

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

July 22, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, July 22, 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, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro, Councilman John Wassberg

Absent: Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Pepe

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you letters from Senior residents on the Senior Picnic.
2. Letter from Arthur J. Cifelli, Asst. Director of NJ Government and Community Relations, Port Authority of NY & NJ regarding proposed FAA policy changes and how they will affect Teterboro Airport.
3. Notice from Assemblywoman Rose Heck announcing a Public Meeting on July 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. regarding the proposed FAA policy changes.
4. Letter from Commissioner Bradley Campbell of Dept. of Environmental Protection regarding the FY 2004 Statewide Livable Communities Grant Program.

Mayor Torre referred to item #2 summarizing that the FAA is proposing to change their policy to ask for heavier planes to land and take off from Teterboro Airport which this body has been and continues to be adamantly against. The Port Authority is also against these larger planes. He asked for a motion to this effect.

COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D):

A motion to oppose heavier planes to land and take off from Teterboro Airport was made by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman Heeren and unanimously carried.

It was asked if Governing Body wishes to have any particular item read into the record or if there is a motion to waive the reading of any item of correspondence at length into the record and to accept the correspondence and place the same on file.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (June 10, 2003 and June 17, 2003)

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

PETITIONS: None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$312,281.03 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 Herbert D. Heeren
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION, SANITATION & FIRE:

Under Streets, Councilman Link reported the street program is advancing with this being the fifth year of the six year program. Under Sanitation, the State mandate for the storm water sewerage regulations will take at least one to one and a half years to accomplish in this Borough. Under Fire, he reported in Councilman DiPisa's absence, the Fire Department has sent out a list of all its meetings for a 90 day period. They have been active and equipment having no major problems.

FINANCE, HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under Finance, Commissioner Heeren reported that after many years of requesting Extraordinary Aid, this year \$100,000 has been received. This will reduce the municipal budget somewhat. Due to the delay, tax bills will be sent out late and not due until August 25. As a result, the tax office will also be open on Saturday, August 23. Under Health, Commissioner Heeren gave the following report for June: 2 male births recorded; burial permits 55; certified transcripts 335; marriage 6; funeral directors requests 323; Fees collected: burial permits, \$55; certified transcripts, \$1,675; food licenses and late fees, \$11,900; marriage licenses, \$196; with total fees collected \$14,496. Dog licenses, \$596, with \$380 of this for late fees. Total deaths recorded 58, residents in town 1, residents out of town 2; non resident 55. Food licenses issued 59, marriage licenses 7, marriages recorded 9; and a total of 102 calls to the office. Two new ordinances were published. The annual dog census conducted by the crossing guards has been started. Under Social Services, Commissioner Heeren reported there were ten office interviews during the month of June, with calls received from the B.C. Dept. of Social Services, Hackensack University Medical Center, Bergen Regional, Veterans Administration, Fleet Bank, to name a few. Several calls were received from clients, and bags of food and certificates were distributed to four families. The director attended a workshop which included discussion relating to Social Services by the Salvation Army.

FIRE: No report.

PUBLIC FACILITIES: No report.

LAND USE & RECREATION:

Under Land Use, Commissioner Verrastro reported in June there were 230 permits issued. She reminded residents to obtain permits before starting any construction and to know your contractor. She noted the new hours of construction: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays which will be strictly enforced. Under Recreation, she noted this department is having a very busy summer with Director Robert Brady running the summer camp at Woodland Park. She commended the department on the Senior Picnic, with 240 seniors attending. The Senior Olympics had been canceled due to bad weather. Regarding Teterboro Airport, she asked the borough clerk to have a notice published regarding the upcoming meeting for opposition to the larger jets. When she received the letter from the Port Authority (see Correspondence Item #2), she faxed it to Congressman Rothman, Senator Lautenberg, Congressman Garrett and Senator Corzine. She pleaded with residents to write to the state and county officials by August 15.

POLICE AND PARKS:

Under Parks, Commissioner Wassberg reported 219 pavers ordered for the Veterans Memorial Walkway, with 183 installed, 26 on order which should be received soon and 10 new orders to be placed by the end of this month. He noted this program is ongoing. Under Police he reported 133 9-1-1 calls in June, 76 traffic accidents, 14 with injuries, 5 unlicensed drivers, 8 unregistered vehicles, 12 on suspended or revoked list, 21 for not wearing seat belts and 218 overnight parking. The fourth class of the Police Junior Academy has been completed with 50 students. Included in this program was a demonstration by the Lyndhurst S.W.A.T. team. Instructors were from the HHPD, FBI, DEA, BC Police and Sheriffs Departments. The D.A.R.E. 8th grade graduation program was held at the Swim Club. He read several thank you notes for scholarships, school programs and assistance.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Torre commended Audrey Ascione and her committee for a successful Children's 4th of July Parade, noting that this is one of the longest running events, the Lions Club and great Fireworks event. He had attended the high school and 8th grade graduations (including his daughter) and was much impressed. He congratulated the Junior Police Academy and the Police Department for this excellent program. He had presented scholarships under the Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Fund to deserving students. He noted this scholarship has been ongoing for 40 years. He thanked Rose Marie Sees, Robert Brady and all who worked on the Senior Picnic. With regard to construction of both buildings, he noted this could be one of the last council meetings at the Masonic Hall, that upon issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy and receipt of furniture, meetings will begin to be held at the new Municipal Complex shortly. The Public Safety building is moving along, with some time lost in rock removal, that structural steel is constructed. The State NJ Department of Transportation has begun cleaning of the Riser Ditch from Williams to Franklin Avenues. He noted that the southern towns must also clean their portion of the ditch for proper water flow.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 127. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Parents Association for Athletes

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda was approved (Copy attached).

- RESOLUTIONS:**
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| 128. | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. | 2003-05 |
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| 130. | Authorizing Agreement with Steven Rogut as Bond | |
| 131. | Authorizing Agreement with County of Bergen regarding Community Development Block Grant | |
| 132. | Requesting Port Authority to Provide Full Disclosure | |

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

Regarding Ordinance No. 2013, he asked the members of the council for any comments, none being noted, the meeting continued:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-45 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XV: PARKING PROHIBITED CERTAIN HOURS” OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 9:00 A.M. ON CLARKE COURT, GEORGE COURT AND MAC ARTHUR AVENUE”** 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 August 12, 2003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPROVEMENT OF BALDWIN AVENUE BETWEEN THE BOULEVARD AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$55,000.00, \$40,000.00 OF WHICH BEING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THAT PURPOSE”** was

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 (CONT'D):

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 August 12, 2003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 181, MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, LICENSING,” WHICH REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR THE COMMERCIAL SALE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH SETS FORTH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH LICENSE AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE FOR THE SAME” 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 August 12, 2003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW CHAPTER TO BE NUMBERED CHAPTER 161 AND TO BE ENTITLED “HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX,” PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 114 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2003 OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY” 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 August 12, 2003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES TO BE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LICENSING OF PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODE” 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 August 12, 2003.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (CONT'D):

Mayor Torre noted Ordinance No. 2014, that when the Sheraton was built in the 1960s, the borough had instituted a tax which was overturned in appellate court. Now the State legislature has instituted a tax which will benefit both the State and Borough.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Jean Sommers, 100 Woodside Avenue, resides at the bottom of Franklin Avenue which was in the process of being repaved. She was concerned with flooding as the water now gathered at her driveway, and with the repaving the water would gather more quickly and make a bigger problem. DPW Supt. Heck and the borough engineer had looked at this last year and decided to wait for repaving. The borough engineer would be contacted and it would now be looked at further to see if the repaving had corrected this problem.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, had a neighbor ask when the Senior Center is open if bus service to and from the center would be available for Leisure Club meetings, especially for disabled seniors. It was referred to Councilman Heeren who noted that additional activities would most likely be introduced. He would bring it to the Leisure Club, for possible car pooling. She questioned about property at the VFW and was told this would be discussed at the next Caucus. She asked about the noise monitor from TANAAC and about possible debris falling on residences on Roosevelt Avenue (possibly from airplanes out of Teterboro?).

CLOSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution No. 133: for any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation or any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 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 July 22, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk