

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES - REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2004

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 3, 2004 at 12:20 p.m. at the new Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor-elect Ronald R. Jones, Councilman-elect Ronald F. Kistner and Councilman-elect Thomas F. Meli by former Mayor and Assemblywoman Rose M. Heck.

Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees declared the 2004 Reorganization Meeting in session and stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, due notice having been made to all members of the Council on December 15, 2003, and to The Observer, The Record and the Herald News on December 15, 2003.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Andrew Link III, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Garrett R. Pepe, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Thomas E. Meli

Absent: None

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

Following the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation was offered by Reverend Lewis Papera, Pastor of Corpus Christi R.C. Church.

PROCLAMATION: A Proclamation was presented to former Mayor and Assemblywoman Rose M. Heck which was signed by the Mayor and Council. It reads as follows:

“WHEREAS, it is hereby resolved to acknowledge the contributions of Rose M. Heck who has faithfully and effectively served as Assemblywoman for District 38 since 1991, and as a former Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Councilwoman and Mayor; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

“WHEREAS, it is recognized that she has been a dedicated and dynamic representative for District 38, and more prominently through her diligent and untiring efforts the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights has greatly benefitted in receiving grant monies for projects that enhance the quality of life for its residents; and

“WHEREAS, as Assemblywoman, Rose M. Heck has been a commanding force in Trenton serving on numerous committees with fervor and honesty; and

“WHEREAS, as a resident of Hasbrouck Heights she continues to volunteer her time and talent receiving many community service awards.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that we do hereby extend sincere gratitude to Rose M. Heck for her many years of care, concern and dedication to this community and District 38, and wish her good health and happiness in the future.”

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Jones, assisted by Commissioner of Fire Meli and Deputy Commissioner of Fire DiPisa, administered the Oath of Office to the 2004 Fire Department Officers: Fire Chief, Robert Thomasey; First Assistant Chief, Joseph Taylor; Second Assistant Chief, Angelo Roccamo; Secretary, Thomas Rubino; Treasurer, Richard Giarratana; Engine Company One: Captain, Kevin Todd; Lieutenant, Edmund Carter III; Secretary, Bernardo Valente; Treasurer, Christian Semenez; Engine Company Two: Captain, James Halloran; Lieutenant, Patrick Hayes; Secretary, John Phelan; Treasurer, Thomas Rubino. Hook and Ladder Company One: Captain, Richard Giarratana, Lieutenant, Alfred Cirelli, Secretary, Robert Salerno, Treasurer, Laurence Donohue. Ambulance: Captain, Deborah Karlsson, Lieutenant, John Riordan; Secretary, Patricia Thomasey. Rescue Company: Captain, Robert Pietz; Lieutenant, Robert Knobloch, Secretary, Bernardo Valente.

2004 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Jones assigned the 2004 Council Committees as follows:

Commissioner of Finance
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

Andrew Link III
Thomas E. Meli

Commissioner of Police

Garrett R. Pepe

2004 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Deputy Commissioner of Police	Ronald F. Kistner
Commissioner of Fire Deputy Commissioner of Fire	Thomas E. Meli Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Health Deputy Commissioner of Health	Justin A. DiPisa Marlene Verrastro
Commissioner of Strs. & Transp. Deputy Commissioner of Strs. & Transp.	Ronald F. Kistner Marlene Verrastro
Commissioner of Land Use Deputy Commissioner of Land Use	Andrew Link III Garrett R. Pepe
Commissioner of Sanitation Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation	Thomas E. Meli Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Parks Deputy Commissioner of Parks	Ronald F. Kistner Garrett R. Pepe
Commissioner of Recreation Deputy Commissioner of Recreation	Justin A. DiPisa Ronald F. Kistner
Commissioner of Public Facilities Deputy Commissioner of Public Facilities	Garrett R. Pepe Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Social Services Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Marlene Verrastro Andrew Link III
Senior Citizens' Ombudsman	Justin A. DiPisa
Juvenile Outreach Ombudsman	Ronald F. Kistner
Library Liaison	Thomas E. Meli
Library Liaison Alternate	Garrett R. Pepe
Drug Alliance Chairperson	Ronald F. Kistner
Municipal League Liaison	Andrew Link III

2004 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

On motion by Councilwoman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Link, and unanimously carried, to confirm the 2004 Council Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of resignation from Thomas E. Meli as Library Board Trustee.

- Consent Agenda:**
1. Petty Cash Funds
 2. Authorize CFO to Invest Idle Funds
 3. Authorize CFO to Prepare Payrolls
 4. Designate Official Depositories for Borough Funds
 5. Authorize CFO to Pay Medical Insurance Premiums
 6. Authorize Signatures for Borough Checks
 7. Designate Official Newspaper
 8. Set Meeting Dates for 2004 Council Meetings
 9. Temporary Budget
 10. Continuing Tax Settlement Committee
 11. 2004 Debt Service Budget
 12. Designating Number of Hours Per Week as Minimum Requirement for Full Time Status
 13. Authorizing Rate of Interest to be Charged for Non-Payment of Taxes
 14. Authorizing Adoption of By-Laws for 2004
 15. Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted (Resolutions attached).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Jones asked if there was a motion to nominate a council member as Council President for the year 2004. Councilwoman DiPisa made a motion to nominate Councilman Pepe. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Link and unanimously approved.

COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor Jones asked if there was a nomination of a council member to the Planning Borough of Hasbrouck Heights - 1/3/04 - page 5

COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLANNING BOARD (cont'd):

Board. Councilman Pepe nominated Councilman Kistner as representative to the Planning Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman DiPisa. Councilman Kistner was unanimously appointed to the Planning Board as a Class III Member for the term of one year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004:

Mayor Jones made the following appointments and requested confirmation by the Council (read by clerk):

POSITION	APPOINTEE	TERM
Borough Attorney	Ralph W. Chandless, Jr.	1 Year
Borough Engineer	Kenneth G.B. Job	1 Year
Administrator/Treasurer/ Purchasing Agent/ Administrative Officer of Land Use	Michael J. Kronyak	1 Year
Borough Auditor	Paul Garbarini	1 Year
Superintendent D.P.W./ Cert. Public Works Mgr./ Recycling Coordinator	Robert Heck	Tenure
Construction Code Off./ Building Subcode Property Maintenance Officer/Zoning Enforce- ment Officer	Nick Melfi	1 Year
Property Maintenance Officer	Edmund Carter Jr.	1 Year
Plumbing Inspector	Richard Vanatta	1 Year
Electric Sub-Code Official	Robert K. Rogers	1 Year

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Fire Code Official	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
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Hotel/Multiple Dwelling Inspector	Jesse D'Amore	1 Year
Court Administrator	Susan Paul	1 Year
Deputy Court Admin.	Craig Ferdinand	1 Year
Public Defender	Thomas Mason	1 Year
Chief Municipal Prosecutor	Joseph Jones	1 Year
Alternate Prosecutor	Thomas Flinn	1 Year
Alternate Prosecutor	Rosario Presti	1 Year
Borough Historian	Louise Davenport	1 Year
Board of Health Secretary	Marilyn deRussy	1 Year
Board of Health	Louis Castellito	3 Years
	Michele Meli	3 Years
	Charlotte Sodora	3 Years
	Martin Saccomano	2 Years
	Margaret Jengo - Alt. 1	1 Year
	Gary Wells - Alt. 2	1 Year
Local Assistance Board	Marlene Verrastro	1 Year
	Mary Jones	4 Years
General Assessment Board	Joanne Monteleone	3 Years
Planning Board	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	Incumbency
	Nicholas Melfi	1 Year
Free Public Library	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	Incumbency
	Dr. Gerald Sternbach -Mayor's Alt.	1 Year
	Dr. Burnett Eglow	2 Years

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APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Donna Mikulka	1 Year
Peter Gallo	5 Years

Rent Leveling Board	Susan Pepe	1 Year
	Marie Cannon	1 Year
	Ronald Monteleone	1 Year
	David McCullough	1 Year
	Lois Hettel	1 Year
	Francesca Fitzgerald	1 Year

Recreation Programs

Advisory Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Councilman Justin A. DiPisa	1 Year
	Mayor's Alternate: Ronald Kistner	1 Year
	Eilleen Kiick	3 Years
	Michelle Zahn	3 Years
	Jurgen Hofheinz	3 Years
	John DeLorenzo	3 Years
	Roslyn Bocker	1 Year

