

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON *WEDNESDAY*, SEPTEMBER 2, 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	Councilmember Sena
	Mayor Krasnomowitz	

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".

PRESENTATION - SWEARING IN NEW POLICE OFFICER – J. DEGROAT

Mayor Krasnomowitz introduced John DeGroat and Acting Municipal Clerk Beth Martin swore him in as a new Borough Police officer.

**AWARD PRESENTATION – MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING AWARD FOR PTL.
MARCONE**

Mayor Krasnomowitz opened the floor to Pedro Medina, Program Specialist for MADD. Mr. Medina explained how Mothers Against Drunk Driving began and their purpose. He stated MADD's mission is to end drunk and drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking and other drug use. He stated it was his honor to recognize Officer Michael Marcone with a certificate of excellence for his professionalism, efforts to prevent drunk driving and commitment to public safety.

August 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Endres to approve August 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes. All present 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 Oehler to close the bills list to the public. All in favor.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, 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.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE 13-2026 1st Reading

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; AND TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF ANY FAMILIAL; PERSONAL; BUSINESS; FINANCIAL OR OTHER RELATIONSHIP REGARDING HIRING OR INTERVIEWING OF APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER POSITIONS; AND TO PROHIBIT HIRING OF RELATED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

After read by title only, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd, to introduce Ordinance 13-2026 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; And to Require Disclosure of Any Familial; Personal; Business; Financial or Other Relationship Regarding Hiring or Interviewing of Applicants for Employment or Other Positions; And to Prohibit Hiring of Related Full-Time Employee, said Ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for the October 5, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Attorney Clemack noted that the ordinance had been updated as requested. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, NO.

ORDINANCE 14-2026 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 – SEWERS – OF THE GENERAL CODE 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 14-2026 Amending Chapter 164 – Sewers – of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for the October 5, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

ORDINANCE 15-2026 1st Reading - CARRIED to a subsequent meeting

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

Attorney Clemack requested this ordinance be carried as it is still a work in progress.

A motion was made by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to carry this ordinance to a subsequent meeting. All in favor.

ORDINANCE 16-2026 1st Reading -

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215 – ZONING ORDINANCE - OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF

NEW JERSEY TO PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS WITHIN ALL ZONES IN THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

A motion was made by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to introduce Ordinance 16-2026 - Zoning Ordinance - of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey To Prohibit Data Centers Within All Zones in the Borough of Hamburg. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated he felt this issue needed to be addressed due to the size of the Borough and the utilities used for such facilities. Councilmember Haig felt we needed more information. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the traffic would not be affected but the cooling is water based and would come from the Borough's system. He voiced concerns about protecting other water sources within the Borough and stated he feels it would not be in the best interest of the Borough to allow such a facility. Councilmember Haig questioned whether it would be a source of revenue for the Borough and more information would be needed to make an informed decision. Councilmember Endres noted Vernon and Andover have extensive ordinances against them. Councilmember Sena asked if more information was available. He noted that the decision might exclude future councils from doing something that might benefit the Borough. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Sena, to table this ordinance until next month. All in favor.

ORDINANCE 17-2026 1st Reading

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 183-3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

After reading by title only, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres, to introduce Ordinance 17-2026 Supplementing and Amending Chapter 183-3 of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for the October 5, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

RESOLUTIONS:

2026-78 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENDORSE THE TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL APPLICATION FOR SMS HAMBURG, LLC TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-78 Authorizing the Mayor to Endorse the Treatment Works Approval Application for SMS Hamburg, LLC to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. All in favor.

2026-79 HAMBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS

Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-2026-79 Hamburg Fire Department Charitable Solicitations. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the dates are set forth in the resolution. All in favor.

2026-80 LAWN MAINTENANCE 32 VERNON AVE

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-80 Lawn Maintenance-32 Vernon Ave. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted will place a lien on the property for the expense the Borough incurs in maintaining this property. All in favor.

2026-81 IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 149 (AR149) RECOGNIZING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS

Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept Resolution 2026-

81 In Support of New Jersey Assembly Resolution No. 149 (Ar149) Recognizing the Invaluable Contributions of State and Local Police Officers. All in favor.

2026-82 REAPPOINTMENT OF ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK – BETH MARTIN

Motion by Councilmember Oehler , seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-82 Reappointing Acting Clerk, Beth Martin. Councilmember Sena had some questions. Attorney Clemack suggested it be moved to Executive Session as a personnel matter. He requested Mrs. Martin's agreement to place it in Executive Session. Mrs. Martin agreed.

2026-83 RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO REPEAL THE GAS TAX ESCALATOR AND RESTORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO FUEL TAX INCREASES

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-83 Urging the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor to Repeal the Gas Tax Escalator and Restore Accountability to Fuel Tax Increases. All in favor.

ATTORNEY HOUR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Attorney Clemack offered the following resolution to enter into executive session later this evening. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to enter into executive session for the reasons hereafter cited:

- 1. Attorney Client Privilege**
- 2. Non-Public Disclosure**
- 3. Personnel**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:14012(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act provided for matters of this nature to be discussed in closed session; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the closed session be taken and made available to the Public upon conclusion of the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council advise the public that formal action may be taken later this evening on the matters discussed in closed session or on other matter.

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to enter into executive session later in the meeting. All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW WERE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WERE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION, THERE WAS NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION WAS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WOULD REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmember Burd stated he wanted to discuss the possibility of making the newsletter digital. A sample of a new format for the digital version was provided. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that we still have a large portion of the population that likes to receive mailed copies. He suggested that a mailed version still go out and that we do it in both forms. He would also like to see historical editions up to one year. Councilmember Oehler liked that the digital would have more information for residents. Councilmember Haig agreed it should be both editions. Councilmember Burd also agreed.

Councilmember Burd wanted to address a misunderstanding regarding park use. Apologies were offered for any inconvenience or stress that occurred, it unintended. He reviewed some changes that may help prevent future issues. The park calendar maintained by Hardyston will only schedule organized sporting events. The Borough now has a coordinated calendar for other events which will help in future. The Borough would like events with over 25 attendees to complete some type of notification form and it may then be possible to have bathrooms and cleaning available. In future if anyone finds the park a mess, he asked they please send the Borough photos as we may have no knowledge of who used the park prior. Correspondence of this nature will now go through liaisons to make sure there is less chance of misunderstanding. Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open to the public. All in favor.

Dr. Kimberly Sigman, Hamburg School Superintendent, tendered her apologies and stated she does not anticipate any future issues. Dr. Sigman also noted the Borough newsletter is linked in the school newsletter.

Mayor Krasnomowitz commended the PTA on their energy and efforts. He encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Councilmember Sena noted the relationship between Hardyston and Hamburg is long-standing. . The parks coordinator makes sure that everyone submits all required paperwork. They also help with field maintenance.

Councilmember Sena wanted to make people aware that after the local senior citizens lost their meeting place at the Littel Center, they began meeting in the Ogdensburg Fire House. Hardyston and the Municipal Drug Alliance cover the expense.

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close to the public. All in favor.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER

Councilmember Oehler stated Hamburg Day was a big success. It was well attended and there were 11 food vendors and 35 vendors. Some small changes need to be made to improve the event. Councilmember Oehler praised the new layout created by Councilmember Haig. She noted the Scavenger Hunt was remembered from last year and this year we had over 20 prizes.

Councilmember Oehler noted the Footgolf event was moved to September 18, 2026.

Regarding the Trunk or Treat, Councilmember Oehler stated it is being reorganized this year. There will be crafts, videos and a Halloween backdrop for photos as well as the parade and awards for

costumes and trunks. That will be held on October 25, 2026.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES

Councilmember Endres noted that the Land Use Board meeting for August had been cancelled, next meeting date is September 14th. The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was postponed, new date to be determined. The Hamburg School is on the agenda. Zoning officer held 24 property inspections in July and a total of 18 in August.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA

Councilmember Saliba noted that Ordinance 12-2026 is still being worked on. No additional recommendations at this time.

The Fire Department will be ordering new turnout gear and airpicks.

Councilmember Saliba attended the PTA event Ice Pops with Cops and enjoyed popsicles with our Police Department.

Councilmember Saliba noted we are the first town in Sussex County to provide our officers with tasers. Officers will be trained before they can be implemented. There has been a resignation of one Borough Crossing Guard and we are seeking a replacement. Dr. Sigman offered to put the ad in the school newsletter.

Councilmember Saliba remarked we are still investigating options regarding digitizing Borough records. It is a work in progress.

Mayor Krasnomowitz announced the police department has received funding to purchase a new fingerprint reader.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG

Councilmember Haig stated on Hamburg Day several food trucks got stuck as they were coming in due to wet ground caused by the heavy rains that morning and had to be towed out by a loader. He suggested the Borough put a drain at the bottom of the field. He thought the stage worked very well where it was placed and suggested a portable stage for future events would be a good investment and less costly.

Councilmember Haig attended the recent grand opening for the brewery on Main St. He, Mayor Krasnomowitz, Councilmember Saliba and Clerk, Beth Martin toured the new facility.

Regarding the tree lighting, Councilmember Haig asked Recreation Secretary to contact the High school to include the High School as entertainment at the event.

Councilmember Haig brought an incident on Linwood to the attention of the Mayor and Council. A parent blocked a resident's driveway when dropping off a child. Officers were called. He asked Dr. Sigman if a reminder could be put in the school newsletter.

Councilmember Haig noted repairs for the wall at Borough Hall have been completed. The siding was changed to a grey shingle as the white would not match.

Councilmember Haig is getting pricing on sealcoating drives at park. He has volunteering to do the striping; the Borough would just need to purchase the paint. Borough CFO provided copies of quotes.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA

Motion by Councilmember Sena, Seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the following resolutions refunding overpayments to property owners:

Resolution T-2026-014 Refund Overpayment Block 17 Lot 18 C0511 \$1,691.08

Resolution T-2026-015 Refund Overpayment Block 24 Lot 1 C0102 \$1,448.36

Resolution T-2026-016 Refund Overpayment Block 31 Lot 8 C1303 \$1,943.92

All in favor.

Councilmember Sena then provided an update on the Municipal Drug Alliance. He thanked Councilmember Saliba for helping coordinate contacts with the police department for the L.E.A.D. program. Councilmember Sena noted there had been some confusion with materials changing but the program is now ready to continue.

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

Resident and Board of Education member, Sheila Frayko, complimented the Borough on the Hamburg Day event. She requested an update on the NJ Dept. of Transportation Safe Routes project. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated NJ DoT is working on the project and the Borough representatives have made them aware of all our issues along the Rt. 23 corridor. He noted it will be some time before the project is completed. Councilmember Haig requested a meeting with Mrs. Frayko regarding the project.

School Superintendent, Dr. Kimberly Sigman, recognized OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff for putting up signage for the school, especially the speed limit sign on Linwood. They have been very effective. She stated she will address the blocked driveway issue.

Dr. Sigman also provided an update on the following items: Enrollment currently at 277 students. Enrollment is part of the formula that decides state funding for the schools. Back to School Night will be September 16th at 6:30pm. Dr. Sigman invited Council to have a table and provide Borough information for the attendees. Councilmember Burd offered to sit at the Borough table. The new school security officer, Ron Lucas, has met with Chief Tangorra and is at the school every day. The 1900's building is still in litigation. Anticipating 2 years until resolution. The State has now passed a new Bell to Bell law. This is effective as of September. Students are no longer allowed personal internet enabled devices at school from bell to bell. It has not really been a problem at Hamburg School. Hamburg School will be represented at Sussex County Day on September 20th.

Councilmember Saliba noted that we recently had a power outage and asked if the school had a generator. Dr. Sigman answered that it is in progress. School is held unless it not safe for the children. The safety of the children is the main concern. Dr. Sigman remarked they are working on a grant for the school to provide the proper connection for the Borough's new mobile generator.

Recreation Chair Sam Villagomez thanked Councilmember Haig, OEM Coordinator Keith Sukennikoff and everyone who helped make Hamburg Day such a success. He noted the stage and the striping made set up easier.

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

Councilmember Haig Stated that we had received two quotes regarding sealcoating at the Gingerbread castle Road Park. Quote included line striping. Vaughn quoted \$16,500 with line striping.

Councilmember Haig noted the cost of the line striping was negligible. Feldman quoted \$11,450. Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to accept the quote from Feldman. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted they had discussed Open Space funds available for park maintenance. CFO Joseph Brezina explained the funding options. He noted there are Open Space funds available. Mayor Krasnomowitz and Mr. Brezina both recommended using the Open Space funds as that is their designated purpose. Councilmember Sena noted the park is very active he asked when this work would be scheduled. Councilmember Haig stated it will take at least two days and depends on the weather. Councilmember Sena asked if it could be scheduled for a Monday-Tuesday because of the park use. Councilmember Haig said he would work on scheduling and keep the Recreation Coordinator aware. All in favor.

Mayor and Council then moved to Executive Session. Attorney Clemack noted for the record that when the Mayor and Council return from Executive Session they may be taking action on resolutions and or ordinances.

Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to come out of executive session and resume the public meeting. All in favor. .

2026-82 REAPPOINTMENT OF ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK – BETH MARTIN

Motion by Councilmember Oehler , seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-82 Reappointing Acting Clerk, Beth Martin. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

2026-84 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OF PROPERTY FROM GTC UNO, LLC TO THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

Motion by Councilmember Haig, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-84 Authorizing an Agreement for the Lease of Property from GTC UNO, LLC to the Borough of Hamburg. All in favor.

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

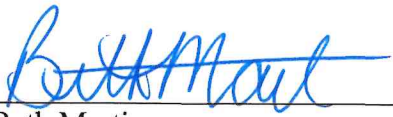
1. NJLM Annual Audit Statement 7/1/2025-6/30/2026 (8/11/2026)
2. Highlands Council Update July 2026 (8/11/2026)
3. SC Commissioners Resolution RE: Voter Registration Investigation (8/13/2026)
4. MCANJ Legal Updates on OPRA (8/14/2026)
5. Hopatcong Borough Resolution 2026-164 (8/14/2026)
6. NJ DoT RE: Federal Aid - Safe Routes to School (8/25/2026)
7. Newton - Resolution #219-2026 Housing Trust Fund (8/27/2026)
8. Fredon - Resolution in support of AR-149 (8/27/2026)
9. SC Dept of Engineering Project Completion Notice (8/31/2026)
10. JCP&L Approval of Rate Adjustments (8/31/2026)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date Approved _____

Date Released _____


Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk

Submitted by Jean Stephens, Deputy Clerk