

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 25, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 8:19 p.m. at Borough Hall, 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 4, 2005 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: A prayer was given by Councilman Justin A. DiPisa.

PRESENTATION: Award of Check for Ceremonial Flag to Fire Department by Bergen Commercial Bank. Presenting the check was Phil Garry of Bergen Commercial Bank. Accepting the check was Councilman Meli, Chief Joseph Taylor, Richard Giarratana Captain and Al Cirelli, Lieutenant and Mayor Jones.

PROCLAMATION: Acknowledging Recreation Volunteer Al DeAngelo

A proclamation was presented to Al DeAngelo by Mayor Jones, Councilman Kistner and Recreation Director Rob Brady for his expertise and assistance with Halloween in the Park, as well as for his many hours of volunteerism with Recreation programs. It read as follows:

“WHEREAS, volunteers are the backbone of the community in that they are people working together for a common cause; and

WHEREAS, all volunteers are honored for their time, energy and strength in making our community a safer and more productive place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to acknowledge a volunteer who continues to go above and beyond for the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, Al DeAngelo has volunteered his time and talent as a Recreation Department youth basketball coach for seven years, a softball umpire for three years, and a flag football referee for four years; and

WHEREAS, Al has been known for his true passion in Halloween and has played a vital role in the past two Halloween in the Parks that the Recreation Department has hosted, by donating scenes, props, costumes, his expertise of setup and displays, but most of all for his dedication and time to insure that this event is a special experience for all who attend; and

WHEREAS, at this year's Halloween in the Park, Al invited twelve of the most enthusiastic and happy professional actors and actresses from his personal haunted house business who spooked and startled in the Halloween tradition, along with the many volunteers who worked so diligently to make this event a "night to remember."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby extend a sincere thank you to Al DeAngelo for his commitment and service to the community, to the Recreation Department and to the general well being of all."

Dated: October 25, 2005

*/s/ Ronald R. Jones, Mayor
And Members of the Council*

Ronald F. Kistner, Recreation Comm.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1)

Chamber of Commerce request to conduct Halloween Window Painting Contest on October 26.

Thank You to Mayor Jones for being a Trophy Presenter at the Hasbrouck Heights Music Band Parents Association Band Competition on Oct. 1.

Thank You from Peter Traina for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Award

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,304,026.83 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 Kistner, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link gave the Finance Report for the month of September. The current fund cash balance as of September 30, 2005 was \$1,815,994.75; on August 31 was \$3,895,167.81 which represents an decrease of \$2,079,173.06. The entire balance was invested and is earning 3.60%. Cash receipts for September totaled \$1,208,053.41 of which \$169,128.81 was for current taxes, \$9,613.99 was prior year taxes, \$881,396.80 was grants and state aid and \$147,913.81 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for September totaled \$2,877,343.79 of which \$1,473,969.42 was local school taxes, \$528,468.49 was salaries, \$487,817.50 was debt service and \$387,088.38 was for other expenses. There was no Social Services report.

HEALTH AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Health, Councilman DiPisa gave some health statistics for the month of September which included nine births, one death, 17 marriages, 434 certified transcripts, fees collected \$5,921, and five food licenses to food establishments. He reported the Health Fair Expo on September 30, was attended by 280 people, with 21 vendors. He thanked Dr. Aversa and Dr. Szanto for their expertise and Linda Brandle who organized the vendors. He thanked Charlotte Sodora and Wellington Care Center who donated the lunch, and thanked Lou Castellito and Marilyn deRussy. There were 189 allocated flu shots, with more to be available in December. Regarding the Community Awareness for All Committee, an open house was scheduled for Nov. 15 and all were invited.

POLICE AND RECREATION: Under Recreation, Commissioner Kistner reported the Haunted Hay Ride provided 650 rides and proved to be a wonderful event. Larger than ever sign ups were received for Basketball for boys and girls and for Wrestling. A Girls Softball Program will be under Little League for K-2nd grade. Traveling leagues are being formed for 3rd-8th grades. A Halloween Party for Seniors is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, and the Ragamuffin Parade is October 29. Under Police, Commissioner Kistner thanked Lt. Archer, Sgt. Vargo, and Patrolman Ciccarelli for their assistance with the Haunted Hay Ride. He reported that two members of the

POLICE AND RECREATION (cont'd):

Bloods gang were in the area of Industrial Avenue with a stolen vehicle and a pursuit ensued resulting with one arrest in Little Ferry and one on foot. He commended Chief Colaneri, Captain Castiglione and Detective Rinke.

FIRE AND PARKS: Under Fire, Commissioner Meli, noting that Lt. Cirelli and Chief Ratkowski were present. There were 80 calls for the month of September, noting the Ambulance Squad volunteers rolled the ambulance almost three times per day, and including the fire calls, these volunteers went out four times a day. He noted that there were five plane crashes at Teterboro, and with some added pressure, the airport and Port Authority will be replacing their equipment with new to be better prepared, and a foam truck will be given to the borough by Port Authority at no cost to the borough. On November 19 a beefsteak dinner at the Elks Club will be held for the Pascagoula Fire Department. Over \$5,000 has already been sent. Under Parks, he congratulated Rob Brady, Commissioner Kistner and Al DeAngelo for the excellent Halloween in the Park. He noted Bill O'Shea is coming to Jefferson Avenue, Commerce Bank will be built on his location and the Garden Club will make a presentation regarding the Boulevard at the next Council meeting. He invited Michele Reutty, Library director, to speak on upcoming programs. She reported a grant for wireless laptops has been received, and 14 are now available. She signed a contract for placing 15 years of The Observer in digital format, beginning with 1894, in ten year increments. On January 1, 2005, mp3 files of recorded books will be available to be downloaded. Before the end of two years, music, games and videos will be available. The endowment fund donations are financing a good part of the wireless updates, and financed \$42,000. She reported former Governor Christine Todd Whitman will be coming November 22 at 1 p.m. to conduct a book signing. She was instrumental in library grants when in office. November 4 is Leggo Night, judged by Arcari & Iovino, (architects for the Municipal and Public Safety buildings) and November 5 a talk/concert on Frank Sinatra will be held with memorabilia courtesy of Mike Conti, a town resident.

SANITATION AND LAND USE: Under Sanitation, Commissioner Introna had no report (which he thought was due to the retirement of Supt. Heck), and will check on equipment for leaf pickup. He advised residents that if you choose to bag, it will assist in the pickup, and to place leaves in streets during the allotted time.

STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION: Under Streets and Transportation, Commissioner Skiba had no report (she noted due to the retirement of Supt. Heck.) Under Teterboro Airport, regarding charter service (an ad was discovered by members of the Coalition) offering regularly scheduled flights. She forwarded the information to Senator Corzine's office who sent a representative to Teterboro whom she learned was given a tour of the airport, and she also learned that with the construction of the arrestor beds, some hangars will be moved, that jets cannot stay and must come and leave again which could be an increase in air traffic.

REPORT OF MAYOR: The Mayor's Report was "progress."

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: Charlotte Sodora from the Board of Health

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa (who commented that she was a terrific asset to the Board of Health and will be missed), seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 171. Raffle Licenses for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi School
 - 172. Raffle License for H.H.H.S. PTSA
 - 172. Authorizing Permit for Banner for Library Book Sale
 - 172. Raffle License for Junior Woman's Club

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2108: "Sidewalk Maintenance"

This ordinance was held for further discussion in Work Session.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2105:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT, A POCKET PARK, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS UPON LOTS 20.01, 20.01 AND 22 IN BLOCK 47 BEING PREMISES ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION FORMED BY CENTRAL AVENUE AND THE**

BOULEVARD TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS OF A PORTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE IN RELATION THERETO, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT
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ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2105 (cont'd):

FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE SUM OF \$54,000.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$516,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW" was continued until the Work Session of November 9, 2005 for review with the Borough Engineer as to scope and cost.

ORDINANCES ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinances No. 2106 and 2107. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2005"** 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2005"** 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 Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.
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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Steven Schmidt, 643 Hackensack St., Carlstadt, the owner of 207 Franklin Avenue, was concerned about limited parking at his building site for tenants. His tenants questioned if stickers or alternate parking were available. He was told this has been looked into, and upon review, stickers were considered not an option, that the ordinance related to parking on commercial lots is being reviewed, and a moratorium on zoning enforcement of owners of commercial lots renting parking spaces is in effect until review is complete.

Michele Reutty, 189 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, Library Director, wished to remind residents of the Book and Bake Sale on November 19.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, questioned why the Council Minutes were not on the official website, and the clerk explained she had not transferred the files to the website as yet, and would check it out, that she did have copies in her office if needed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa to approve the Halloween Window Painting, and was unanimously carried.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public portion was closed.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 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 Regular Meeting held on October 25, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk