

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

July 8, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on July 8, 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.

PRESENTATION: Senator Joseph Coniglio presented Mayor Torre with a check in the amount of \$100,000 for Extraordinary Aid, which was much appreciated as this was the first time the Borough has received Extraordinary Aid.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Bradley M. Campbell, commissioner of State Department of Environmental Protection announcing the restoration of the Clean Communities funding and the Borough's entitlement of \$9,633.87 for the Fiscal Year 2003.
2. Letter from Anthony Scardino Jr., President of the 200 Club of Bergen County approving \$3,100.00 for Training Simulators for the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department.
3. Bergen County Utilities Authority Report of Audit Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2002.

Mayor Torre requested that Items 1 and 2 be read into the record.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Heeren, seconded by Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing correspondence was accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (May 13, 2003, May 19, 2003 and May 27, 2003)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,018,949.88 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 Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: 121. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football League

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

RESOLUTIONS: 122. Payroll
123. Dog License - Payment of Fees to State
124. Marriage License - Payment of Fees to State
125. Renewal of The Ground Round Liquor License

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

APPOINTMENTS: Vincent Varelas as a School Crossing Guard

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001:

RESOLUTION: 126. Adopting Ordinance No. 2001 despite disapproval of Planning Board

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Heeren, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

Councilman DiPisa noted he is concerned that the Planning Board disapproval is confused with purpose and that this will present problems. Councilman Pepe concurred with Councilman DiPisa, and asked that the Borough Attorney advise the Planning Board on this action.

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”** 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 was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010:

Mayor Torre opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2010. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2010:

OF BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 184-3 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED NOISES ENUMERATED" OF CHAPTER 184 ENTITLED "NOISE" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS" 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 Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Heeren voting Nay (he explained that since the whole country observes silence and respect at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day, Hasbrouck Heights should show respect by including this Federal holiday as a day of silence from contractors), the foregoing Ordinance was approved.

Councilwoman Verrastro asked that copies of this Ordinance be circulated to the Police and Building Departments. Councilman DiPisa requested that this appear in The Observer in announcement form.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, referring to his council visit in October and his request for a bus stop at Paterson Avenue, presented a resolution to be addressed by the Mayor and Council defining this request to the New Jersey Transit. He also enumerated his reasons for wanting a bus stop at this location. He was advised that this was addressed by the Police Traffic Department and Governing Body and that a bus stop requires additional footage, that it would put more of a burden on residents with removal of parking spaces. Copies of the resolution would be distributed to the Police Department and Governing Body. A committee comprised of Councilman Link, Councilman Pepe, Mr. Ellis, Sgt. Archer and Chief Colaneri was asked to look at this further, including parking by out of town commuters.

Robert Heck, 7 Alger Avenue, was against any bus stop at Paterson Avenue, noting that this is a busy intersection.

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 July 8, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk