

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON MARCH 2, 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
Attorney Richard Clemack

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk advised:

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".

February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

February 2, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the February 2, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. All in favor.

February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

February 18, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Minutes for February 18, 2026 Executive Session were tabled.

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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the bills list as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 05-2026 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL, OF CHAPTER 183, STREETS AND ROADS, OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY REMOVE ICE AND SNOW.

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 05-2026 An Ordinance Amending Article II, Snow and Ice Removal, of Chapter 183, Streets and Roads, of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, to Authorize the Imposition of a Lien on Property for Failure to Timely Remove Ice and Snow. Second reading scheduled for the April 6, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-28 - Hiring of Water/Sewer Collector, BPW Secretary, Assistant to the Tax Collector – Jennifer Valerius

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-28 - Hiring of Water/Sewer Collector, BPW Secretary, Assistant to the Tax Collector – Jennifer Valerius.

Councilmember Sena was concerned that the candidate had not met with all members of the council. Councilmember Burd noted that this was the recommendation of the Personnel/Hiring Committee. Councilmember Sena voiced concerns about training and experience. Councilmember Burd noted that this was confirming an in-house transition not a new hire. Per Councilmember Burd training has been ongoing and candidate is qualified.

A roll call vote was taken.

Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, NO.

2026-29 - Authorizing Jennifer Valerius to take Rutgers University Courses for Certified Tax Collector

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-29 - Authorizing Jennifer Valerius to take Rutgers University Courses for Certified Tax Collector.

A roll call vote was taken.

Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, NO.

2026-30 - Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:5-52

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-30 - Authorizing Issuance of Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates Pursuant to N.J.S.A.54:5-52. All in favor.

2026-32 – March 2026 Emergency Temporary Appropriations

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-32 – March 2026 Emergency Temporary Appropriations. All in favor.

2026-33 - Resolution Authorizing Lease of 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe
Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-33 - Authorizing Lease of 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe. All in favor.

2026-34 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2026 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$6,265
Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-34 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2026 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$6,265. All in favor.

2026-35 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2026 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$1,411.19
Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-35 Chapter 159 Resolution Requesting Approval of Revenue and Appropriation Amending the 2026 Budget as a Revenue and Appropriation of \$1,411.19. All in favor.

2026-36 Resolution to Proclaim the Month of April 2026 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the Borough of Hamburg
Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-36 Resolution to Proclaim the Month of April 2026 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the Borough of Hamburg. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack provided a brief explanation regarding the cell antenna lease on our water tower. Currently space for cell antennas on our water tower lease for a monthly fee. This lease expires next year. Verizon is requesting an extension with two payment options. The first option requests a perpetual easement with a single lump sum payment. The second option would continue with monthly payments but they are requesting a reduction in the payment amount. Attorney Clemack recommended the Borough hire someone with knowledge of the industry to help with bid process. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Attorney Clemack’s assistance with preparing a proposal to hire a professional. Attorney Clemack will prepare the request for proposal.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Mayor noted that, as Jennifer Valerius will be taking Rutger’s Classes, a contract has been prepared regarding those classes.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to authorize Mayor Krasnomowitz to sign said contract. Councilmembers Burd, Endres, Haig, Oehler and Saliba in favor. Councilmember Sena not in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to seek a new Administrative Assistant/Finance Clerk. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the Borough had been awarded a grant for a portable generator from Senator Kim. He stated the generator would be of great use to several departments and the Borough school in the event of an emergency.

Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the annual re-assessment proposal from Appraisal systems which Council is considering would help keep the Borough current with state requirements.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept proposal for Rolling Re-Assessment Program from Appraisal Systems Inc. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz mentioned he had attended the recent Mayor's breakfast. The main topic of discussion was the country's 250th Anniversary and participation in the County celebration on June 7th. He looks forward to all departments assisting the Borough's participation in this event.

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 HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- Zoning Report: January 2026
- Construction Report: December 2025 & January 2026
- Treasurer Report:
- Tax Report: January 2026
- Police Report:
- EMS Report: January 2026
- Fire Report: January 2026
- OEM: January 2026
- Court: January 2026
- Board of Health: January 2026
- 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 brought the work of the Borough's flag committee to the council's attention. They have narrowed down the choices for a Borough Flag to the top three versions. Images of the concepts were made available to those present. All have the Borough seal. The first presented had a red background, the second a red, white and blue background and the final concept a big red H on a blue background. There was some discussion regarding preferences. Councilmember Burd stated there would be several 3x5 flags ordered for Borough flag poles. Votes: Solid Red: Saliba, Haig, Burd, Sena Striped: 0, Big H: Oehler, Endres.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember to adopt the version with the solid red background with Borough seal in the center as the new Borough flag. All in favor.

Flag pole options were discussed and will be presented in future.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler noted that the flyer listing all Recreation events for the year went out with the water bills. The commission agreed to purchase 20 tickets for the July 4th Miners game. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted he had heard a special fireworks display was being planned and encouraged everyone present to attend.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres asked Councilmember Burd if any decision had been made regarding the old school building becoming part of the Historic Commission. Councilmember Burd redirected the question to School Board liaison Sheila Frayko, who stated nothing had been decided.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba reminded the council the 2014 Police Ford Interceptor sold at auction was never picked up. The buyer has not responded to multiple communication attempts and a scam is suspected. Councilmember Saliba stated it was put up for auction a second time for \$3500 and there were no bids. He would like to reduce starting bid to \$3000 for a final auction. Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Haig to reduce starting bid to \$3000. All in favor.

Councilmember Saliba had attended a meeting with the Franklin Fire Department. They have been answering a lot of Hamburg Calls and he would like to consider the possibility of helping them with the cost. Councilmember Saliba mentioned the possibility of a shared service with the Franklin Fire Dept. in the interest of providing coverage and keeping costs down. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated it is simply a lack of manpower especially during the day. Both departments would be simultaneously dispatched to make sure there is adequate coverage. The possibilities are being discussed.

Councilmember Sena noted he had requested overtime information from the Police Department as the town had made an investment in extra police coverage. Mayor Krasnomowitz clarified this was a report they needed from the chief with explanations. Councilmember Saliba stated he would submit the request.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated he has spoken with Creative Designs regarding a pre-lit panel Christmas tree for the Borough. Currently the trees are on sale and they are willing to discount the price down and include the star for a price of 13,875, shipping to cost \$1520.30. For purchase immediately total cost would be 15,395.30. He is discussing the possibility of installment payments with Creative but the price would go up. Councilmember Sena noted that the cost of the tree seems prohibitive against budget concerns. Attorney Clemack noted that the lower price is under the bid threshold. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the price would go over the bid threshold if we split payments. He stated the funds were available per the Borough CFO for the lower price. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to purchase a panel Christmas tree for the Borough at a cost of \$15,395.30. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, Abstained.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena stated he would like the Borough to purchase a time clock for Borough Hall employees. He stated that there was a lot of activity in the building and certain models would provide a digital list of those coming and going. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked Councilmember Sena to research clocks and the cost. Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Haig to purchase a time clock for Borough Hall cost not to exceed \$500. All in favor.

Resolution **T-2026-005** – Tax Exemption Refund for Block 11 Lot 30 C0011, 11 Bluff Ct., in the amount of \$146.46

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution T-2026-005 – Tax Exemption Refund for Block 11 Lot 30 C0011, 11 Bluff Ct., in the amount of \$146.46. All in favor.

Councilmember Burd would like the council to prepare a policy against nepotism for the Borough. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that it would need to be researched. Councilmember Sena requested that cronyism be included. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler for council to research a policy against nepotism. Attorney Clemack to provide information for next meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, Abstained, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Councilmember Sena, NO.

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

County Commissioner Alan Henderson announced he was officially our liaison for the year and looked forward to working with us. He encouraged the councilmembers to reach out to him if they had any questions or concerns. Commissioner Henderson noted that Lafayette was looking for shared services and that regarding the cell tower conversation. He thought it would be helpful to reach out to other towns to see what they had done. He also encouraged the Borough to participate in the County celebration of the 250th Anniversary.

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

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

1. Land Use Legal Notice - 11 Wallkill Ave. convert store front to residential (2/9/2026)
2. SC League of Municipalities Meeting I rescheduled to March 18, 2026. (2/9/2026)
3. Local Finance Notice 2026-05 - Local Budgets, Administration (2/9/2026)
4. Local Finance Notice 2026-04 - Storm Response and Recovery (2/9/2026)
5. SC Health Dept. Rabies, Food Inspections, Environmental and Public Health (2/6/226)
6. NJ DEP Compliance Advisory - E-Cigarette / Vape Pens (2/9/2026)
7. Highlands Council Update Jan 2026 (2/10/2026)
8. Vernon Twsp Ordinance 26-06 - Replace/Repeal existing Affordable Housing (2/11/2026)
9. Vernon Twsp Ordinance 26-25 - Replace / Repeal chapter 133 Affordable Housing (2/11/2026)
10. SC League of Municipalities Meeting Rescheduled to March 18, 2026 (2/24/2026)
11. Division of Taxation 2025 - Table Amended (2/24/2026)
12. NJ WasteWise Business Network webinar May 5, 2026 (2/24/2026)
13. NJ DoT Advance Traffic Impact Notice (2/27/2026)
14. SC Celebrate America 250 – June 7, 2026 SC Fairgrounds (2/27/2026)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 4/6/2026

Date Released 4/6/2026

Jean Stephens
Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk