

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG BEING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a roll call:

Present:	Councilmember Burd	Councilmember Endres
	Councilmember Haig	Councilmember Oehler
	Councilmember Saliba	
	Mayor Krasnomowitz	

Absent: Councilmember Sena

Also Present: Attorney Richard Clemack
Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk

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".

May 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the May 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes. All present in favor.

May 4, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the May 4, 2026 Executive Session Minutes. All present in favor.

May 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

May 18, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the May 18, 2026 Executive Session 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 Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the bills list to the public. All in favor.

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

2026 MUNICIPAL AUDIT – Audit was emailed to Governing Body on 5/28/2026

- Synopsis of Audit to be published as provided by law.
- Certification of receipt of Audit to be signed by Council

Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to open the floor to Borough CFO, Joseph Brezina. Motioned by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres. All in favor. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the long-standing issue of segregation of duties. He acknowledged it was a problem for every small town. Mr. Brezina stated the Borough had done well despite that recurring issue. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the floor. All in favor.

Resolution 2026-62 Governing Body Certification of Annual Audit (addressed above)

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve Resolution 2026-62 Certification of Audit. All in favor.

Councilmembers were reminded to sign the certification at the end of the meeting.

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 Haig to read all of the following ordinance by title only. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 08-2026 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 08-2026 Fixing the Salaries of Certain Officials, Officers and Employees of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey. Second reading scheduled for the July 6, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

Ordinance 09-2026 – 1st Reading

CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PAVING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO GENERAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND VARIOUS OTHER ROADS AS NEEDED IN THE BOROUGH BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$68,764 THEREFORE FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH AND \$181,236 FROM THE DOT GRANT FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF.

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to introduce Ordinance 08-2026 Capital Ordinance Providing for Paving and Improvements to General Road Improvements and Various Other Roads as Needed in the Borough by the Borough of Hamburg, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$68,764 Therefore from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough and \$181,236 from the Dot Grant for a Total Appropriation of \$250,000 to Pay for the Cost Thereof. Second reading scheduled for the July 6, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

Ordinance 10-2026 – 1st Reading

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 164 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG – SEWERS

After reading by title only and a brief explanation by Attorney Clemack and some discussion, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to introduce Ordinance 10-2026 of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey Supplementing and Amending Chapter 164 of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg – Sewers. Second reading scheduled for the July 6, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

Ordinance 11-2026 – 1st Reading

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTERS 164 AND 209 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG REGARDING WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Burd to introduce Ordinance 10-2026 of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey Supplementing and Amending Chapters 164 and 209 of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg Regarding Water and Sewer Charges. Second reading scheduled for the July 6, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-51 - Resolution Approving the Proposal to Provide the Design of Manual Switch Installation from Boswell Engineering

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-51 Approving the Proposal to Provide the Design of Manual Switch Installation from Boswell Engineering. All in favor.

2026-52 – Recommending to NJDOT that contract for MA-2024 Gov. Haines St., N Gov. Haines St., & Highview St. MA-2025 Cinderella St., Orchard St. & Mountainview St. Resurfacing Projects be awarded to Riverview Paving

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-52 – Recommending to NJDOT that contract for MA-2024 Gov. Haines St., N Gov. Haines St., & Highview St. MA-2025 Cinderella St., Orchard St. & Mountainview St. Resurfacing Projects be awarded to Riverview Paving. All in favor.

2026-56- Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts and Increased Municipal Aid to Provide Real Property Tax Relief

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-56- Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts and Increased Municipal Aid to Provide Real Property Tax Relief. All in favor.

2026-57 - Resolution Awarding Contract for Street Resurfacing Project MA-2024 Gov. Haines St., N Gov. Haines St., & Highview St. MA-2025 Cinderella St., Orchard St. & Mountainview St.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-57 - Awarding Contract for Street Resurfacing Project MA-2024 Gov. Haines St., N Gov. Haines St., &

Highview St. MA-2025 Cinderella St., Orchard St. & Mountainview St. All in favor.

2026-58 - Resolution Approving the Corrective Action Plan in Connection with the Audit Report Year 2025

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-58 - Approving the Corrective Action Plan in Connection with the Audit Report Year 2025. All in favor.

2026-59 - Resolution Setting Amended Water & Sewer Connections Fees was withdrawn as it is preceded by Ordinance 11-2026. Motion by Councilmember Haig, Seconded by Councilmember Oehler to withdraw Resolution 2026-59. All in favor.

2026-60 - Resolution amending Salary for Alec Yanish, DPW Supervisor

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-60 - amending Salary for Alec Yanish, DPW Supervisor. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES.

2026-61 – Resolution Approving a Salary Increase for Department of Public Works Employees

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-61 - Approving a Salary Increase for Department of Public Works Employees. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES.

2026-68 - Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Wallkill Avenue, King Cole Road & Urban Street Road Improvements Project.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-68 - Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Wallkill Avenue, King Cole Road & Urban Street Road Improvements Project. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Resolution 2026-62 – Cellular Consultant bid summary was reviewed. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to carry Resolution 2026-62 Cellular Consultant to the July 1, 2026 Meeting. Full bid packets to be sent to all councilmember prior to meeting date. All in favor.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Resolution 2026-63 - Approval for Hiring New Officer, John DeGroat Jr.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-63 - Approval for Hiring New Police Officer, John DeGroat Jr. pending drug test results. All in Favor.

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted regarding the request from the county for the 250th Anniversary County Time Capsule that we were not provided with enough information to prepare and would not be participating. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Councilmembers volunteer for time at the Borough table for the County Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. The volunteer sign up was passed to all Councilmembers present.

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the Memorial Day Service was the best attended in many years thanks to the Hometown Heroes program. He thanked the everyone for their efforts.

Mayor Krasnomowitz opened the floor to Councilmember Haig regarding the Borough hosting an event for the 250th Anniversary. Councilmember Haig suggested an event for July 4th weekend. Discussion ensued. Mayor Krasnomowitz would like the Borough to provide a band, cake, ice cream and food options. Councilmember Haig noted funds are limited but he has volunteers willing to assist in planning the event. Councilmembers decided that it would be best to hold the event on Friday, July 3rd from 4-8 pm.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS 2026-2027 (Resolutions 2026-64 thru 2026-67)

The Licenses listed below have received tax clearance, all fees paid. Approve pending completion background investigations.

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| • Restaurant Kaya (Cravin Thai) | 1909-33-003-01001 |
| • Hamburg Krishna, LLC. (Hamburg Discount Liquors) | 1909-44-002-007 |
| • Marketplace Liquors | 1909-33-005-006 |

Liquor License for SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) is waiting for tax clearance certificate to be uploaded on POSSE

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| • SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) | 1909-33-004-006 |
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Resolution 2026-64 Liquor License Renewal – Restaurant Kaya

Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-64 Liquor License Renewal – Restaurant Kaya. All were in favor.

Resolution 2026-65 Liquor License Renewal – Hamburg Krishna, LLC (Hamburg Discount Liquors)

Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to Resolution 2026-65 Liquor License Renewal – Hamburg Krishna, LLC (Hamburg Discount Liquors). All in favor.

Resolution 2026-66 Liquor License Renewal – Marketplace Liquors

Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2025-63 Liquor License Renewal – Marketplace Liquors. All in favor.

Resolution 2026-67 Liquor License Renewal – SJR Co. LLC (Doc's)

Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-67 Liquor License Renewal – SJR Co. LLC (Doc's) pending receipt of tax clearance. All were in favor.

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:	April 2026
Construction Report:	April 2026
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	--
Water/Sewer Report	April 2026
Police Report:	--
EMS Report:	--
Fire Report:	April 2026 & May 2026

OEM April 2026 & May 2026

Court: --

Board of Health: April 2026

Animal Control: --

Recycling Report --

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 noted the Collectors office would like to purchase a credit card payment machine for the Borough. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked CFO, Joseph Brezina, if it was compatible with our system. Mr. Brezina stated it is similar to our online payment system where the payer also pays any fees, there would be no transaction fees for the Borough. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to purchase card payment machine for the Borough. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler noted the Miss Hamburg contest is only a few days away and to date there have a single applicant each for little Mr. and little Miss Hamburg. We have no applicants for Miss Hamburg. She stated Wallkill High School would not promote the event and the Recreation Commission members were trying their best to get it out to the public. Other towns are having a similar issue. Councilmember Oehler noted it was recommended they start to promote this in March next year. She voiced a suggestion that the High School host a community bulletin board for the sending districts.

Councilmember Oehler provided an update on the preparations for Hamburg Day, August 23rd. She stated the Commission Chair made a request for cooling fans but she noted the lack of water connections and electricity was a deterrent. They currently have 31 vendors and 5-6 food trucks. More are expected.

Councilmember Oehler stated she has been approached by the Hamburg Hawks Soccer Academy. They have over 70 children in the program. They would like to use our fields for a soccer tournament on June 20 or 27th. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated they would need to check availability of the fields with Recreation Fields Coordinator and provide certificate of insurance.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres stated he received five complaints regarding the Quarry blast this morning at 10am. The Borough received no calls. He checked and it was still within legal limits. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that previously we had been told they were moving away from the area near Hamburg. He asked if Councilmember Endres could find out if that was still the case. Councilmember Haig commented there is no longer a buffer on that side of the quarry. Councilmember Saliba noted there seems to be no reduction in the severity of the blasts. Councilmember Haig voiced concerns about the air quality and silica dust. He questioned whether it was being monitored. Attorney Clemack reminded the Council that the Quarry is in an adjacent municipality and stated that most quarry ordinances follow DEP regulations regarding silica dust. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Attorney Clemack investigate this further. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested Councilmember Endres consult with Attorney Clemack before speaking to the Quarry.

Councilmember Endres noted with the World Cup the Meadowlands Flea Market has been moved to

Skylands Stadium. He stated it may cause an increase in traffic in the area.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba introduced grant writer, Jeff Stevens. Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the floor to Mr. Stevens, CFO, Joseph Brezina and OEM Coordinator, Keith Sukennikoff. All in favor.

Mr. Sukennikoff began by stating the warnings from the Quarry were coming only 10 minutes or less before the first blast. He stated prompter communication is needed so warning get to all parties before a blast. Mr. Sukennikoff noted he includes information that complaints should be made to Hardyston. Mr. Sukennikoff praised the Borough CFO for his prompt answers to requests for information required for grants. He also praised Mr. Stevens efforts in finding grants that benefitted the Borough. Mr. Stevens stated it was his company's goal to find grants for their clients. Grants that help provide for a variety of needs like the Borough's new mobile generator. CFO Brezina noted we had been offered two grants for the generator and grants were a huge money saver during covid. Mr. Stevens also noted most of the administrative costs were also covered by the grants. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if there was more the Borough could be doing. Discussion ensued regarding the current federal landscape, congressional funding and shared services grants. He encouraged the Mayor and Council look into the future needs of the Borough. He noted planning out future designs is a big help when filling out grant applications. Mr. Stevens also stressed the value of pre-preparation could not be understated. Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the floor. All in favor. Councilmember Saliba stated taxpayers don't always know how much is done by the Borough with grants and we need to let the community know when something has been done through a grant.

Councilmember Saliba stated the school had hired their own resource office. The cost is strictly the school's responsibility. They would still like to work with the Borough in future regarding a shared position with the Borough.

Councilmember Saliba noted the PTA Color Run has been cancelled.

Councilmember Saliba had been contacted by BookDrop, a non-profit Book Recycling company regarding placing a book drop in the Borough. He stated the company empties and maintains the book drop; the Borough would need to choose a location. Councilmembers approved of the idea and requested Councilmember Saliba research a good location before it could be approved.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated the Borough police department property survey has been completed and they will be coming back to stake out the property. If the Borough is willing to grant the building next door an extra foot of space, they could install a driveway of their own and park behind their building. Attorney Clemack recommended leasing the extra space rather than granting an easement. Councilmember Haig will discuss with Attorney Clemack how best to proceed and will report back to the Council.

Councilmember Haig noted the new Borough Christmas tree has been installed and is doing well.

Councilmember Haig stated they already have 5 paid submissions for Hometown Heroes banners for next year. He noted the current banners will come down when the winter snowflakes are installed. Councilmember Saliba questioned the height of some of the banners which he felt were too high.

Councilmember Haig stated they were being very cautious on the initial install and would be verifying the correct height and adjusting.

Councilmember Haig Borough Hall railing was almost completely painted, new municipal building sign was installed and he has been looking at pricing to add lighting.

Councilmember Haig reminded those present the Fire Department is working with Blue Arrow Farm to host a Hot Rod show every Thursday evening starting next week. It will run from 4pm – Dusk and will not run past 10pm. There will be a band or DJ and admission is \$5 per person. It will only be cancelled for rainy weather.

Councilmember Haig directed everyone's attention to the new flags in the meeting room.

Councilmember Haig voiced concerns regarding the Borough storage area for older permanent records. He stated upon visiting the archive in the annex building he found moisture damage and mold. Quotes were requested for climate controlled local storage. Quotes were reviewed. Councilmember Saliba noted the Borough could build shelving to suit its needs in a storage unit. Councilmember Haig stated something needs to be done quickly before items are permanently damaged. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested estimates on digitizing those records. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to rent a 10 x 20 storage unit from Cubesmart in Wantage at \$240 per month for one year. All in favor.

Councilmember Haig noted he had been asked to provide and update regarding water meter replacements. He stated that as of this meeting there were only 24 meters in need of replacing. The DPW and Water collector were also working to place meters on the odd sized connections.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Resolution T-2026-008 Refund Overpayment

In Councilmember Sena's absence Resolution was read by Mayor Krasnomowitz. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution T-2026-008 refunding tax overpayment. All in favor.

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

Mrs. Sheila Frayko, School Board Liaison, informed the Mayor and Council that the Resource officer has not yet been officially hired. It needs to come before the board first. She announced the 8th Grade Graduation would be held on Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30pm.

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

Councilmember Oehler noted the Recreation Commission would be purchasing a backdrop for the Miss Hamburg and Littles contest pictures.

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

1. Montague Twsp. Resolution 2026-062 (5/7/2026)
2. Samaritan Inn Benefit Invitation (5/15/2026)
3. Fredon Twsp. Resolution 2026-59 Fuel Tax Increase (5/15/2026)
4. Vernon Twsp. Define and Prohibit "Data Centers" #26-11 (5/21/2026)
5. Wantage Twsp. Resolution 91-2026 (5/21/2026)
6. Sandyston Twsp. Senate Bill #S1748 (5/21/2026)
7. Sandyston Twsp. Assembly Bill #A1292 (5/21/2026)
8. Sandyston Twsp. Assembly Resolution AR58 Senate Resolution SR29 (5/21/2026)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 7/6/2026

Date Released 7/7/2026

Jean Stephens
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Deputy Clerk