

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG BEING HELD ON AUGUST 3, 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 Saliba
	Councilmember Sena	
	Mayor Krasnomowitz	
Absent:	Councilmember Oehler	
Also Present:	Attorney Richard Clemack	
	Beth Martin, Acting Municipal 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".

July 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to approve the July 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, ABSENT, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

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

ORDINANCES:

Attorney Clemack requested a motion made by Councilman Haig, seconded by Councilman Endres to open the floor, for discussion on Ordinance 12-2026, to the CFO Joe Brezina.

ORDINANCE 12-2026 1st Reading – CARRIED to a subsequent meeting

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RECOVERY OF CERTAIN COSTS OF**

FIRE FIGHTING MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES INCURRED IN RESPONSE TO CERTAIN EMERGENCIES

Attorney Clemack reviewed the ordinance and the outstanding decisions, including the fee amount, definition of a borough resident, and when charges would begin. A motion was made by Councilman Haig, seconded by Councilman Burd, to open the floor for discussion to OEM Keith Sukennikoff; all present were in favor. Keith suggested separate fee levels for residential and commercial properties. A motion was then made by Councilman Haig, seconded by Councilman Saliba, to open the floor to Ex-Chief Charlie Kazella; all were in favor. Charlie explained that some fires require larger equipment, resulting in significant costs. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested charging the same amount for both residential and commercial properties. Keith explained that smoke cleanup averages \$5,000–\$12,000, with total cleanup costs ranging from \$100,000–\$280,000, and suggested \$5,000 as the starting fee. Councilmember Sena questioned whether insurance companies would need to be notified, and Mayor Krasnomowitz explained that the process would be similar to EMS billing insurance for transportation services. The final fee amount and other details remain to be determined. Attorney Clemack suggested coming up with a committee to come up with the final decisions on this ordinance. The committee will consist of Councilman Haig, Councilman Saliba, OEM Keith Sukennikoff, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Reardon, and CFO Joe Brezina. A motion was made by Councilman Haig, seconded by Councilman Saliba to close the floor to CFO, OEM, and Charlie Kazella. All in favor. A motion was made by Councilman Haig, seconded by Councilman Endres to carry this ordinance to a subsequent meeting. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 13-2026 1st Reading – CARRIED to a subsequent meeting

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36 - OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROHIBIT THE HIRING, APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER INTO A PAID MUNICIPAL POSITION OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF THE MAYOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Councilman Burd read a few lines from the ordinance into the record. Councilman Sena questioned the use of word merit in the ordinance. Mayor Krasnomowitz explained the borough has hired people based on their qualifications, merit, and capability in completing the job. Councilman Sena expressed his feelings if a person is being interviewed for a position and someone who currently works for the borough is involved in the interview process the current employee should remove themselves from the interview process. Attorney Clemack stated this is already in the conflict-of-interest law. Attorney Clemack stated the definition of friend, cronies, etc. needs to be determined. The discussion to add verbiage regarding stepping out of the interview process to the ordinance draft. A motion was made by Councilman Haig, seconded by Councilman Burd to carry this ordinance to a subsequent meeting. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-77 A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Lease Purchase Of (10) Sets of Fire Protective Gear and (6) Air Packs for the Fire Department

Councilman Saliba explained the Borough would be leasing the ten (10) sets of fire protective gear and paying for the equipment over five (5) years. Mayor Krasnomowitz confirmed with the CFO the funds would be coming from the Capital Improvement fund. A motion made by Councilman Saliba, seconded by Councilman Haig to open the floor to CFO Joe Brezina, OEM Keith Sukennikoff, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Reardon, and Ex-chief Charlie Kazella for further explanation. All in favor. Councilman Sena questioned how many active members are OSHA approved the fire department have that are certified to fight an interior fire. Keith explained OSHA

is not the correct department. He went on to explain every active firefighter on the Borough of Hamburg Fire Department have gone through 180 hours of training, and are fit tested with their equipment yearly. Councilman Sena wanted to confirm there is no difference in any firefighter who can or cannot go into an interior fire. Keith confirmed there was no difference. CFO Brezina explained this is a 5-year lease under New Jersey State contract. Keith explained each firefighter requires two sets of turn-out gear. The department has applied for AFG grants through FEMA to help replace outdated turn-out gear. Councilman Sena questioned when the next time gear would need to be purchased. Councilman Saliba explained the next time gear would need to be purchased would be six (6) years out. Keith explained due to the number of calls made the borough only qualify for Microgrants. A motion was made by Councilman Saliba, seconded by Councilman Endres to close the floor to CFO, OEM, Assistant Fire Chief, and Ex-Chief. All in favor. Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-77 A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Lease Purchase Of (10) Sets of Fire Protective Gear and (6) Air Packs for the Fire Department. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

Attorney Clemack had nothing further to report at this time.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

Mayor Krasnomowitz had nothing further to report at this time.

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:	--
Construction Report:	June 2026
Treasurer Report:	--
Tax Report:	June 2026
Water/Sewer Report	June 2026
Police Report:	--
EMS Report:	June 2026
Fire Report:	July 2026
OEM	July 2026
Court:	June 2026
Board of Health:	June 2026
Animal Control:	--

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilman Burd reported the Borough of Hamburg pays \$8,670,87.00 in school taxes between Hamburg School and Wallkill Valley High school.

Councilman Burd gave Councilwoman Oehler's report due to her being absent. Hamburg Day is scheduled for Sunday August 23, 2026 from 12p-4p. If any council are available to help, please come help. There are 24 vendors and 9 food vendors. Councilman Burd stated the date of the Foot Golf has been moved to September 18. The Recreation Commission is starting to get items ready

for the annual Trunk-or-Treat event.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Report given under Councilman Burd due to being absent.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Mayor Krasnomowitz reported the Land Use Board meeting was postponed. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday August 5, 2026 with Falcon Ridge to discuss a concept review of a build out of the remaining building in there.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilman Saliba reported the new Resource Officer, a retired police officer, for the school is currently finishing up his training and will begin at the beginning of the school year.

The new officer the Borough hired is settling in well and getting good remarks from the chief. The amount of overtime is starting to come down.

The Borough and Franklin Borough are currently in discussion about a shared service for the court. Nothing has been decided as of yet.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilman Haig reported there were approximately 185 water turn offs and there are only approximately 7 which are still unpaid and turned off. All others have been turned back on after receipt of payment. One issue with the number of turn-offs is residents are not receiving their mail. The borough now offers to receive the bill via email and have the ability to offer payment via credit card in the building.

Councilman Haig reported he met with the Recreation Commission in regards to Hamburg Day.

There will be a stage placed down by the Volley ball net area. All vendors will be placed down behind the playground so emergency vehicles can get out easily, if needed. The vendors will start on the flat part behind the playground and work towards the pavilion. We had to buy a new 40x20 tent due to it being damaged during a storm.

Councilman Haig reported the property lines for the police department property have been marked out. Pricing for fencing going down the property line will be needed to be acquired. There was a lot of dirt from the neighboring property which ended up in the police department parking lot after the big rain storm. The neighbor needs to put in new driveway.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Councilman Sena requested from Councilman Saliba the information on who the Chief of Police has as the LEAD officer for the school. The next meeting is in mid-September.

Councilman Sena reported there were 373 soccer participants and 45 volunteers at the end of the Spring season. There will be four teams using the Hamburg field for the Fall season.

Resolution T-2026-009 Refund Overpayment Block 30 Lot 16

Resolution T-2026-010 Refund Overpayment Block 17 Lot 18 C0126

Resolution T-2026-011 Refund Overpayment Block 17 Lot 18 C2224

Resolution T-2026-012 Refund Overpayment Block 11 Lot 30 C0043

Resolution T-2026-013 Refund Overpayment Block 11 Lot 30 C0043

A motion was made by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Haig to accept Tax Resolutions T-2026-009 through T-2026-013. All were in favor.

Councilman Haig discussed the use of the park. Recreation needs to communicate with the Clerk's

office on when there is an activity going on at the park, whether it be a sports event or a private event. There needs to be better communication between the Hardyston Recreation Department and the Clerk's office. Councilman Haig requested some sort of paperwork be completed for use of the park. Councilman Burd and Councilman Haig requested the ordinance for the park usage be revisited.

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 Endres to open to the public. All in favor.

Resident Charlie Kazella expressed his concerns about the continued increase in his property taxes. Mr. Kazella expressed his concerns about having a shared service with the Borough of Franklin for fire call coverage when on multiple occasions over the past years the fire department has requested a clothing allowance or LOSAP, all to be denied by the mayor and council. He stated there is zero incentive for the volunteers of Hamburg to answer fire calls. Mr. Kazella expressed his concerns about an incident which occurred on Election day when he went on a fire call.

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

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

1. Board of Health Reports June 2026 (7/13/26)
2. Highlands Council Update June 2026 (7/14/2026)
3. NJ Senior Olympics 2026 (7/20/2026)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved 9/2/2026

Date Released 9/3/2026



Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk