

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

M I N U T E S

August 10, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on August 10, 2004 at 8:15 p.m. at the new Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

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 May 5, 2004 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on May 5, 2004.

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.

INVOCATION: Reverend George Yoder, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Proclamation from Governor James McGreevey declaring August 1 to 7, 2004 as Farmers Market Week
2. Letter from Congressman Steven R. Rothman announcing that he gets powerful house committee to stop FAA from overturning weight limits at Teterboro Airport.
3. Letter from John Fitzin, interim president of the Leisure Club, thanking the Mayor and Council for a great Senior Picnic.
4. Councilman Meli reported 423 seniors received vouchers with 180 on a waiting list from Bergen County Senior Services to be used at the Farmer=s Market.

Mayor Jones asked that a thank you letter be sent to Congressman Rothman.

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

PETITIONS: Longworth Avenue Residents requesting a Stop Sign put back at the corner of Burton Avenue, with 33 signatures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (June 9, 2004, July 13, 2004)

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 \$3,227,655.92 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 Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: 130. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Parents Assn. For Athletes

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

RESOLUTIONS: 131. Payroll
132. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
133. Increasing Bid Threshold and Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RETIREMENTS: Lee Kulakowski as Social Services Director after 45 2 years of service.

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On a motion by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Retirement was accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2052:

Mayor Jones opened the Continued Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2052. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed on this ordinance.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AAN 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@** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights. (A poll had been taken by the Planning Board Secretary of all Planning Board members who approved adoption of this ordinance, with a formal vote to be taken at the September 1, 2004 Planning Board meeting.)

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, noting that Senators Corzine and Lautenberg wrote a joint letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee to stop the FAA from overturning weight limits at Teterboro Airport and that this bill should be held in September.

Lois Carlson, 208 Longworth Avenue, commended the clean up of the Route 46 underpass and Councilman Kistner. She represented a petition signed by 33 residents of Longworth Avenue in the 200 to 300 blocks who were requesting that a Stop sign be placed back on the corner of Burton. She said patching pot holes on Longworth was not enough and brought in samples of loose pavement and crushed stone. She was advised that it is on the list for streets to be done next year, that a state aid grant has been applied for. She was also concerned with speeders and the Police Chief will place the traffic counter there.

Michael Giuffre, 116 Passaic Avenue, was concerned with the large trucks which hindered him from getting out of his driveway and makings cracks in his walls when

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont=d):

they downshifted. He was advised that radar is placed on that block and if there are any problems he should get the truck or plate number to police.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, asked for a copy of the central avenue traffic counter report and was referred to the Police Chief who will meet with her. She submitted a review of the time frame of the municipal complex which she had prepared.

Mario Sasso, 205 Lawrence Avenue was concerned with trucks and traffic on Lawrence Avenue who are trying to avoid Williams Avenue lights, the tax increase and for ways to decrease taxes for senior citizens. He was concerned with the new leaf pick up regulations and was requested to remain for the work session where this subject would be discussed further.

Marilyn MacDonall, 52 Washington Place, asked when the public session to discuss the leaves would be and she was advised following this meeting, also asked when the Town Hall Meeting would be held and was told September 27.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Public Portion was closed..

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would be recessed for Work Session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 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 Mayor and Council Meeting held on August 10, 2004.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk