

# HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Oct 15, 2024

## OPEN MEETING / FLAG SALUTE

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, with regards to notices, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamburg Recreation Commission is called to order at 7:09 pm, Oct 15, 2024 with a flag salute.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Sam Villagomez, Art Walton, Guiseppe Caserta, Kamikedell Wolf  
Also present: Councilmember Joyce Oehler  
Absent: Kamikedell Wolf

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sep 24, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Art Walton, seconded by Guiseppe Caserta to approve. All members in Favor.

## FINANCE

Board Members asked the Secretary Suzette Villagomez to ask Finance to simplify the budget report so as to understand where the monies are coming from and being spent.

Motioned by Guiseppe Caserta, seconded by Art Walton to approve pending the outcome of the party rentals subsequent correcting of payments.

## OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

**Trunk or Treat** - October 27 - Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that flyers have been sent out to the public school, local daycare and is on the Boro Marque, also that registration has been pushed out to the 25th as to accommodate any late registrations and warned members who are helping with event that there still might be late comers to the event.

Guiseppe Caserta asked if we can post a flier of Trunk or Treat at the Y.M.C.A., in which Chairperson Sam Villagomez replied by saying, this is a Hamburg resident only event.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez asked Councilperson Joyce Oehler if Costco has a bulk amount of small toys items we can put in the Trunk or treat goodie bags, Councilperson Joyce Oehler stated that not all she can get in bulk are the treats.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez agreed and is going to use Oriental trading for all other small toys and craft items for Trunk or treat and for Christmas with Santa. All Members in favor.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that the gift cards for costume winners, gift certificate for best trunk, keys to pavilion and the order from Oriental Trading will be at the Boro Hall on Friday the 25th.

Board Members agreed to be at the pavilion to start setting up at 12:15p.m.

**Halloween Contest** - October 15-31 - Chairperson Sam Villagomez reminded all board members about the contest and if possible to take pictures as to maybe place on the newsletter.

**Breakfast with Santa** - December 14th - Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that members should be at the Hamburg firehouse on Friday December 13th at 7:30 p.m. to set up and decorate. Sam also stated that in our next meeting we will narrow down the list of food and items we need to purchase.

Councilperson Joyce Oehler stated that the Borough Council suggested that there be a co-chair for this event as it is a large event and to help alleviate some of the responsibilities.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that he will take suggestions into consideration but he likes to keep certain events close to him.

Board Members discussed how to set up the tables in both the firehouse and the garage to accommodate the maximum number of people.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez asked Councilperson Joyce Oehler if she knows if Bob Russel or Russel Law will be Santa for the event this year, Councilperson Joyce Oehler replied that she will confirm Russel Law will be Santa.

Councilperson Joyce Oehler stated that as per City Council we are able to put a TREPS table at Hamburg Day 2025.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez upon hearing this asked Secretary Suzette Villagomez to send out letters to the surrounding schools, high schools and technical schools to participate in Hamburg day 2025.

## **OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Motioned by Guiseppe Caserta , seconded by Art Walton to open the meeting to the public. All members in favor.

Upon hearing no further comments.

Motioned by Art Walton, seconded by Guiseppe Caserta to close the meeting to the public. All members in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated that he has received a letter from National Institute of Early Education Research in reference to our Summer Programs.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez informed the Board Members that we do not have summer programs at this time due to staffing and cost, and will not be participating in this research.

Art Walton stated that he has spoken with the Evan Darby from the New Jersey Soccer Association in reference to promoting our Foot Golf Event.

Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated we received a flier in reference to an amateur wrestling event, and suggested that maybe it could be a Hamburg Day 2025 performer.


Chairperson Sam Villagomez stated we received a letter from the Coalition for kids in reference if we need any assistance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Art Walton , seconded by Guiseppe Caserta to adjourn the meeting. All members in favor.

Date approved Nov. 19.2024

Date released 1.28.25

  
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Suzette Villagomez

Borough of Hamburg Recreation Secretary