

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016 AT THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 16 WALLKILL AVE., HAMBURG, NJ**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Marino called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Marino requested a roll call:

Councilman Barr

Councilman Law

Councilman Krasnomowitz

Councilman Garrett

Councilman Burd

Mayor Marino

Absent: Councilman Sena

Also Present: Doreen Schott

Richard Clemack, Attorney

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

Clerk advised

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press January 6, 2016 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".

Councilmember Sena arrives at the meeting and takes his place at the dais.

2016 Budget Discussion

Mayor Marino addresses the council. Advises that the town is in basically good shape, he refers to document provide by CFO indicating balances and debt the borough has in all account. The town will introduce the budget at the March 7, 2016 meeting and then adopt at the April 4, 2016 meeting. Some items to be discussed will be the purchasing a used Fire Chief car, improvements to the Booster Station – Bank Street. The fire department is looking at other grants that may be available in the future.

BPW – Upgrade to Booster Station (Bank Street)

Councilmember Garrett discusses the memo given to the governing body by the BPW with the recommendation of going out to bid to upgrade the booster station at Bank Street. He advises that it was the first time he went to that site and saw firsthand that upgrades were necessary.

The recommendation is to do the project in two phases, stretching over a 2 year period. Total cost is approximately \$200,000.00. Phase -One is to replace the generator so the fire pumps are able to fire up. Phase Two would eliminate the fire pumps.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Barr to authorize the engineer to prepare the bid specs for the upgrade to the booster station at Bank Street. Members discuss speaking with the engineer to determine if it is more cost efficient to do the project all at once as opposed to stretching it out over a 2 year period.

All members present are in favor.

At this time the Mayor suspends the agenda and opens the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may have.

Fire Chief Jamie McCurry addresses the Mayor and Council with regards to budget discussion. He advises that the department is looking to a 3% increase in budget from last year. He has been working with De Boer Auto to see what they can find used for a Chiefs Car in the estimated price range of 8 – 10 thousand dollars. He advises that he is exploring all options with regards to a new fire truck, cost would run approximately \$400,000.00. They are working on three more grants; gear, radios and fire engine so hopefully they will get something. Mayor Marino advises that he has contacted a company that assists with obtaining grants but has not heard back yet. Chief McCurry advises that one of the problems with the borough getting a fire truck is that it has to be custom with regards to the engine due to the size of the truck room. Possibly consider as a 10year plan to extend the fire house or put up a pole barn. Mayor advises that there has been money put into the building with regards to roofing etc. and that would not a consideration at this time.

Police Car Discussion – 2012 Dodge Charger

Police Director Wayne Yahm addresses the Mayor and Council. He refers to the email sent to the council with regards to car 4, 2012 Dodge Charger. This vehicle has many issues and the town is putting a lot of money into it to keep it on the road. To date \$11,000.00 has been spent on various repairs (brakes, air, seats, power steering) and upon inspection it was determined that the engine is close to becoming a big problem. It is foreseen that in the near future the radiator and serpentine belt will need to be replaced. This is all not under warranty and is becoming a major budget expense. As indicated in the email he contacted Winner Ford state contract for police vehicles and they are willing to take the car as a trade in towards a new vehicle. The trade in value is \$4,000.00. The purchase of a new ford sedan police interceptor is \$31,000.00 fully loaded. He advises that he first thought it would be best to try and get more for the vehicle at auction but Winner Ford, a state contract is willing to take all the equipment in Car 4 and transfer it to a new vehicle. All would be included in the \$31,000.00 price. Fearing that at any time another major expense could be incurred on car 4 and then the town would have to pay to have all equipment transferred over Director Yahm makes the recommendation that the town use car 4 as a trade in for the new 2014 Ford sedan interceptor.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to authorize the director to order the 2016 Ford sedan police interceptor at Winner Ford for a price of \$31,000.00 which included transferring all equipment and taking the 2012 Dodge Charger as a trade in in the amount of \$4,000.00.

All members present are in favor.

Senior Citizen Nomination – Ms. Janet Rude

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the nomination by

the Mayor of Ms. Janet Rude for Senior Citizen of the Year. All members present in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Motion by Councilmember Burd, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to enter into executive session. All members present in favor.

Attorney Clemack offered the following resolution to enter into executive session

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg find it necessary to enter into executive session for the reasons hereafter cited:

1. **Personnel Matter**

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3.

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 advises the public that formal action may be taken later this evening on the matters discussed in closed session or on other matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the subject received a rice notice for this meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to come out of executive session. All members present in favor.

1. Attorney Clemack reads Resolution No. 2016-06- Resolved that the settlements reached between the Police Department and the subject in Case IA-2016-001 and 15-I-00678 are hereby affirmed and accepted.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the Resolution No. 2016-06

Upon roll call

Ayes: Barr, Krasnomowitz, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Directory Yahm advises that he is making the recommendation that Jason Tangorra be promoted to the position of Sergeant effective immediately. Mr. Tangorra has twice in the past been acting sergeant and is very qualified. He advises that there are two officers presently who would qualify for the position. The other officer has indicated that he/she is not interested in the position at this time. With that being the case there is no need to test for the position.

Motion by Councilmember Barr, seconded by Councilmember Law to appoint Officer Jason Tangorra to the position of Sergeant effective immediately.

Upon roll call

Ayes: Barr, Krasnomowitz, Burd, Law, Garrett, Sena

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Members ask the director on the status of a new hire. Director advises that they are back to the beginning, there were three candidates, one is not looking good as the background check is progressing and the other two declined. He advised that he is looking into possibly opening the position of Class II and would have the required waiver signed should he go this avenue.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Marino suspended the agenda and opened the meeting to the public earlier.

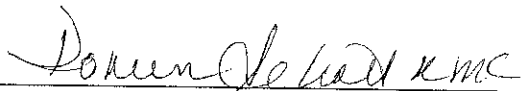
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Sena, seconded by Councilmember Law to adjourn the meeting. All members present in favor.

Meeting adjourned

Date Approved: 3/16/16

Date Released: 3/16/16



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk