MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ

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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	
	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".

September 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the September 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

September 2, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes
Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to approve the September 2, 2026 Executive Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:
As there were no additions or deletions to the bills list, motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler open the bills list to the public. All were in favor. Upon hearing no comments or concerns, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to close the bills list to the public. All in favor.
Motion by Councilmember Saliba, seconded by Councilmember Oehler 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 Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to read all of the following ordinances by title only. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE 13-2026 2nd 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

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All were in favor. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Burd to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. This ordinance was introduced at the September 2, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to adopt 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. Councilmember Sena voiced concerns regarding cronyism. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that it is addressed with this ordinance. Councilmember Sena then reminded the council that they should not be part of the hiring process if they know the party. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that situation is also addressed by this ordinance in Section 9a-9b. He asked if there was anything that remained unaddressed by this ordinance. Councilmember Sena stated he felt the ordinance was fine. Upon hearing no further comments or concerns Mayor Krasnomowitz called for a roll call vote to be taken.
Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, NO.

ORDINANCE 14-2026 2nd Reading
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 164 – SEWERS – OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All were in favor. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. This ordinance was introduced at the September 2, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to adopt Ordinance 14-2026 Amending Chapter 164 – Sewers – of the General Code of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

ORDINANCE 17-2026 2nd 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

Attorney Clemack read the Ordinance by title for second reading and publication. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have with regards to the ordinance prior to adoption. All were in favor. Motion by Councilmember Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler to close the meeting to the public. All in favor. This ordinance was introduced at the September 2, 2026 regular meeting and published as provided by law. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to adopt Ordinance 17-2026 Supplementing and Amending Chapter 183-3 of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg. A roll call vote was taken.
Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, YES.

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

Mayor Krasnomowitz noted for those present that this ordinance had been previously tabled so that the council could be provided more information regarding Data Centers.
After read by title only, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres, to introduce Ordinance 16-2026 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, said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for the November 2, 2026 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Haig noted he wanted to make sure that this ordinance does not prohibit any future benefits for the town. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated an ordinance can be changed in future but currently the Borough does not have the space or resources for a data center. Councilmember Saliba felt any data center would come too close to residential areas. Mayor Krasnomowitz voiced concerns about the drain on local resources and Borough systems. Councilmembers Haig, Saliba and Burd also agreed that currently it would not benefit the Borough but in future that may change. A roll call vote was taken. Burd, YES, Endres, YES, Haig, YES, Oehler, YES, Saliba, YES, Sena, NO.

ORDINANCE 18-2026 1st Reading
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 209-3-WATER AND 164 -SEWER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

After read by title only, motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres, to introduce Ordinance 18-2026 Ordinance of the Borough of Hamburg, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey Supplementing and Amending Chapter 209-3 Water & 164 Sewer of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg, said ordinance to be published in full with second reading scheduled for the November 2, 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:
Mayor Krasnomowitz requested a motion to open the floor to CFO, Joseph Brezina regarding Resolution 2026-86. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to open the floor to CFO, Joseph Brezina. All in favor.
Mr. Brezina stated that the incentive program was similar to the Borough's health benefit waiver stipend which offers a stipend for those not on the health benefit plan. The incentive program offers a stipend for those who voluntarily switch to a lower tiered health plan. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if this was only for new employees electing coverage or current employees switching down. This is for a new or current employee going from NJ Direct 10 or 15 to Horizon Omnia. Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to close the floor to Mr. Brezina.

2026-86 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM TIERED-NETWORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM
Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-86 Authorizing the Borough of Hamburg to Voluntarily Participate in the State Health Benefits Program Tiered-Network Incentive Program. All in favor.

2026-87 LAWN MAINTENANCE 11 RT 23
Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to accept Resolution 2026-87 Lawn Maintenance 11 Rt 23. All in favor.

2026-88 LAWN MAINTENANCE 56 ORCHARD ST. – Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested this resolution be tabled for further review. All in favor. Resolution tabled for further review.

2026-89 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM TIERED-NETWORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM
Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Saliba to accept Resolution 2026-89 Authorizing the Borough of Hamburg to Voluntarily participate in the State Health Benefits Program Tiered-Network Incentive Program. All in favor.

