

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 28, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 200 Division Avenue, corner of the Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Torre stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting having been made to all members of the Council by personal service on January 1, 2003 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 1, 2003.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor William J. Torre, Councilman Andrew Link III, Councilman Herbert D. Heeren, Councilman Garrett R. Pepe, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro (arrived late), Councilman John Wassberg

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Torre led in the Salute to the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: CERTIFICATES TO LIGHTWEIGHTS CHEERLEADERS

Certificates were presented to the Meadowlands Football League 2002 Northern Division and Super Bowl Champs Lightweights Cheerleaders: Natalie Abramo, Kristin Allmer, Natalie Ayoub, Raquel Barroso, Brittany Biroc, Alyssa Bottiglieri, Deanna Bright, Jessie Bunone, Amy Calderone, Nicole Careri, Melanie Cimiluca, Alyssa Connors, Ciara Copell, Renee Coulouris, Lisamarie Crabbe, Angela Cristofolo, Lisa DeFranco, Danielle DeLuca, Mounia Deodato, Lauren Diorio, Jessica Elish, Aundrea Goergatos, Bernadette Gerrity, Ashley Giblin, Samantha Guerra, Alexis Harden, Danielle Hofheinz, Kristen Hohnecker, LeeAnne Hum, Nicole Iappelli, Lauren Klenk, Lindsey Iacinti, Brittany Lee, Jacqueline Menne, Kerrin Meseck, Kristina Palermo, Emily Piazza, Renee Pikowski, Erika-Noelle Reynard, Gabriella Reynolds, Elyse Rose, Andrea Sanzari, Richele Sarro, Krysten Sears, Olivia Shock, Gabriella Smith, Nicole Steinmetz, Paige Tallaksen, Nicole Telepun, Veronica VanJura, Christine Whelan, Brittni Wipper, Caitlin Wood and Ashley Zerener; Head Coach, Linda Condal; Assistant Coaches, Cindy Stinson and Doreen Capiello; Assistants, Amanda Condal, Cristina Annese and Danielle Dussault; and Mascot, Emily Condal. Councilman Heeren and Councilman Wassberg assisted Mayor Torre in this presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following correspondence has been received as of this date:

Letter from Cablevision certifying gross revenues and franchise fee payment to Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman Heeren, and unanimously carried, to accept the correspondence, which was read into the record (copy attached). Mayor Torre asked Councilman Heeren to report on the Cablevision discount for seniors now available to Hasbrouck Heights seniors who qualify.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (November 26, 2002 and December 10, 2002, December 17, 2002, December 26, 2002)

an Heeren, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$345,460.30 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefore.

Signed Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION AND SANITATION:

Under Streets & Transportation, Commissioner Link reported that about 30% of salt and sand has been used, and the DPW was prepared for the upcoming storm. He read a report that the Clean Communities bill had been signed into law by Governor McGreevey which will fund local and statewide litter abatement and education programs, adopt-a-highway campaigns, and graffiti cleanup, making county and municipal governments eligible for grants which will start at a statutory minimum of \$4,000 and be calculated based on population and total street miles. He also reported that the BCUA will conduct the first of two backyard composter sales and demonstrations of the Earth Machine compost bin on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an additional event in the fall.

FINANCE, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under Finance, Commissioner Heeren reported that the Current Fund Balance as of Dec. 31, 2002 was \$2,504,145.97 and at Nov. 30, 2002 was \$4,204,836.93, a decrease of \$1,700,690.96, with the entire balance invested and earning approximately 1.75%. Cash receipts for the month of December totaled \$415,248.40 of which \$101,697.08 was for Current Taxes, \$76,933.54 was Prepaid Taxes, \$101,697.08 was for Interfunds and \$134,899.95 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of December totaled \$2,116,469.21 of which \$1,213,929.15 was Local School Taxes, \$535,242.46 for Salaries and \$367,297.60 for other expenses. He continued that the Annual Debt Statement has been submitted to the Division of Local Government Services. The financial statements which are due by Feb. 10 are being prepared. The budget process for 2003 is well underway, with departments' budgets received. Under Health, Commissioner Heeren gave the following report for December: 4 births recorded, all female; burial permits 70, out of town 67, in town 3; certified transcripts 505, marriage 11; funeral directors requests 472; Fees collected: burial permits, \$67; certified transcripts, \$2,525; food licenses and late fees, \$1,015; vending machines, \$1,615; marriage licenses, \$84; with total fees collected \$5,439. Total deaths recorded 75, residents in town 5, residents out of town 7; non resident 63. Food licenses issued 4, marriage licenses 3, marriages recorded 6; and a total of 66 calls to the office. Under Social Services, he reported distribution to 20 families was made for Christmas, primarily toys and clothing for children, and gift certificates to local super markets. The first quarterly meeting is Feb. 3.