Dir. Of

Recreation	Robert Brady	1 Year
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Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Bill White	1 Year
Edward Hart	1 Year
Audrey Ascione	1 Year
Robert Zappatelli	1 Year
Tim Crabbe	1 Year
Claire Happe	1 Year
Dolores Jones	1 Year
Mary D'Andrea	1 Year
Elsie Paolini	1 Year
Lois Hettel	1 Year
Michael Conti	1 Year
Anne Ciavaglia	1 Year

Committee of Community Celebrations

Audrey Ascione	1 Year
Dorothy Bernice	1 Year
Anthony Bernice	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Madeline de Velasco	1 Year
Patricia Link	1 Year
Dorothy Link	1 Year

John Pirilli	1 Year
Nancy Pirilli	1 Year
Mary Russo	1 Year
Rosemary Willard	1 Year
Debra Torre	1 Year
Barbara Moore	1 Year
Helene Searle	1 Year
Marie Kistner	1 Year
Donna Villacampa	1 Year
Louis Bernice	1 Year
Marietta Prato	1 Year
Maria Dingertopadre	1 Year
Jay Lustberg	1 Year
Ann Lustberg	1 Year
Jack Coneys	1 Year
Gloria Coneys	1 Year
Ronald Billetz	1 Year
Kathy Billetz	1 Year
Valerie Golio	1 Year
Dawn Pikowski	1 Year
Anna Crabbe	1 Year
Maria Wojciechowski	1 Year
Joann Deconiglio	1 Year
Harry Comp	1 Year
Lidia Comp	1 Year
Eugene Adamkiewicz	1 Year
Elaine Adamkiewicz	1 Year
Norma Philippi	1 Year
Richard Jengo	1 Year
Nancy Wells	1 Year
Michele Bischoff	1 Year
Linda Brandle	1 Year
Christine Buxbaum	1 Year
Eileen Baker	1 Year
Jennifer O'Brien	1 Year
Kathy Halpin	1 Year
Kathleen Dates	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Ethics Board	Grace Hampel	2 Years
Mayor's Boulevard	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
Beautification Committee	Mayor's Alt.: Ken Hampel	1 Year
	Robert Heck	1 Year

	Ray Vorisek	1 Year
	Phil Hodulik	1 Year
	Vicky Costa	1 Year
	Rosemarie DiPisa	1 Year
	Patricia Link	1 Year
	Janet Pepe	1 Year
	Mary Jones	1 Year
	Bill O'Shea	1 Year
	Chamber of Commerce President	1 Year
Mayor's Handicap Advisory Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Mayor's Alt.: Justin A. DiPisa	1 Year
	Anne Ciavaglia	1 Year
	Robert Ciavaglia	1 Year
	Suellen Riordan	1 Year
	Eric Bischoff	1 Year
	Police Chief or Designee	1 Year
	Pam Link	1 Year
	John Dingertopadre	1 Year
	Brenda Colaneri	1 Year
Environmental Commission	Rose Heck	1 Year
	Arline MASTRIA	1 Year
	Brian Horowitz	1 Year
Chief Radio Communications Officer	Dr. Roger Szanto	1 Year
Special Law Enforcement	Joseph Attilio	1 Year
	William Pols	1 Year
	Thomas Rubino	1 Year
Police Matrons	Karen Carney	1 Year
	Gail Cardaci	1 Year
Borough Examining Drs.	Louis Napolitano, MD	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

	Thomas Bellavia, MD	1 Year
	Mark Delcalzo, DC	1 Year
School Marshals	Lillian Buffone	1 Year
	John Mazotas	1 Year
	Karen Carney	1 Year

	Josephine Bruno	1 Year
	Arthur Horne	1 Year
	Joseph DiPrete	1 Year
	Marilyn A. Collum	1 Year
	Christie Harrington	1 Year
	Donald E. Lucas	1 Year
	Vincent Varelas	1 Year
Substitutes:	Joseph Attilio	1 Year
	Kathryn Warren	1 Year
Fire Official U.F.S.A.	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
Assistant Fire Official	Kevin Todd	1 Year
Fire Inspectors	Frank Pistilli	1 Year
	Albert Saulnier	1 Year
	Kenneth Kubler	1 Year
	Edmund Carter	1 Year
	Bruce Werner Jr.	1 Year
Fire Mechanics		
Eng. Co. No.1	Christian Semenez	1 Year
Eng. Co. No.2	Michael Ratkowski	1 Year
Hook & Ladder	Michael Christensen	1 Year
Rescue	James Halloran	1 Year
Ambulances - EMS 1	Robert Knobloch	1 Year
EMS2	Michael Thomasey	1 Year
Public Info. Off.	Robert Thomasey	1 Year
Dept. Safety Off.	Harry Maisch	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were confirmed and approved.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE:

