

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

February 11, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on February 11, 2003 at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 200 Division Avenue, corner of the Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Torre began the meeting and stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, due notice having been made to all members by personal service on January 1, 2003 and 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 Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Garrett R. Pepe, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro, Councilman John Wassberg

Absent: None

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

TEMPORARY CLERK APPOINTMENT: In the absence of Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, Michael Kronyak was appointed temporary clerk.

A motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried the foregoing Appointment was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PETITIONS: None

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On a motion by Councilman Heeren, seconded by Councilwoman Verrastro, with Councilman DiPisa abstaining as he was absent, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,578,067.33 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 therefor.

Signed Herbert D. Heeren
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: 27. Raffle License for Corpus Christi Home School Assn.
Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents Assn.

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

RESOLUTIONS: 29. Payroll
30. Dog License - Payment of Fees to State
31. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2002-05
32. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid

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

APPOINTMENTS: Joseph Jones as Prosecutor

Mayor Torre explained the reason why this appointment was held as in the law firm that Mr. Jones is a part of, one of his partners sits as a judge in an adjacent town in Bergen County, which prohibits his serving as prosecutor. In researching this, when and if a formal letter is received which would allow his serving in this capacity, then this appointment will become valid.

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001:

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED CHAPTER 25 ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** 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 25, 2003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2002:

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 1967 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF BERGEN OVER PORTIONS OF LOTS 18 AND 19.02 IN BLOCK 48 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENTS” SO AS TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORIZATION TO ALSO CONVEY A LIKE EASEMENT OF A PORTION OF LOT 20.1 IN BLOCK 47”** 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 25, 2003.

On a motion by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman Heeren, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000:

Mayor Torre opened up the meeting to the public on Ordinance No. 2000. There being no one wishing to speak, public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

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”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2000:

publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Torre opened the meeting up to the public as per the Open Public Meetings Act legislation which was signed into law recently which requires that there be an opportunity for public comment at every public meeting.

Ronald Jones, 124 Oak Grove Avenue, asked what the status of the Police contract was. He was advised that it was in the hands of arbitration, that an arbitrator hearing had been held in October, a decision was anticipated, that so far there have been at least eight meetings with various personnel, that the main negotiations deal with new hires. Mr. Jones expressed his concerns.

Salvatore Scaglione, 332 Springfield Avenue, expressed concern of large trucks on Springfield Avenue and offered suggestions to that effect, one being a no left turn onto Springfield between 2 and 7 p.m. He felt that the residents of Springfield Avenue should be advised beforehand when neighboring streets were to be closed for special events or repairs. He was advised that a truck ban was presently being looked into regarding the Boulevard and Passaic Avenue. He continued regarding safety issues and the school children. His concerns were referred to Police Traffic, Police Committee and DPW.

RECESS FOR CAUCUS :

Mayor Torre announced that the meeting would be recessed for Caucus.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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 Mayor and Council Meeting held on February 11, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk