex County Development Review Committee Minutes 10/20/2025 (11/6/2025)
3. NJDEP Donate Your Unneeded Sports Equipment (11/6/2025)
4. NJ WasteWise Bulletin Autumn 2025 (11/6/2025)
5. Sussex County Division of Health Newsletter November 2025 (11/6/2025)
6. SC Dept. of Environmental Protection2026 HPC Grants (11/12/205)
7. Sussex County Trails Grant Program (11/12/2025)
8. SC Dept of Health December Newsletter (12/1/2025)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 01/05/2020

Date Released 01/05/2020

Beth Martin

Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk