

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

M I N U T E S

July 27, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at 8:138 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees 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 5, 2004 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2004.

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

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: As Reverend James Whelan of Corpus Christi R.C. Church was on vacation, he sent a prayer which was read by the clerk.

PRESENTATIONS: Certificates to Aviators Soccer Club Champions

Girls U14 **AFlying Tigers@**: Chelsea McGuckin, Rosamaria Holowen, Jennifer McClure, Christina Altamura, Juliana Romano, Theresa Miller, Sarah Jarocki, Nicole Fortoul, Angela Cristofolo, Amy Moura, Chantelle Soto, Courtney Fuhro, Beth Ann Bruno, Lia Kannapas and Jessie Bunone; coaches: Pat Romano, Buddy McGuckin, Paul Bunone and Bobby Wright.

Boys U9 **ARockets@**: Kevin O=Leary, Ray Allen Espinosa, Ryan O=Connor, Thomas Hughes, Richard Sanchez, Jonathan Harris, Christopher Bini, Miles Carby, Nico Waters, Gabriel Toledo, Brian Colton, James Fitzsimmons, Andrew Oundjian; coaches: Larry O=Leary, Rick Sanchez and Gene Hughes.

Certificates to Donors of Equipment for Recreation Center

A plaque was presented to Imperial International of Hasbrouck Heights for their donation of equipment for the Recreation Center. Certificates were presented to Kubler Electric who had provided the electrical additions, Calderone Family, Gaffney Family and Martin Adamkiewicz who had donated items to be used in the center.

PRESENTATIONS (cont=d):

Presentation of Check from Chamber of Commerce for Adopt-a-Bench Program to DPW Superintendent Robert Heck

Chamber of Commerce President Ray Vorisek presented a check for \$1,500 to purchase benches for the Adopt-a-Bench Program

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Senator Joseph Coniglio congratulating the borough on receiving \$70,000 for Homeland Security Aid and \$30,000 in Extraordinary Aid.
2. Letter from Bill O=Shea=s Florist inviting the Mayor and Council to Good Neighbor Day on Sept. 1.
3. Thank you letter from Rose and Paul Mulle for the Senior Picnic.

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (June 22, 2004)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$271,516.49 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 therefore.

Signed Andrew Link, III
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND LAND USE:

Under Finance, Commissioner Link read a Statement for Introduction and Adoption of the 2004 Budget Amendment. A Tonight we are adopting an amended 2004 Municipal Budget.

A The original 2004 municipal budget was introduced on March 9th, and in light of the tax increase as proposed we had applied for Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$650,000.00 to offset the increase. We recently received word that the Borough would receive \$30,000.00 under this program. We will receive an additional \$70,000.00 under the Homeland Security Aid Program.

A While waiting for the award of funding under these two aid packages the budget committee continued to meet in an effort to make further adjustments that would reduce the tax increase as introduced. These meetings resulted in an additional \$181,500.00 reduction in the amount to be raised by taxes.

A The combination of increased revenues and budget cuts has resulted in an Amount to be Raised by Taxes for the Local Budget of \$9,813,768.72. This is \$281,500.00 less than the Amount to be Raised by Taxes for the Local Budget as introduced in March. We have been able to cut more than three tax points off of the budget as introduced. Based on the budget amendment being adopted tonight the average house assessed at \$195,000.00 would pay \$2,197.65 in Local Taxes in 2004 as compared to \$2,026.05 last year, this represents an increase of \$171.60 in Local Taxes. The total tax bill cannot be determined until the Tax Board certifies the total rate. The budget will be transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services for approval and certification. We anticipate that tax bills will be printed and mailed next week and the due date for third quarter taxes will be extended to approximately September 1, 2004.@

POLICE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Pepe reported work should be begun on repairs to the Municipal Building. Flag poles are in and will be installed. The Public Safety Building update includes pouring of aprons, installing the exhaust system in the Fire Department, ESS Motorola are simulating 9-1-1 communications, software and computer to the command center. Training will be in August. The projected opening date is Labor Day. Phone lines details are being handled. Furniture is ordered. The millwork has begun and final painting and cleaning. Under Police, he reported that a thank you letter from the Borough of Little Ferry had been received regarding the child safety seat program. The fifth class of the Junior Police Academy was held and very successful. The 8th grade swim party was held at the Swim Club. In June 986 calls of service were handled by the Police Department. Violations ending in June were 5,800.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH:

Under Social Services, Commissioner Verrastro reported a new program will be held for unemployed people in Hackensack. Twenty families received food. Donations of food will be accepted year round. Under Health, as deputy commissioner she reported the Dog Census has been completed taking a total of 14 days, with 46 dogs found to be unlicensed. Letters were sent with a 7/31 deadline. Health statistics for June included 12 births, 6 male and 6 female; 118 calls to the office, 504 certified transcripts, 68 food licenses issued.

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS:

Under Streets, Commissioner Kistner was happy to announce the ordinance for road resurfacing introduced tonight. He requested that signs damaged should be replaced. He had attended the Bergen County Economic Development Cross Acceptance meeting and concerns with drainage of streets were discussed as well as ideas for improving the parks. Under Park and Recreation, the first annual Camp Out was held in Woodland Park. Thanks were extended to Lori French for her idea and implementation. The hay ride is proposed for October 15 or 22, and volunteer groups are needed.

FIRE AND SANITATION:

Under Fire, Commissioner Meli gave the Fire Report for the month of June: Fire Calls: Hasbrouck Heights, 15 calls, year to date 148; Teterboro 6, year to date 49; mutual aid 3, year to date 18; total for the month 24, year to date 215. Ambulance calls for June: Hasbrouck Heights, 87, year to date 656; Teterboro, 13, year to date 69; mutual aid, 5, year to date 43; total 105, year to date 768. The department was thanked for its involvement in the many events this past month. Corporate grants have been received for pediatric equipment. He had sent a letter to Senator Corzine and Congressman Rothman for their help in providing funding for the equipment necessary to be able to cover Teterboro Airport and anthrax detection equipment when covering the postal facility in Teterboro. Under Sanitation, he reported that the final proposal for the Leaf Program has been prepared and will be available in August. He reiterated that new regulations are necessary to comply with State regulations. The DPW has done road patching and during the heavy rains kept control at the pump station. In the Cross Acceptance meeting parks, the Boulevard, Riser Ditch, commuter parking ideas were brought up. He thanked the police department for the speed counter at various streets especially Central, Lawrence and Madison Avenues with a number of speeders ticketed. The town hall meetings will resume in September with the DPW procedures, in October, budgets; and November, emergency preparedness.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones commended the DPW on the cleanup of the Route 46 area. He had attended the Senior Picnic and thanked the committee. He referred to a letter from Linda Raguseo and asked to have DPW Supt. Heck and the engineer check out the area at the bottom of the hill on Washington Place. He commended Lori French and Rob Brady on the successful Camp Out night at Woodland Park.

APPOINTMENTS: Reinstatement of Anthony Greco to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Hook and Ladder Company

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Lucretia White from Local Assistance Board
William J. White from Local Assistance Board
Edward Sees from Environmental Commission
Tania Lorente as a School Crossing Guard

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 122. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football League

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- 123. 2004 Budget Amendment and Adoption
- 124. Authorizing Adoption of Tax Anticipation Note
- 125. Authorizing 2005 State Aid Application for
- 126. Authorizing 2005 State Aid Application for
- 127. Construction Fees - Payment of Fees to State
- 128. Authorizing Interfund Transfer from Capital II to

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RESOLUTIONS (cont=d):

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance Nos. 2052, 2053, 2054 and

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ORDINANCE NO. 2052:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED AZONING OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO REDESIGNATE SIDEWALK CAFES FROM A CONDITIONAL USE TO A PERMITTED ACCESSORY USE UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONDITIONS AND FURTHER TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED ASIDEWALK CAFÉ LICENSING TO REFLECT SUCH REDESIGNATION** was continued on public hearing until August 10, 2004 pending approval by the Planning Board. Mayor Jones asked that the Planning Board chair Hank Dobelaar be contacted on the possibility of holding a special meeting on this ordinance.

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was continued.

ORDINANCE NO. 2053:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS TO ADD THERETO A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED ACHAPTER 103, BUILDINGS, DEMOLITION OF,** SO AS TO IMPOSE A FURTHER REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC NOTICE BE GIVEN OF AN INTENTION TO DEMOLISH ANY BUILDING WITHIN 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 published and circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 2054:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AAN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$325,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING OF OAK GROVE**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2054:

AVENUE FROM JEFFERSON TO WILLIAMS AVENUES INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TO APPLY GRANTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND AUTHORITY ACT IN THE TOTAL SUM OF \$235,000.00 TO THE COST THEREOF, AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$80,000.00 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 published and circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 2055:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AAN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING OF CERTAIN STREETS TO BE HEREAFTER DESIGNATED AS PART OF THE 2004 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$225,000.00** 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 published and circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones invited anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, produced two series of photographs taken of Field Avenue, the first from July 2, 2004 and the second from July 21, 2004. She questioned how APC LLC could not have a direct impact on stormwater.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, asked about a status of when the fire department might

be moving and the cul de sac. She was told the move could not occur before Labor Day weekend. She was told the parking lot was under discussion, that no word had been heard from the Shell Station and Motiva.

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ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

MOTION TO CLOSE:

129. For Litigation or any Matter Involving Employment or Appointment of Personnel

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 27, 2004.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk