

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026 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 Endres
Councilmember Haig Councilmember Oehler
Councilmember Saliba Councilmember Sena
Mayor Krasnomowitz

Also Present: Attorney Clemack
Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk will advise:

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public and the press January 9, 2026 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".

January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to approve the January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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 Burd, 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 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to read all of the following ordinance by title only. All were in favor.

Ordinance 01-2026 – 2nd Reading

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

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, 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. This ordinance was introduced at the January 5, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 01-2026 To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45.14) on 2nd reading. All in favor.

Ordinance 02-2026 – 2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NSF FEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig 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 January 5, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 02-2026 Amending the NSF Fee for the Borough of Hamburg on 2nd reading. All in favor.

Ordinance 03-2026 – 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICE ROAD DETAIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Saliba, 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 January 5, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt Ordinance 03-2026 Amending the Police Road Detail for the Borough of Hamburg on 2nd reading. All in favor.

Ordinance 04-2026 – 2nd Reading

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

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Haig, 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 January 5, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to adopt Ordinance 04-2026 Establishing a Hometown Heroes Banner Program and Setting Fees on 2nd reading. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

2026-22 - Resolution Releasing Performance Bond and Accepting Maintenance Bond – Bluffs at Ballyowen. At the request of Borough Attorney Richard Clemack this resolution was tabled awaiting further information on outstanding matters.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-23 Emergency Temporary Appropriations

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-23 Emergency Temporary Appropriations. All in favor.

2026-24 Resolution of the Borough of Hamburg to Renew the Professional Contract Between LEW Environmental Services for Certified Lead Evaluation Contractor

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-24 To Renew the Contract Between LEW Environmental Services for Certified Lead Evaluation Contractor. All in favor.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the winners of the 2025 Holiday Decorating Contest. 1st place - 17 Hamilton (Donald Parmeland & Christina Nagy), 2nd place - 75 Bluffs (Mark & Alyssa Masella), 3rd place - 22 Hamilton (Peter & Kelly Tranes), Best Overall Street – Hamilton St.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to resell a police car that had been sold on Municibid but never picked up. He noted that the previous buyer would be reimbursed if the car sells. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to put the police car back up for auction on Municibid. All in favor,

Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the Borough Hall is currently short staffed as Acting Clerk Beth Martin is now out on maternity leave as her twins came early. He and Councilmembers Haig and Burd have spoken with former Clerk Doreen Schott about coming in 15 hours each week to assist. Requested a motion to hire Doreen Schott for 15 hours per week at \$25/hour.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Burd to hire Doreen Schott to assist during the staff shortage. All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW WERE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WERE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION, THERE WAS NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION WAS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WOULD REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

Zoning Report:	December 2025
Construction Report:	December 2025
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	November & December 2025
Police Report:	December 2025 & January 2026
EMS Report:	December 2025
Fire Report:	--
OEM	--
Court:	December 2025
Board of Health:	December 2025

Animal Control: --

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBER BURD**

Councilmember Burd noted the Flag Committee meeting was postponed.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Recreation Commission had their re-organization meeting. Sam Villagomez remains chair of the commission and Art Walton co-chair. The commission voted to cancel the March Family Swim due to lack of interest. Upcoming events include Family Game Night on February 20th and a Trivia Night on April 24th. Family Golf Day will be held May 17th and the Hamburg Contests on June 7th. They are considering sending out letters to find sponsors for the amusements on Hamburg Day and changing the format a few annual events..

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres stated, regarding Land Use, the Route 23 construction site was closed by Soil Conservation due to violations and a building on Wallkill Avenue will be coming before the Land Use Board to change from a business to 2 apartments.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba stated he has spent the previous month meeting with the various departments he has been assigned to as liaison. He specifically asked each department to provide him with possible future expenses.

Councilmember Saliba had a question regarding the Borough Public Defender as he is not returning as Sparta's Public Defender. Attorney Clemack stated that he would still be working for the Borough. The Sparta Court is a shared service but the Public Defender is hired by the Borough. Councilmember Saliba also noted that he is being sent a new member packet by Solid Waste.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig complimented the DPW on their work during the recent snow storm. He noted there is a salt shortage but salt is on its way.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Resolution T-2026-001 – Tax Exemption Refund for Block 11 Lot 30 C0011

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution T-2026-001 – Tax Exemption Refund for Block 11 Lot 30 C0011. All in favor.

Resolution T-2026-002 – Refund Block 17 Lot 3

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution T-2026-002 – Refund Block 17 Lot. All in favor.

Resolution T-2026-003 – Lein Redemption Block 22 Lot 45 C032

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution T-2026-003 – Lein Redemption Block 22 Lot 45 C032. All in favor.

Councilmember Sena stated the finance committee met earlier and noted that the Borough has managed to keep the increases low and the budget for the new year will be approximately \$10,000

less than previous year. The committee is still investigating health insurance options. They will be keeping costs down by leasing the new police vehicle that is needed. Councilmember Sena noted that the municipal tax has remained virtually static while the County and School taxes have increased. He thanked CFO Joseph Brezina for his work on the budget.

Deputy Clerk Jean Stephens requested the council approve a change of date for the Hamburg School PTA bingo and Raffle fundraiser for the LGCCC. They are moving it one week forward. Motion by councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to approve change of date from May 1 to April 24, 2026. All in favor.

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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open to the public. All in favor.

John DiPinto of Fairways Development requested the release of the Performance Bond for the Bluffs development. He stated they had filed the required reports and is awaiting County approval. He stated he would deliver proof upon approval and asked when it could be addressed once proof was provided. Attorney Clemack stated that once the Borough received the County approved forms the bond could be released.

Hearing no further comments from the public, motion by Councilmember Sena seconded by Councilmember Haig to close 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. Possible Misuse of Borough Property

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 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept resolution for Executive Session. All in favor.

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

1. Ames Rubber Notice of Site Remediation 1/2/2026 (1/14/2026)
2. NJ Dot Approval of Traffic Regulation Order 2025-42 (1/14/2026)
3. Statewide Insurance Fund Bulletin January 2026 (1/14/2026)
4. Sussex County Div. of Health January 2026 Newsletter (1/14/2026)
5. Elizabethtown Gas Notice of Public Hearing (1/14/2026)

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7. Highlands Council Update December 2025 (1/14/2026)
8. NJ DEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification - 15 Fairview Ave.(1-14-2026)
9. SC Re-Appointment of Official Sussex County Town Crier (1-15-2026)
10. SC Re-Appointment of Official Sussex County Historian (1-15-2026)
11. Vernon Township Ordinance 26-02 Releasing Land Rights (1/23/2026)
12. Gebhardt & Kiefer RE: Statewide Ins Fund - Arias v. County of Bergen (1/28/2026)
13. Sussex County - County Commissioners Resolution RE: Liaisons (1/28/2026)
14. Hampton Township Resolution R2026-30 JCP&L Cleanup. (1/28/2026)

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to end executive session and return to public session. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 3/2/2026

Date Released 3/3/2026

Jean Stephens
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Deputy Clerk