Mayor Jones began his message by thanking all for allowing him the opportunity to be able to serve as Mayor for the next four years. He noted that he had served as a Hasbrouck Heights police officer for over 27 years and thanked all who have served in public service past, present and future. To accomplish the goals he and the Council have set will require communication with residents which will lead to better understanding and relationships. In speaking to the many citizens during the past year, he stated that goals have been set which include open communications that include

“town meetings” on a predetermined subject, chaired by one or two councilpersons in an informal setting with open participation encouraged. Also, he continued the Boulevard business district improvement, whereby the Council will be committed to improving this area by the establishment of a Boulevard Beautification Committee who will advise the council and research new ways to improve this area. Partnerships with businesses, citizens, borough employees and students will be encouraged. Another on important area he continued is Recreation. With the opening of the Senior Center the Recreation Director has been given additional duties to improve recreation opportunities for seniors. He noted that the council’s goal is to also improve the recreation opportunities for youth by improving present programs, adding new ones and researching a youth Recreation Center, possibly utilizing the present available space in the Municipal Building. Parks and open space will be concentrated on in 2004 also, including Woodland Park playing fields. He concluded that he looks forward to working with and for the people of Hasbrouck Heights and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilman Link, having served on the council 21 years, complimented former Mayor Torre on his excellent run as mayor for the past eight years. Unanimity he noted is important and would support this new administration as he has done with past administrations.

Councilman DiPisa thanked his wife Rosemarie for her support, his family, that it is rewarding to serve as councilman. He thanked the Building Committee for their commitment and service on the two building projects, the Fire Department in his role as commissioner, to the borough attorney, and to Rose Heck who as been for all the people. He is looking to a bright future with the new mayor and councilmen.

Councilman Pepe said he was privileged to serve, and noted the large crowd. He thanked Bill Torre, Bert Heeren and John Wassberg. He has talked to many residents over the past 18 months in particular, and looked forward to a better Hasbrouck
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MISCELLANEOUS FROM COUNCIL (cont’d):

Heights. He thanked Rose Heck, Mayor Jones for giving him the privilege to serve as police commissioner for the first time. He thanked the borough employees including Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie Sees, Ralph Chandless, Ken Job, Michael Colaneri and police department, Bob Thomasey and fire department, and all employees. Especially he thanked the families of the council.

Councilwoman Verrastro thanked Mayor Torre and wished him well, John Wassberg and Bert Heeren. He congratulated Mayor Jones, Tom Meli and Ron Kistner and looked forward to working with them. She thanked all the borough employees, and especially her husband Tom, and her family.

Councilman Kistner noted his appreciation for the opportunity to serve. He looked forward to good communication with the residents. He thanked his wife, Marie and children for their support, his sister and brother in law and father for their influence in his

life.

Councilman Meli thanked his wife for her support, Garrett, Andy, Justin, Gil Hunt, Artie Jackson and Pam Link for their support, Mayor Jones and Councilman Kistner. He thanked all supporters, his neighbors on Central Avenue and veterans from Post 4591, his family, and three in particular Florence and Leonard Longo and Angel Pena, his good friend who was killed on September 11.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak.

Edwinna Carroll, Board of Education trustee, congratulated the Mayor and new Council members and looked forward to working with everyone.

Assemblywoman Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, thanked Mayor Jones, Ron Kistner and Tom Meli for allowing her the privilege of swearing them in, and gave each a resolution.

Freeholder Louis Tedesco presented a certificate to each of the new mayor and new councilmen.

Lucretia White, outgoing president of the Republican Club, congratulated the new mayor and new councilmen and offered her support.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Jones closed the meeting to the public.

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BENEDICTION:

The Benediction was offered by The Reverend Joseph Pickard, Fire Chaplain and Vicar of Church of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 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 Reorganization Meeting held on January 3. 2004.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk

