

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Krasnomowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

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

Also Present: Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk advised:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been 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”.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

2026-22 - Resolution Releasing Performance Bond and Accepting Maintenance Bond – Bluffs at Ballyowen

Attorney Clemack request that the Resolution be modified to include the list of improvements covered.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-22 Releasing Performance Bond and Accepting Maintenance Bond – Bluffs at Ballyowen with the addition of the list of improvements. All in favor.

MAYORS AGENDA

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to accept the appointment of Russell Law to Board of Public Works.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the appointment. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz stated he had received an email from the Hamburg School Superintendent to explore the hiring of a school resource officer through the Police Department. A meeting was requested and Mayor Krasnomowitz proposed forming a committee with School Liaison Councilmember Burd, Police Liaison Councilmember Saliba and another member of the council. Councilmember Oehler volunteered to join the committee.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to appoint Councilmembers Burd, Saliba and Oehler to the committee exploring possible school resource officer. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd noted that he was unable to attend the School Q& A meeting regarding the regionalization study. He will be requesting information from the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler announced that they had to cancel the game night scheduled for February 20, 2026 and move it to March 20, 2026 due to a conflict with a school event.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres stated that at the recent meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, member Dan Barr requested that the school be approached about the old Hamburg High School building becoming part of the Historic Society. He believes it will make them eligible for funding that may help with needed repairs.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba stated that he had received a resignation letter from Officer Hunter Ryan. Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the resignation. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Saliba , seconded by Councilmember Haig requesting permission to begin the process of looking for a new police officer for the Borough. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig noted the snowflake decorations will be taken down next week.

Councilmember Haig voiced concerns about problems keeping Borough sidewalks clear of snow. He stated the Borough DPW had to help shovel along State roads to clear them for pedestrians. Especially children trying to get to school. He stated it is a safety hazard and was compounded by State plows pushing snow back onto the walkways after they had been cleared. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the property maintenance ordinance for sidewalks needs to be changed to allow the Property Maintenance official to have the DPW clear when there is a safety issue with the property owner being responsible for the cost. Mayor Krasnomowitz also states a meeting needs to be arranged with the State Dept. of Transportation.

Councilmember Haig complimented DPW Supervisor Alec Yanish for his quick thinking during the recent water main break. He sought aid quickly due to the amount of water loss.

Councilmember Haig also drew the council's attention to a buckling wall due to water damage in the municipal building that needs repair. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the Borough will put a claim in with insurance.

Councilmember Haig also asked the council to consider a replacement for the Borough Christmas tree. The current tree has died. Councilmember Haig and Borough CFO Joseph Brezina have investigated the cost of panel trees. He provided council members with copies of information they had gathered and asked for feedback regarding the possibility of the Borough purchasing a panel tree. He confirmed with CFO Joseph Brezina that limited funding is available. Councilmember Haig noted that at this time of year the prices on these trees drops dramatically. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Councilmember Haig to bring pricing information to the March meeting. Council members confirmed their approval of the concept.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested an executive session.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Councilmember Sena absent himself from the meeting room. Councilmember Sena complied.

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 – Borough Hall

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 enter into executive session. All were in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to come out of executive session and resume the public meeting. All were in favor.

Councilmember Sena returned to the room but at the request of Attorney Clemack did not return to the dais.

Resolution 2026-26 Reiterating and reaffirming the decision to terminate employment of the employee discussed at the hearing in executive session.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-26 Reiterating and reaffirming the decision to terminate employment of the employee discussed at the hearing in executive session.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Saliba, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Sena, Absent.

Mayor Krasnomowitz was pleased to announce that the Borough has been awarded a federal grant through Senator Kim to purchase a portable generator. This grant was the result of two years of work.

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 3/2/26

Date Released 3/3/2026

Jean Stephens
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Deputy Clerk