2026-90 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HAMBURG TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY UNDER THE FY25 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) PROGRAM.
Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Burd to accept Resolution 2026-89 Authorizing the Borough of Hamburg to Accept Funding from the United States Department of Homeland Security under the FY25 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program.
Councilmember Saliba noted this $60,000 grant would allow the Borough to replace expired breathing apparatus for our firefighters. 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. **Terms and Conditions of Proposed Contract**
2. **Personnel – Police Department**

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.

MAYOR'S AGENDA:

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER BURD

Councilmembers Burd stated that he and Councilmember Saliba attended Hamburg School's Back to School night to represent the Borough and the event went very well. He stated representatives of the Borough would be in attendance in future. Councilman Burd stated he would like to see the Borough officials attend even more local events.

Councilmember Sena asked Councilmember Burd for a report on the trainings of Borough employees. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked Acting Clerk, Beth Martin, to prepare the report for the November meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER OEHLER
Councilmember Oehler noted that members of the Hamburg School PTA attended the recent Recreation Commission meeting and volunteered to assist at the upcoming Trunk or Treat event. They are also looking to assist with other Borough events.
Mayor Krasnomowitz noted the PTA is looking for volunteers for their school dances. He noted it would be an awesome opportunity to give back.

Councilmember Oehler noted that the Recreation Commission has set August 22nd for Hamburg Day for next year so that communication can start early. Will be working to prevent duplication of certain items for next year to help vendors.

Councilmember Oehler noted that a member of the PTA volunteered to reach out to the High School regarding music at the tree lighting.

COUNCILMEMBER ENDRES
Councilmember Endres stated that the Land Use Board had met last month and there was discussion regarding built in pools. Mayor Krasnomowitz noted that the ordinances for pools needs to be amended. The construction code currently calls for a site plan for any pool constructed in the Borough. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated if the Zoning Officer states it complies with all zoning obligations and issues a permit there is no need to come before the Land Use Board for an approval and pay the additional fee. Only if there is an issue with existing code would they need to come before the Land Use Board. Mayor Krasnomowitz requested it be an item on the November agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER SALIBA
Councilmember Saliba noted stated the AFG Grant funds must be used by 2028.

Councilmember Saliba stated the Police Department has been interviewing to fill the current vacancy. He noted that a needs list has been requested from the Police and Fire Departments for preparation of the next budget.

Councilmember Saliba echoed Councilmember Burds sentiments regarding the Hamburg School's Back to School night. He also felt it was a very successful and enjoyable evening and stated he would like to volunteer for more school events.

Councilmember Saliba stated the committee to research digitizing records would be meeting on November 13, 2026 at 1pm. He has visited the archives and understands the scope of work. Councilmember Saliba noted that staff would be cleaning up the archives later that week.

Mayor Krasnomowitz stated the need to form a committee for contract negotiations for the next budget year with the Police Department union. He appointed Councilmembers Saliba, Burd and Haig to the committee.

Councilmember Sena voiced concerns regarding proper inventory control for the Fire Department. Councilmember Saliba stated that the department is keeping a proper inventory and the grant was going towards items expiring 2030. Councilmember Sena noted it had been a problem in the past. Councilmember Saliba stated there is no longer an issue and should not be in future.

COUNCILMEMBER HAIG
Councilmember Haig stated he and Councilmember Saliba will be meeting with JCP&L on October 13, 2026. They will be discussing ways to decrease the Borough's electric bills.

Councilmember Haig noted the park drive has been seal coated and he will be striping it as soon as possible.

Councilmember Haig voiced concerns regarding a property owner on Gingerbread Castle Road who killed their lawn completely leaving long dead grass. Attorney Clemack noted it would have to be an issue covered by Borough property maintenance codes not an aesthetic issue. Mayor Krasnomowitz stated there have been issues with the property's maintenance in the past and the current issue needs further investigating.

Councilmember Haig noted as we are having a problem with our current cleaning company; he had received three quotes from new cleaning companies and will be bringing them to the next meeting of the Mayor and Council.

COUNCILMEMBER SENA
Motion by Councilmember Sena, Seconded by Councilmember Haig to accept the following resolutions refunding overpayments to property owners:
Resolution T-2026-017 Refund Overpayment Block 17 Lot 18 C1811
Resolution T-2026-018 Refund Overpayment Block 22 Lot 1
Resolution T-2026-019 Refund Overpayment Block 11 Lot 29 QFARM
Resolution T-2026-020 Refund Overpayment Block 15 Lot 1
Resolution T-2026-021 Refund Overpayment Block 16 Lot 3
All in favor.

Councilmember Sena stated he had received calls from board members of Wallkill Valley High School regarding the lack of representation for the Borough of Hamburg on the board. He noted one member from Hamburg is apparently ill and has not attended in a year; another verbally resigned at the last meeting. He was concerned the absenteeism had not been addressed and felt the lack of representation was a big concern. Councilmember Burd stated as liaison he is aware of the situation. Mayor Krasnomowitz assured Councilmember Sena there is someone who will be running for the open seat and thanked him for bringing this to the attention of the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Endres to open the floor to Lisa DeRitter from the Sussex County Drug Alliance. All in favor.
Ms. DeRitter, coordinator for the Wallkill Valley Community Coalition. She provided councilmembers with copies of information regarding the Drug Alliance and the Wallkill Valley Community Coalition. Ms. DeRitter stated these groups work to reduce and prevent drug use in the county. They are funded by a federal grant which allows them to provide programs and resources at no cost. Programs for the Borough are available for grades 2-8. They work closely with the school.
Motion by Councilmember Oehler, seconded by Councilmember Endres to closed the floor to Lisae DeRitter. 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 Endres, seconded by Councilmember Oehler, to open to the public. All in favor.

Resident and Hamburg School Board of Education member, Sheila Frayko, addressed the vacancies on the Wallkill Valley board of Education. She noted the term will expire in December for the person who is ill and there is a candidate for that seat. She stated the Board will ask for someone from Hamburg to fill the unexpired term so the second seat should be filled. Candidates need to apply. Councilmember Haig asked for the position to be advertised more widely by the Borough.

Resident Paul Marino voiced concerns about the blasting at the quarry. He stated the blast two weeks ago was even louder and more powerful making his home shake. Councilmember Endres commented he has a gauge from the monitoring company which registered the blast as within acceptable limits. Mayor Krasnomowitz suggested a meeting be arranged with the Quarry representatives. Councilmember Sena asked Attorney Clemack if there was another way to approach the issue, he suggested a noise ordinance. Attorney Clemack noted the first issue is the State regulates all blasting; third-party contractors monitor the sites. He stated the second issue is the quarry is actually located in Hardyston and under their ordinances. Councilmember Haig suggested a different approach might be to hire an independent representative to investigate the amount of dust coming from the quarry. Attorney Clemack noted the dust is required to be analyzed and tested by law and stated the Borough's position should be the dust doesn't leave the parameters of the site. Attorney Clemack stated the Borough should meet with Hardyston representatives and provide a list of specific recommendations to include in the Hardyston codes regarding the quarry.

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

Mayor and Council moved to Executive Session.

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

1. NJ Transit Public Hearing Notice Oct 6-14, 2026 (9/3/2026)
2. Franklin Borough Land Use Board Notice (9/14/2026)
3. Highlands Council Update August 2026 (9/14/2026)
4. Franklin Borough Resolution #2026-90 (9/14/2026)
5. NJ Health Vector-borne Surveillance Report CDC Week 35 (9/14/2026)
6. NJ DEP- Suspected Hazardous Discharge Notification (9/16/2026)
7. SCMUA Electronics Recycling Day Oct. 3, 2026 (9/16/2026)
8. SC Commissioners Resolution RE: Voter Registration (9/17/2026)
9. NJDPB Resolution to Limit Medical Plans (9/17/2026)
10. NJ Health Vector-borne Surveillance Report CDC Week 36 (9/28/2026)
11. Irrigation Association of NJ RE: PL 2025 Chpt 262 (9/28/2026)
12. SC Div. of Health Newsletter October 2026 (10/1/2026)
13. NJ Dept of Treasury 2026 Table of Equalized Valuations (10/2/2026)

Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session. Mayor Krasnomowitz asked if there was any further business. Hearing no further comments or questions he requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Date Approved 11/2/2026

Date Released 11/3/2026

Beth Martin
Acting Municipal Clerk