

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON APRIL 6, 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".

Stormwater Poster Contest Award Recipients

Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked and praised all the participants. He then presented award certificates and prizes to the top entries for the Borough Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest.

- K-2 - "Don't Litter" - Charlee Schenker
- 3-5 - "Litter in the Street means Litter in the Water." - Scarlett Enriquez
- 6-8: "Your Litter. Your Storm drain. Your Water!" - Maya McMichael

February 18, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the February 18, 2026 Executive Session minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

March 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve the March 2, 2026 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 Endres. All were in favor.

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

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET – 2026

Mayor Krasnomowitz opened the floor to CFO Joe Brezina and Man Lee the Borough's Auditor, for the introduction presentation of the municipal budget. All were in favor. CFO Joe Brezina presented the 2026 municipal budget. The municipal tax rate percentage for the year 2026 is an adjusted rate of .53%. Based on an average assessed home value of \$348,143 the increase per month will be \$4.05 per household. The 2026 budget will allow the municipality to maintain all the municipal services, allow for municipal improvements and purchasing of necessary equipment, and increases our contribution to the capital fund which will allow for future projects. The biggest portion of revenue comes from property taxes, at 70%. Mayor Krasnomowitz thanked Mr. Brezina for his hard work. He stated the Borough is already 98% built up and we are working hard to keep increases down. He requested that the CFO send a copy of the presentation to himself and all councilmembers. Man Lee noted this year the Borough will be under State review. She explained each the State reviews towns are reviewed once every three years. When the review is complete the State can approve the budget. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce the 2026 Municipal Budget with second reading and adoption scheduled for May 4, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Saliba, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 06-2026 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 209 -WATER – AND CHAPTER 164 - SEWER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO MODIFY WATER-SEWER RATES

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 06-2026 Amending Chapter 209 -Water – And Chapter 164 - Sewer of the Code of the Borough of the Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey to Modify Water-Sewer Rates. Second reading scheduled for the May 4, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

ORDINANCE 05-2026 2nd 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.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. This ordinance was introduced at the March 2, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to adopt Ordinance 05-2026, 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, on 2nd reading. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-38 Hamburg Fire Department - Charitable Solicitations

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-38 Hamburg Fire Department - Charitable Solicitations. All in favor.

2026-39 - Authorizing the Implementation of the New Cash Payment Rounding Policy for Pennies

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-39 - Authorizing the Implementation of the New Cash Payment Rounding Policy for Pennies. All in favor.

2026-40 - To Cancel Appropriation Balances in the Current Fund

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-40 - To Cancel Appropriation Balances in the Current Fund. All in favor.

2026-41 – Self-Examination of Budget Resolution

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-41 – Self-Examination of Budget. All in favor.

2026-43 – Municipal Services for the Bluffs at Ballyowen

Mayor Krasnomowitz asked Attorney Clemack to provide information regarding this resolution to the Council. Mr. Clemack explained the State has a law called the Municipal Services Act where a condominium association is entitled to the same services as other properties in the municipality like street lighting, snow plowing and leaf/brush pickup. The Bluffs at Ballyowen are requesting these services. We provide these for other developments within the Borough.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-43 – Municipal Services for the Bluffs at Ballyowen. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack stated in the past the Borough had an issue regarding residents feeding bears. An ordinance was passed against feeding all bears. No specific type. Sometime later the state passed a statute against the feeding of black bears. As the State statute supersedes the Borough ordinance it will need to be repealed.

ORDINANCE 07-2026 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 - PEACE AND GOOD ORDER - OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REPEAL SECTION 148-2 – FEEDING OF BEARS PROHIBITED.

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance 07-2026 Amending Chapter 148 - Peace and Good Order - of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey To Repeal Section 148-2 – Feeding of Bears Prohibited. Second reading scheduled for the May 4, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

Mr. Clemack stated the Borough has previously contracted with Verizon Wireless to lease space on the Borough Water Tower for a cellular antenna. That agreement is coming to an end. Mr. Clemack recommended the Borough hire a consultant to guide the Borough through the bids process.

Resolution 2026-44 Request for Proposal for a Wireless Communication Consultant.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to publish a request for proposal for a wireless communication consultant. All in favor.

Mr. Clemack brought to the attention of the Council a list provided by the Tax office of properties with old municipal tax liens. The Tax office would like to foreclose on the properties listed. Mr. Clemack suggested the properties be further investigated before we consider foreclosure.

MAYOR’S AGENDA:

Mayor Krasnomowitz asked for the Council’s support for Hamburg Fire Department Golf Outing. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to support the Fire Department Golf Outing with a \$100 donation. Funds to be taken from Recreation. All in favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the Borough had received a vendor application for the County’s 250th Anniversary Celebration June 7, 2026 at the fairgrounds. Councilmembers agreed it would be a good idea to participate. Space is free if Borough provides an activity.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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 AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- Zoning Report: February 2026 & March 2026
- Construction Report: February 2026 & March 2026
- Treasurer Report: February 2026 & March 2026
- Tax Report: February 2026 & March 2026
- Water/Sewer Report: January 2026, February 2026 & March 2026
- Police Report: March 2026
- EMS Report:
- Fire Report: March 2026
- OEM: March 2026
- Court: February 2026
- Board of Health: January 2026
- Animal Control: --

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Resolution 2026-37 – Salary Deputy Clerk Jean Stephens

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-37 – Salary Deputy Clerk Jean Stephens. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Saliba, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Resolution 2026-42 – Hiring of PART TIME Finance Clerk/Administrative Assistant- Tracey Barnitt.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-37 – Salary Deputy Clerk Jean Stephens. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Saliba, YES, Councilmember Sena, Abstain.

Councilmember Burd stated the school regionalization will not be happening. Municipalities do not want to take on the debt of other municipalities as the debt would be consolidated under regionalization.

Councilmember Burd then discussed the school's request for a Resource officer on premise during school hours. In most counties the school district reimburses the town for the part of the cost for the position. Councilmember Burd noted the Borough could possibly use an extra officer to offset overtime. He requested comments and opinions from the other Councilmembers. Councilmember Oehler liked the idea of having an extra officer available but was concerned a current officer would have to sub if resource officer was out. Councilmember Saliba wondered if the resource officer could be added to a night shift when not on days and if the cost would be prohibitive. Councilmember Saliba stated the school would be hiring an officer even if the Borough did not participate. Councilmember Burd suggested we needed more time to continue the discussion but noted the school is looking for a September hire. Councilmember Endres asked about the difference was between a regular police officer and a resource officer. Councilmember Burd stated there was no difference.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler stated the Recreation Commissions Game Night was small but successful. There were 7 adults and 4 children in attendance. They will be hosting this event again. Trivia night April 24th conflicts with School Bingo but date is too close to be changed. The commission will also be holding the May Family Golf Day with the new addition of a Trackman station to the event. It is a free event. They also have tickets for the July 4th Miners baseball game for Hamburg residents.

Councilmember Oehler stated the Recreation Secretary would like to send a letter to local businesses seeking sponsors for some of the Hamburg Day activities and is requesting permission from the council to do so. The Commission would put up signs in acknowledgement.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to authorize the recreation commission to recruit sponsor donations to offset the cost of Hamburg Day. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres noted building activity is slow with some smaller projects almost complete. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the Borough Engineer has told him the Woods project is starting the next step in the process.

Councilmember Sena asked for the status of the property at 169-171 Route 23. There was a stop order from soil conservation but that has been lifted and there is a for sale sign. Councilmember Haig and Mayor Krasnomowitz questioned if the Construction department has been made aware of the work. Councilmember Endres stated he would look into the situation for the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba stated the Police department has an officer out and was already an officer down. We are now incurring more overtime. Applications are being accepted and interviews

should begin shortly.

Councilmember Saliba spoke with the Borough OEM officer and heard a lot of praise for their grant writer Jeff Stevens. Councilmember Saliba would like to meet with Mr. Stevens and asked the council if they would be interested in speaking with him as well. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated he should be invited to a Council meeting. Councilmember Saliba agreed to invite Mr. Stevens.

Councilmember Sena asked if the recent officer who resigned had an exit interview.

Councilmember Saliba stated he had been interviewed. He could arrange a meeting with the Police Chief as he held the interview if requested. He noted all expenses incurred by the Borough for training of the officer were reimbursed.

Councilmember Sena noted the Borough is on schedule based on the first quarter to be in the \$60,000 range for overtime. He questioned if the Borough might be going over the budgeted limit. CFO Joe Brezina stated the maximum is \$99,000. Councilmember Saliba stated they are hoping to fill the vacancies quickly so that we can keep overtime expenses down.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated the BPW met on March 11, 2026 and passed a motion to refund an overpayment.

Resolution W-2026-001 Authorizing Credit/Refund for Block 1 Lot 6 in the amount of \$1,076.10. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution W-2026-001 Authorizing Credit/Refund for Block 1 Lot 6 in the amount of \$1,076.10. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept the Landscape Maintenance Renewal Contract from DiSessa at a cost of \$4300. Councilmember Sena felt there needed to be discussion on the scope of work for the recreation fields. He voiced concerns that weeds may be taking over the fields. Councilmember Haig noted they were starting earlier this year to address the weeds which should prevent that issue. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, YES, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember Saliba, YES, Councilmember Sena, YES.

Councilmember Haig stated he reviewed quotes for a survey of the Borough property at 9 Orchard Street. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the quote by DMC in the amount of \$3,400. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig updated the council on the Hometown Heroes project. 29 banners have been ordered. Several donations were made towards the project and the banners will be going up before Memorial Day. This project will be part of the Borough's Memorial Day celebration.

Councilmember Haig noted the Borough flag poles have been ordered. Councilmember Saliba asked if the Borough would be putting up banners celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the country. Councilmember Haig stated that it would.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilmember Sena was concerned about some issues he felt existed with the water department. He questioned if the smart meters may not be working properly and the number of estimated bills. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated Councilmember Sena should attend a BPW meeting for more information.

Councilmember Sena attended the recent meeting of the Drug Alliance. He noted School Superintendent Kimberly Sigman attended her first meeting and was a welcome addition. He stated the State had cancelled funding for L.E.A.D. kits and the Alliance is trying find a way to provide funding. Councilmember Saliba requested information about the L.E.A.D. program. It was explained as a program for school age children entitled Law Enforcement Against Drugs & Violence.

Sena noted the Alliance also provides funds for the senior citizens group. Hamburg, Hardyston and Ogdensburg seniors and others are now meeting at the Ogdensburg Fire House which has increased their expenses. Currently funded by the Alliance there are has stricter rules and funding will be discontinued. Councilmember Sena noted previously the towns provided funding. He feels this program is essential for Borough Seniors and will be investigating funding possibilities.

Resolution T-2026-006 - Authorizing Borough Participation in Electronic Tax Sales
Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution T-2026-006 - Authorizing Borough Participation in Electronic Tax Sales. All in favor.

Resolution T2026-07 - Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate
Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution T2026-07 - Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig asked the Borough to revisit the previous resolution for a time clock for Borough Hall staff. Councilmember Sena disagreed. Councilmember Haig stated he had spoken with staff and realized they were working well over office hours. Councilmember Sena noted a time clock is objective and consistent. Councilmember Haig stated if staff are salaried for a 40-hour work week but working 50 to 60 hours they should be paid. Clarification on salaried vs. managerial and possible additional costs was requested from Attorney Clemack. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to rescind the resolution to install a time clock in for Borough Hall employees. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmember Burd, YES, Councilmember Endres, Abstained, Councilmember Haig, YES, Councilmember Oehler, YES, Councilmember 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.

Resident Lisa Karas stated she had been told that two homes existed on the property previously mentioned being cleared at 169-171 Route 23. She was concerned about what was happening on the property. Councilmember Endres confirmed he would look into the situation.

County Commissioner Dave Silverthorne introduced himself to all present. He stated he admired the passion of the Council and their work for the Borough. He invited the Mayor and Council to reach out to him if they needed assistance.

Resident Lisa Karas thanked the Borough for monitoring areas of concerns by Banks Street. She thanked the Borough for keeping it clean.

Resident Paul Marino stated he is on the BPW board and has spoken with Councilmember Sena. He stated it should be discussed at the next meeting of the BPW.

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)

Local Finance Notice 2026-06 (3/18/2026)

2. Franklin Ordinance 02-2026 - Hospital Multifamily Zone (3/18/2026)
3. Franklin Ordinance 03-2026 Affordable Housing (3/18/2026)
4. Franklin Ordinance 04-2026 Rutherford Ave Redevelopment (3/18/2026)
5. Franklin Ordinance 05-2026 Zinc Mine Redevelopment Area (3/18/2026)
6. Hardyston Ordinance 2026-04 Affordable Housing (3/2/2026)
7. Hardyston Ordinance 2026-05 Establish AH-1 Affordable Housing (3/2/2026)
8. Hardyston Ordinance 2026-06 Establish AH-2 Affordable Housing (3/2/2026)
9. Hardyston Ordinance 2026-07 Amend Redevelopment Rt 94 (3/18/2026)
10. Vernon Ordinance 2026-07 Amend Redevelopment McAfee Village (3/18/2026)
11. County of Sussex appointment of Clerk of Board County Commissioners (3/2/2026)
12. Franklin Housing Element and Fair Housing Plan (3/2/2026)
13. Franklin Ordinance 02-2026 - Hospital Multifamily Zone Adopted (3/23/2026)
14. From Sussex County various programs being offered (3/30/2026)
15. Correspondence from Sussex County Community College (3/30/2026)
16. Tax Court Case Information Statement (3/30/2026)
17. Hampton Township Ordinance 2026-04 Fair Housing Act (4/1/2026)
18. FEMA Grant approval Letter - Generator (4/1/2026)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 5/4/26

Date Released 5/5/26

Jean Stephens
Jean Stephens
Deputy Clerk

