

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 13, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 13, 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:

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

APPOINTMENTS: Joseph Anthony Fehl to Fire Department Engine Co. No.

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

Michael J. Le Sane to Fire Department Hook and Ladder

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

Catherine H. Nigro to Ambulance Auxiliary

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

PROCLAMATION:

Daniel Vecchio, a Vietnam Veteran, was presented a Proclamation for having received the State of New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal. Mayor Torre invited Mr. Vecchio and his wife, Arleen to come forward. Council President Heeren read the Proclamation into the record. (Copy attached) It was also noted that Mr. Vecchio will become Commander of VFW Post #4591 on May 31, 2003.

APPOINTMENT:

Benjamin Kest as Probationary Patrolman

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

RESOLUTION:

Authorizing Appointment of Benjamin Kest as Probationary Patrolman

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

Mayor Torre administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Kest with numerous family members present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Mayor Dennis Elwell of Secaucus enlisting support in petitioning state representatives to enact a state-wide ban on use of cellular phones while driving unless a head set or similar device is used.

Letter from Jerry Hannon, Regional Vice President, American Cancer Society, asking for support of smoke-free workplaces in New Jersey and the Clean Indoor Air Act.

Alliance for Action 2002 annual Report

Bergen County Utilities Authority notice of public hearing on May 28 relating to a proposed amendment to the Bergen County District Solid Waste Management Plan. (Draft copy of proposed amendment is available for review in the Borough Clerk's office).

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Release of May 1, 2003 from Congressman Rothman who has secured support of Top Transportation official in Congress to join in fight against Indigo Airlines scheduled service from Chicago Midway Airport to Teterboro Airport.

Release of May 6, 2003 from Congressman Rothman who gets Transportation secretary Mineta to call for Homeland Security Review of Indigo Airlines, Teterboro Airport Operations.

Letter from John S. Hooks Jr., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation asking for participation in the National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, which is a not-for-profit program with the goal of providing inkless fingerprint Identification kits for children in the United States.

Letter from Dennis Testa, President, Bergen County Education Association urging consideration of the education of the students when deliberating the fate of the school budget which was recently defeated during the school board election, one of 20 defeated among the 75 districts in Bergen County.

Against Hunger Food Drive sponsored by The Record/Herald News asking for participation in collecting supplies for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.

Request from Bergen County Habitat for Humanity to consider working with them in providing affordable housing needs.

Letter from Timothy J. Touhey, Chairman, State Planning Commission extending public comment period on State Planning rules proposed readoption and recodification with amendments to Wednesday, May 21, 2003.

Councilman Pepe referenced Item No. 2, was in favor of smoke free workplaces as windows in most new buildings cannot be opened and the air is recirculated. He would request that the new Municipal Complex be smoke free.

Mayor Torre encouraged residents to walk in the American Cancer Walk-a-thon at the Athletic Field on June 13-14.

A motion to waive the reading of any of the items of correspondence was made by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman Wassberg, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Correspondence was accepted.

PETITIONS: None

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On a motion by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman Heeren, with Councilman DiPisa and Councilman Pepe abstaining as they were absent, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,757,715.49 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 Wassberg, seconded by Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: 79. Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights

Raffle License for Lincoln School PTA

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 81. Dog License - Payment of Fees to State
 - 82. Payroll
 - 83. Authorizing Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen Open Space Trust Municipal Program
 - 84. Authorizing Award of Bid for 2002 Road Program
 - 85. Approval of Lions Club Fireworks Display at Athletic
 - 86. Authorizing Change Order #1 for Ottawa Avenue Sewer
 - 87. Authorizing Change Order #2 for 2001 Road Program
 - 88. Authorizing Tax Sale Certificate #2000-10

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

- 90. Authorizing Change Order #5-1 in Connection with
- 91. Authorizing Change Order #6-1 in Connection with

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

APPOINTMENTS: Gary Van Hook to Recreation Programs Advisory Board

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

RESIGNATIONS: Charles Fasciano from Recreation Programs Advisory Board

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

Former Fire Chief Vincent Monahan from Engine Company

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

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 continued on public hearing until May 27, 2003.

On a motion by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman Wassberg, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was continued on public hearing.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Torre opened up the meeting to the public on Ordinance No. 2009. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed on this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 198-2 ENTITLED “PROHIBITED ACTS” OF ARTICLE I ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS” OF CHAPTER 198 ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE II ENTITLED “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK SO AS TO INCLUDE IN EACH SAID CHAPTER A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF A HAND HELD CELLULAR TELEPHONE WHILE OPERATING A MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE UPON ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THIS BOROUGH**” 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 Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Ann McGill, 139 Field Avenue, asked if an answer to the cost of Hitchcock Field was received and Board of Education member Gary Van Hook answered. He noted that the cost was \$450,000 and this had been approved by a previous referendum.

Tom Meli for Chamber of Commerce announcing that June 17 was the opening of the Farmer’s Market and asked for the resolution which would be on the June 10 agenda.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, had received a request from Roosevelt Avenue residents and Field and Franklin Avenue residents for “Children Playing” signs. She also requested the Radar on Field again. She was surprised at the adult boutique on Route 17. She was advised that this was in litigation.

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 May 13, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk