

# **HAMBURG RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**January 13, 2026**

## **OPEN MEETING / FLAG SALUTE**

Commission Chair Villagomez called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and led all present in the flag salute.

## **Certification**

Pursuant the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 14th, 2026 by delivering to the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald and posting at the Municipal Building a copy of the commission's "Annual Notice of Meetings"

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Sam Villagomez, Art Walton, Frances Weiss  
Also present: Council Liaison Joyce Oehler  
Secretary Anna Titka

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **November 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Vice Chair Art Walton, seconded by Commission Member Fran Weiss to approve the November 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

## **FINANCE**

Members of the Commission discussed funds encumbered for remaining events. There was discussion from commission members about when the budget for the new year gets approved by town council. Commission Chair Villagomez requested that Treasurer Joseph Brezzina join us at the February meeting to answer further questions in regards to the finance reports.

Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to table the finance reports until the February meeting. All in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tree Lighting - December 5th**

The tree lighting is not a recreation event, but the recreation commission was happy to assist. Commission Chair Villagomez noted that the Tree Lighting went well, it was very much enjoyed by everyone he spoke with. There were roughly 100 people in attendance. The auxiliary served hot chocolate and cookies. Council Liason Oehler noted that every department is going to continue to assist in the tree lighting event in the future.

### **Breakfast with Santa - December 13th**

Commission Chair Villagomez noted that everyone was happy with the event, with about 100 people in attendance. The kitchen crew was amazing and helpful, no issues noted. Motion by Commission Member Weiss, seconded by Vice Chair Walton to schedule Breakfast with Santa event on December 12th, 2026. All in favor. Secretary Titka will contact Santa to get him scheduled for the event. Council Liason Oehler will work with Charlie, from the fire department, to book the hall for that day. Reminders that the decorating will take place December 11th, 2026.

### **Holiday Decorating Contest**

Recreation Commission members discussed how long winners of the decorating contest had to wait before they could win again. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to shorten the waiting period to 4 years. The winners were chosen as follows: 1st - 17 Hamilton, 2nd - 75 Bluffs, 3rd - 22 Hamilton, and Best Street - Hamilton. Secretary Titka will forward the winners to the appropriate parties to get the checks and certificates made out to the winners. All checks and certificates must be picked up at Boro Hall.

### **Family Game Night - February 20th**

Council Liason Oehler secured the hall for the event. She will supply the games and make snacks. Leftover water will be used up from previous events. Secretary Titka shared the flyer that has been shared on the website and with the school, for their newsletter. No one has signed up via the website as of the meeting.

### **YMCA Family Swim**

Commission Chair Villagomez noted that the event has not been very well attended in the past. The YMCA charges \$300 for the event, and it doesn't seem worth it to hold the event for the price point for the lack of attendance. Motion by Commission Member Weiss, seconded by Vice Chair Walton to cancel the event. All in favor.

### **Trivia Night - April 24th**

Vice Chair Walton will chair the event, with the help of Commission Chair Villagomez. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to set a budget of \$150 for the Trivia Night event. All in favor. Council Liason Oehler will submit the paperwork to secure the hall for the event. She also suggested reaching out to local businesses for prize donations.

### **Hamburg Day - August 23rd**

Secretary Titka noted that emails went out to the master list taken from Hamburg Day 2025. We currently have 1 application submitted, with 8 others interested. Commission Member Weiss will work on getting the band for the event. Commission members discussed the idea of corporate sponsors for the rides/attractions. Details of what a sponsorship would entitle were discussed, such as signage based on donation tiers. Secretary Titka will work with Deputy Clerk Stephens to create a donation letter that can be taken to businesses for donation requests.

### **Family Golf Day**

Event scheduled for Sunday, May 17th, 2026 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

### **Miss Hamburg Pageant**

Event scheduled for June 7th, 2026 from 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM. Newton Trophy will be contacted closer to the event for the trophies, sashes, and crowns. Vice Chair Walton will MC the event, Commission Chair Villagomez will assist. Council Liason Oehler will talk to Ricky about securing the pavilion.

**Ice Cream Social**

Commission members discussed whether to continue the event, citing lack of attendance in the past. Council Liason Oehler suggested combining it with another event, such as an ice cream game day. Secretary Titka noted that the Recreation Commission used to work with Hamburg School, typically the PTA, to host events. She suggested reaching out to the PTA to help sponsor the ice cream on the last day of school. Commission Chair Villagomez requested that we invite the PTA to the next meeting to discuss partnering on the event.

**Miners Game**

Event is TBD until the season schedule is finalized and we have a better idea of when we can schedule.

**Foot Golf**

Event scheduled for Friday, September 18th, 2026 starting at 4:00 PM. Vice Chair Walton noted that the players can start later than 4:00 PM if need be, due to bus schedules.

**Trunk or Treat**

Event scheduled for October 25th, 2026.

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Chair Villagomez requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss. All in favor.

Motion by Vice Chair Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to close to the public. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A volunteer application was submitted by Allison Paludi. Secretary Titka will follow up.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Vice Chair Art Walton, seconded by Commission Member Weiss to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. All in favor.

Date approved 2/17/26

Date released 2/17/26

Submitted by:

  
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Anna Titka  
Recreation Commission Secretary