FIRE: As Commissioner DiPisa was absent, there was no Fire Report.

PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Pepe reported that Public Service has installed electric and gas to the Municipal Complex with rooftop units on the second floor operating. The boilers for the basement and first floor would be set up for temporary heat soon. The permanent equipment will be operable soon also. The sheet rock has been delivered, insulation in the ceiling, 90% of fire sprinkler complete. The interior finishes were reviewed by the mayor and council and the architect will submit this information to the contractor. Outside work has been impeded by the cold weather. Borough employees and Planning Board members will walk through the building on Friday. Mid-April was the substantial completion date. The Public Safety Building has been postponed until next Monday. Paperwork has been continuing on this project.

LAND USE AND RECREATION:

As Councilwoman Verrastro was absent, there was no Land Use or Recreation report.

POLICE AND PARKS:

Under Police, Commissioner Wassberg reported that there were 835 calls and 348 summonses issued, 217 summonses for parking and 131 for moving violations. The DARE Sports World trip will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11. A department meeting was held with all officers regarding emergency response. A note of thanks was received from the girls scouts. Under Parks, he reported 141 pavers sold and orders are continuing to be accepted.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

APPOINTMENTS: Michael Sancilio to Environmental Commission

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilman Heeren, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Samuel Presti as Alternate Prosecutor

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman Wassberg, and unanimously approved, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

RESIGNATIONS: None

Mayor Torre spoke regarding Clean Communities, that a call had been made to the State Department of Transportation to remove graffiti from the highway. The Mayor said he was told that only curse words will be removed by them. After many calls, they did come out, and the same occurred for removal of debris along the highways, with our own DPW eventually cleaning up. The mayor discussed widening Route 17 proposals by the State DOT, where he was asking that work begin at the south end of Bergen County. He had judged the Spelling Bee and thanked the schools for his involvement. The new Recreation Advisory Board has begun meeting and has a full agenda. He had attended the Junior Football Brunch and congratulated the teams. He asked for a moment of silence on the passing of Rose Ciavaglia, noting her accomplishments and good works.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- RESOLUTIONS:**
25. Authorize Award of Contract for Garbage Truck
 26. Authorize Award of Dump Truck

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilman Heeren, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 20 ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL COURT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE THEREIN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF BOROUGH PROSECUTOR OR CO-PROSECUTOR AND ALTERNATE PROSECUTORS, TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES THEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO EACH OF THEM, ALL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 2B:12-27**” was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on February 11, 2003.

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman Wassberg, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Torre opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 1998 and Ordinance No. 1999. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 1998:

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT “AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 AND 15 AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF PREMISES KNOWN AS LOT 20 IN BLOCK 58 BEING MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY AT 301 DIVISION AVENUE TO THE THIRTY SECOND DEGREE MASONIC LEARNING CENTERS FOR CHILDREN, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THEREON A SPECIALIZED LEARNING CENTER DEVOTED TO DYSLIXIC CHILDREN” BEING ORDINANCE NO. 1978 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2002**” be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Heeren, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 1999:

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT §108-21 ENTITLED “CHAPTER 202, TOWING” OF CHAPTER 108 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEPARATE CHARGES TO BE PERMITTED FOR THE STORAGE OF INDEPENDENTLY REGISTERED TRUCKS AND TRAILERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 202 ENTITLED “TOWING”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilman Heeren, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

At this point, Councilwoman Verrastro arrived.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

At this point the meeting was open for comments from the public.

Rose Mulle, 321 Kipp Avenue, had no contact with Recreation Director Robert Brady or the Governing Body and felt there should be more meetings with the seniors as the building progressed. She was also concerned about an insurance premium due for the Leisure Club and was advised to pay the premium which any refund due could be prorated from the time they would begin meeting in the new Senior Center. Speaking for the Leisure Club, she asked for a permanent platform be installed in the Senior Center. It was recommended that it might be better to make this decision once the building is occupied, possibly using a portable platform. She also asked about Recycling buckets as some other towns had and was told that after analyzation, grant monies were instead used for increased manpower to clean up. She was also advised that this funding had been stopped.

Lawrence Lesho, 54 Summit Avenue, asked if Summit Street was completely done, and was told that retainage or bond had not been returned as yet. The handicapped curbs were discussed.

Rose Mulle, 321 Kipp Avenue, asked if there were any lists of snow shovelers available as it has become a hardship. She was advised that a list is kept at the Police Desk.

RECESS:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

I, ROSE MARIE SEES, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are to the best of my knowledge a true account of the Regular Meeting held on January 28, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk