

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JANUARY 5, 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

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Present:	Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Endres
	Councilmember Haig	Councilmember Oehler
	Councilmember Saliba	Councilmember Sena
	Mayor Krasnomowitz	

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".

December 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the December 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Sena to approve the December 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmembers Oehler, Endres and Saliba Abstained, All remaining Councilmembers 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 Endres. All were in favor.

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

Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Haig to approve the bills list as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Saliba, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

ORDINANCES:

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

Ordinance 01-2026 – 1st Reading

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

After read by title, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance 01-2026 with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for February 2, 2026. All were in favor.

Ordinance 02-2026 - 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NSF FEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

After read by title, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance 02-2026 with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for February 2, 2026.

Ordinance 03-2026 - 1st Reading

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICE ROAD DETAIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

After read by title, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance 03-2026 with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for February 2, 2026.

Ordinance 04-2026 - 1st Reading

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM AND SETTING FEES

After read by title, motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 04-2026 with said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for February 2, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-13 - “Waiving” of a Claimant Certification as Allowable in Certain Circumstances Based Upon N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6(c) and N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Sena to accept Resolution 2026-13 “Waiving” of a Claimant Certification as Allowable in Certain Circumstances Based Upon N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6(c) and N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1. All in favor.

2026-14 - 2026 Cash Management Plan Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-14 – 2026 Cash Management Plan. All in favor.

2026-15 - Authority to Sign for Expenses

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Sena to accept Resolution 2026-15 - Authority to Sign for Expenses. All in favor.

2026-16 - Authority to Invest

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-16 - Authority to Invest. All in favor.

2026-17 - R&L Datacenters, Inc – Payroll Company

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-17 - R&L Datacenters, Inc – Payroll Company. All in favor.

2026-18 – 2026 Borough of Hamburg Emergency Management Committee / LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-18 – Borough of Hamburg Emergency Management Committee / LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) as listed. All in favor.

2026-19 - Transfer Resolution- Appropriation Reserve to Be Lapsed to Trust

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-19 – Transfer Resolution - 2025 Appropriation Reserve to be Lapsed to Trust. All in favor.

2026-20 - Certification and Group Affidavit – EEO

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-20 - Certification and Group Affidavit – EEO. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Nothing at this time.

ENGINEERING:**MAYOR'S AGENDA:**

Mayor Krasnomowitz reviewed the list of professional service agreements as presented below.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS 2026**Copy of individual contracts with clerk.**

- **Richard Clemack Contract (Attorney Services)**
- **Boswell Engineering (Engineering Services)**
- **Boswell Engineering (Conflict Planner Services)**
- **Nisivoccia & Company Contract (Auditing Services)**
- **Waters, McPherson, McNeill Contract (Bond Counsel)**
- **Weiner Lesniak – Glenn Kienz Contract (LUB Attorney)**
- **Arthur J Gallagher and Company, Michael Chymiy (Insurance)**
- **Historic Preservation Alternatives LLC, Historic Planner**
- **J. Caldwell & Associates, Jessica Caldwell Dykstra (Planning Services)**
- **John C. Grey Jr. Esq. (Public Defender)**
- **Timothy J. Profeta, Esq. (Municipal Prosecutor)**

CONSENT AGENDA:

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. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Zoning Report:

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Construction Report:

November 2025

Treasurer Report: December 2025
Tax Report: --
Police Report: --
EMS Report:
Fire Report: December 2025
OEM December 2025
Court: November 2025
Board of Health: November 2025
Animal Control: --

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All Councilmembers present in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd briefly discussed the school regionalization study. He noted the regionalization study calls for a standard curriculum across the schools and students remain in their current schools. He stated when you have a regionalization the funds are divided based on a list of factors. The Borough would be saving money with regionalization. The Boards of Education for each school would be dissolved and there would also be a single board for all the schools with representatives from each town.

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted meetings will be set up to review the study and he recommended council members attend. He stated it would be big step but should be considered due to all its benefits. He noted, if there was not a full regionalization, savings could still be made through shared services and other methods.

Councilmember Haig questioned busing changes, Mayor Krasnomowitz noted busing would not change significantly as the students would still be at the same schools.

Councilmember Saliba noted there would not be any dramatic changes for the students but the shared curriculum would benefit them all.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler stated the Breakfast with Santa went well with 96 attendees. The event went smoothly; the Santa they hired did a wonderful job. Families got to take pictures with Santa. The next upcoming event is a Family Game Night on February 20th. Councilmember Oehler will be helping Rec Commission member Fran Weis host the event. They are also planning a Trivia night in future.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres noted it has been a slow building year. He is waiting for word on "the Woods" development start.

Mayor Krasnomowitz added he had spoken with the owner of the proposed micro-brewery and they should begin work shortly as well.

Councilmember Haig asked about the location on Rote 23 where they have been clearing the lot of trees and rocks. Councilmember Endres has been told they are simply clearing the lot.

Councilmember Haig voiced concerns that rocks have been spilling through the fencing onto the road. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked Councilmember Endres to reach out to the Hardyston construction official for details and information.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba stated he had been proactive in his liaison role and attending the recent fire department meeting. He noted that the department has its own dumpster from a service and would like to save funds by ending that service and using the Borough dumpster.

Councilmember Saliba has also been in contact with the Police department.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated they currently have 47 nominees for the Hometown Heroes project. He briefly reviewed previously discussed information regarding banner details. He stated they have reached out for donations for the program and have received some funds.

Councilmember Haig would like to put a sign for the 250th Anniversary in the clock area. All councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Haig requested approval to put several pieces of equipment from the Fire Department up for auction with the following starter bids. Rescue tool cutter, \$350, Combo vehicle extraction tool \$400, motor to power hydraulics \$500. They are old and the department now uses electric.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, Seconded by Councilmember Oehler to put the aforementioned items no longer used by the Borough Fire Department up for bid on Municibid for minimum prices as stated. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena noted Finance has now met four times. They are hoping to present the budget April 1st to be approved May 1st. The biggest issue continues to be the large increase in the cost of health insurance. The committee and Borough CFO have been investigating options. They will be meeting with the unions to discuss changes in the health insurance next week.

Councilmember Sena stated that the lack of growth within the Borough is a concern as it effects the economics.

Regarding Board of Health, Councilmember Sena noted that the majority of responsibilities is handled by the County. Vernon provides the Borough with animal control services.

Councilmember Sena reminded all present that Dr. Sigman from the Borough school has been accepted as a member of the Municipal Drug Alliance. The Alliance now has 9 members, named by Councilmember Sena for the benefit of the council. They are still receiving funds from the Opioid settlement and will be hosting a PRX program for Grade 9 students at the high school. Ogdensburg has voiced interest in joining the Alliance.

Regarding Open Space, Councilmember Sena, stated that Wallkill Valley Rec wants to use the Hamburg Baseball field for softball and will be changing the infield to clay at their cost. This means the field will get more use. Councilmember Sena mentioned that we still have about \$30-,000 in funds available for park improvements and they will be working on a 2-to-3-year plan for park improvements.

Councilmember Haig addressed a question regarding peeling paint at the Basketball and Pickleball Courts to Attorney Clemack. He wanted to know if the company has responded to the Borough. Attorney Clemack stated he has yet to hear from them. He stated the next step would be to make a claim against their performance bond. Councilmember Haig asked if he could phone the company before we make the claim. Attorney Clemack agreed he could call and inform them the next step would be making a claim against the bond if they did not respond.

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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the meeting to the public. All in favor. Seeing no questions or comments from the public.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, 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. Invitation to Meeting of Elected Officials from Our Legislative District (12/8/2026)
2. Hardyston Township Ordinance 2025-10 (12/8/2025)
3. Highlands Council Update November 2025 (12/9/2025)
4. NJLM Programs for Elected Officials (12/9/2025)
5. SCMUA Certificate of Estimated Annual Charge FY2026 (12/9/2025)
6. JCP&L Notice of Public Hearing Dec. 30, 2025 (12/11/2025)
7. DLGS Local Finance Notice LFN 2025-17 12/11/2025 (12/15/2025)
8. SCMUA Certificate of Annual Charge and FY2025 Final Billings (12/19/2025)
9. Hardyston Township Ordinance 2025-10 (Passed)and Redevelopment Plan

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 2/2/2026

Date Released 2/3/2026

Jean Stephens
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Deputy Clerk