

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 14, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on September 14, 2004 at 8:19 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 Lewis Papera, pastor of Corpus Christi R.C. Church

PRESENTATION: In recognition of the new Fire Department graduates, certificates were presented to David Gumbrecht, recipient, and including Michael Greco, Michele Grafje and Steven Pell.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Jones requested a moment of silence for Eric Vicario who was tragically killed by an automobile at the corner of Williams Avenue and the Boulevard. In his memory a bench will be dedicated by the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights and placed at that corner.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Copy of Resolution No. 191 of the N.J. General Assembly urging municipalities to adopt policies and procedures which encourage volunteerism during Sept. 11-17.
2. AMasonic Walk to help Dyslexic Children on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. at the Gerard Depken Field.

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

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PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,030,402.94 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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, with Councilman Kistner abstaining from one item which was reimbursement to him for pizza for the Recreation Center, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 136. Bingo License for Corpus Christi Church
 - 137. Bingo License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi Church

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 138. Payroll
 - 139. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 140. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes
 - 141. Authorizing Contract with Bergen County Department of Health Services for 2004 Flu Vaccine Program
 - 142. Authorizing Agreement with Sprint Spectrum L.P. for One Day Testing
 - 143. Authorizing Change Orders with Infante Associates Inc. for the Public Safety Building

RESOLUTIONS (cont=d):

144. Authorizing Application for Municipal Alliance
Funding

145. Authorizing Professional Services Contract with
Joseph H. Burgis as a Professional Planner to the
Planning Board

146. Authorizing Professional Services Contract with
Joseph H. Burgis as Professional Planner with
Regard to Coastal Outdoor Advertising, Inc. v.
Planning Board

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

APPOINTMENTS: Elizabeth A. Waring to Fire Department Ambulance Squad
Ronald Billetz to Social Services Board
Charles Giamo to Social Services Board
Margo Giamo to Social Services Board

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

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinances No. 2056 and 2057. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed on these ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 2056:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AAN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED AVEHICLES AND TRAFFIC@ OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN PROVISIONS RESTRICTING CERTAIN PARKING PLACES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PARKING OF VEHICLES BEARING A VALID SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARD, A VALID WHEELCHAIR PLACARD OR VALID WHEELCHAIR SYMBOL LICENSE PLATES ANY OF WHICH HAVING BEEN DULY ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR A VEHICLE OWNED BY A HANDICAPPED PERSON OR OWNED BY ANOTHER OCCUPANT OF THE RESIDENCE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A HANDICAPPED PERSON@** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2056 (cont=d):

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 Pepe, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

RESOLUTION: 147. Authorizing Amendment to Ordinance No. 2057

ORDINANCE NO. 2057:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **AAN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THE BOULEVARD AND THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ON HAMILTON AVENUE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$375,000.00** 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 147 and Ordinance No. 2057 were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Ann McGill, 139 Field Avenue, questioned how Field Avenue could be in a flood plain, when flood insurance is not a requirement. She questioned how the sewer line is in the middle of the highway. She pleaded that it be repaired so Field Avenue would not flood during a rainstorm as it did on July 3. She remarked that if the Springfield Avenue project became a reality, with regard to its water retention system and who would pay for its maintenance.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, referred to the rain storm on Sept. 8th and the flooding of Field Avenue. She presented photographs. She had called the police department and one saw horse was delivered which she felt did not prevent vehicles from speeding through the flooding.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont=d):

Ann McGill, questioned if the DOT could put a sewer line in the shoulder of Route 17. She was advised by the borough engineer that she was referring to a sewer line which was not a problem at present. The flooding on Field Avenue was a result of the Riser Ditch system.

Michael Amendola, 54 Ottawa Avenue, was requesting to do a granite stone in concrete in memory of Eric Vicario. He was advised that this would be discussed in the work session.

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 9:03 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 September 14, 2004.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk