

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF HAMBURG HELD ON JUNE 20, 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 shall request a roll call:

Present: Mayor Marino, Councilmember Krasnomowitz, Law, Garrett

Absent: Councilmember Barr, Burd, Sena

Also Present: Doreen Schott

- *Meeting was not taped due to malfunction with system.*

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".

- **Extend Liquor License Premise**

Mayor and Council are in receipt of copy of application to extend license premise for Doc;s , July 23, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 AM. All paperwork is in order and there is no objection from the police department.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz. All members present in favor.

- **Property Maintenance Issues**

Mayor and Council discuss the growing problem with regards to property maintenance (grass complaints). There are many areas in town where this is a problem most are at residences that are in stages of foreclosure. Two homes in particular 26 Fairview and 54 Summit are extremely bad and need to be addressed. The property maintenance officer did issues summons to both. The attorney for 26 Fairview has requested a postponement in court and requested discovery. Councilmember Krasnomowitz advises that last he spoke with town attorney he was going to contact the attorney for 26 Fairview. Mayor and Council consider these two properties a public health and safety issues. There have been complaints from neighbors of 26 Fairview that children play in the area, the grass is so high that a car cannot even see the children as the grass is higher than some of them. Councilmember Law questions whether he can go over and cut the grass. He is advised that for insurance reasons that would not be recommended. Members discuss having the road department cut the grass

on those two properties.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz authorizing the road department to cut the grass as 26 Fairview Avenue and 54 Summit for public health and safety purposes. All members present in favor.

- **EMS – Shared Service**

Mayor Marino advises that she verbally spoke with Marianne Smith regarding the EMS Shared Service. Hardyston would like Hamburg to continue coverage through December 31, 2016.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to continue the Shared Service Agreement with Hardyston Township providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) through December 31, 2016 at a cost of \$15,000.00 as outlined in Resolution # 2015-51 First Aid Services Agreement Between the Township of Hardyston and the Borough of Hamburg.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to approve the continuation of EMS services to Hardyston through December 31, 2016.

Roll Call

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Law, Garrett
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Barr, Burd, Sena

- **COAH**

Councilmember Krasnomowitz advises that to date the borough has spent a lot of money on this. At the recent court hearing the court did not accept the findings presented by the expert witness the town hired and instead referred to the state requirements of 258 units which means that Hamburg would have to build 1200 homes to comply. The recommendations of the professionals at this point is to back out of COAH and continue forward with the Affordable House Plan with an amendments advising that the town went to court to try to comply, the court would not accept the professionals recommendations.

Council discusses that the Land Use Board will be the board to adopt the Affordable Housing Plan, they may present it to the Mayor and Council for the Mayor and Council to show support of plan.

- **Registrar Position – Carry to July Meeting**

- **Finance Department**

Mayor Marino advises that we have received a letter of resignation from Maria Mascuch, Treasurer.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to accept the resignation with regrets. All members present in favor.

- **Finance Department – The following person was interviewed for position in the finance department.**

Mayor Marino advises that with the resignation of Maria in the treasurer’s office we interviewed an applicant prior to this meeting. This person is in the process of obtaining her CFO certification, she has municipal experience in the finance office and accounts payable, payroll, HR functions and bill lists. He advises that presently she is full time with benefits, salary is \$49,000.00. The present CFO has indicated that if the town gets a full time day person who is CFO certified she will step down from the position. Mayor discusses some financial options and after interviewing he and the members present including the present CFO feel this could be a benefit to the town.

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, second by Councilmember Law to offer Toni Grisaffi the position of Treasurer – Full time with benefits, salary \$49,000.00

Roll Call

Ayes: Krasnomowitz, Law, Garrett
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Barr, Burd, Sena

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:

Mayor Marino will offer 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. **Hinger v. Borough of Hamburg**
- 2.

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.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Krasnomowitz to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have with regard to the good and welfare of the Borough.

1. Jacque Espinoza from First Energy addresses the council that First Energy is sponsoring a grant called First Energy Stem Classroom Grants. She asks that the information be dispersed to all the council members. Presently they only have one application and would like to see the schools take advantage of this grant. She further advises that they performed a storm drill recently in case of another storm Sandy.

Motion by Councilmember Garrett, seconded by Councilmember Law to close the meeting to the public.

Motion by Councilmember Law, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to enter into Executive Session at 8:17 PM

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Law to return to regular session. 8:19 PM

Hinger v Borough of Hamburg

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, seconded by Councilmember Garrett to authorize the following resolution.

Be it resolved that June 15, 2016 Attorney Clemack sent a document to Mr. Hinger which outlined terms and conditions of a possible settlement.

Be it further resolved that on June 15, 2016 the Mayor and Council received correspondence from Mr. Hinger counter offering the proposal.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Hamburg Borough Mayor and Council hereby cease all negotiations with regards to the Hinger v Borough of Hamburg matter.


Members are in receipt of a document from the Fire Department titled Clothing Allowance. Mayor Marino advises that this is for informational purposes at this time. The Fire Department is proposing in lieu of proposing LOSAP they are proposing a Clothing Allowance. Mayor Marino advises that the committee will meet first to discuss this and report back to the council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Krasnomowitz, second by Councilmember Law to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Date Approved: 7-8-16

Date Released: 7-8-16



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk