

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

February 8, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on February 8, 2005 at 8:08 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 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.

PROCLAMATION: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591 50th Anniversary. The Proclamation read as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars membership is open to all U.S. service members who are U.S. citizens who have earned an overseas campaign, are currently on active duty, and who have been honorably discharged from U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591 in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, was chartered on January 8, 1955 with 163 men as were charter members, and a Ladies Auxiliary with 51 women as charter members, making this post the largest installed in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the present post building was dedicated in September 1961 built on land donated by the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights; and

WHEREAS, these men and women, currently 446 members, have seen combat in every war from World War I to Iraq, to which we not only commend their bravery and patriotism, but offer our heartfelt gratitude; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, in the 50 years since its inception the members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591 have steadfastly dedicated their time and talent in promoting awareness of veterans, in taking care of their own, and supporting the community and its neighbors and in opening their door and arms without question.

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 congratulate the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591 on its 50th Anniversary, and says thank you for your bravery, commitment, and community spirit in defending the freedom of the United States of America." /S/ Mayor Ronald R. Jones and all council members.

Post Commander Ralph Daniels, and VFW members Michael Conti and Elmer Winterfeld accepted the Proclamation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Assemblyman Robert M. Gordon with regard to Resolution No. 22 which urges the NJ DOT to restore improvements on Lot 1.2, Block 168.2 to which he has also requested the DOT's attention to this matter.
- 2) Letter from Jack Lettiere announcing that applications for NJDOT Fiscal Year 2006 Municipal Aid are available.
- 2) Certified copy of Resolution authorizing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Garfield and Hasbrouck Heights to provide a Child Health Conference, Baby Keep Well Program.
- 2) Letter from Roberto Rodriguez, Director of Dept. of Law and Public Safety announcing approval of "You Drink, You Drive, You Lose Holiday Enforcement" grant for Police Department of \$5,000.

Mayor Jones asked if anyone wished to have any item read in full. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (December 14, 2004, December 28, 2004, Sine Die - January 1, 2005 and Reorganization - January 1, 2005)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,785,756.27 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 Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 28. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Church Rosary Society
 - 29. Authorizing Raffle License for Ben Parat Yosef, Inc.
 - 29. Authorizing Raffle Licenses for Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 31. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 32. Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Overpaid
 - 32. Payroll
 - 32. Award of Contract for Security System for Public Safety Building
 - 32. Authorizing Tonnage Grant Application for 2004

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

32. Authorizing Correction to Resolution No. 26

Councilman Meli questioned Resolution No. 34, if this included the pads for the firehouse side, and was told this includes additional work for the security system and some locks. That would be under a separate order. Councilman DiPisa asked if the pads were on external doors and was told about two external, and eight or ten internal doors. On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2073:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER DESIGNATE AS A CONDITIONAL USE THE “B-2” HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AND “I” INDUSTRIAL ZONES COMMUNICATION TOWER OR ANTENNA FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIED RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS”** was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on February 22, 2005.

On a motion by Councilman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2072. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2072:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE SMALL REMAINING PORTION OF SECOND STREET WHICH LIES IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO AND TO THE EAST OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 71 IN THE BOROUGH OF**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2072 (con'td):

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-19" 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 Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Garrett Pepe, 187 Burton Avenue, commended the DPW on the recent snow storm, and Angelo Roccamo and the Fire Department on the airplane crash of February 2. He referred to the cul-de-sac on Central Avenue, giving a history of the many meetings in preparation for the building of the new Borough Hall and Public Safety Building to which he was a member of the Building Committee. He reported the cul-de-sac was a concession to the people of Central Avenue to prohibit increased traffic on Central, and increased the number of parking places (55), and making the street safer to cross. This was the outcome of many different scenarios. He appreciated Councilman Meli's wanting to save tax dollars, but asked the Mayor and Council to look at long range plans.

Councilman Meli said the Fire and Police will be commended at the next Council meeting, but acknowledged 1st Assistant Chief Roccamo on how he handled the plane crash.

Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, gave a brief report on the Environmental Commission. She invited Mayor Jones to the March 1 meeting. She had attended two Southwest Community Development meetings on the Mayor's behalf and presented the grant application for funding for the barrier free rest stations at Woodland Park. She would be attending the next meeting. A request for a resolution to all congressional delegations to keep community development funding which was in jeopardy of being eliminated. She attended the January TANAAC meeting and had requested FAA representatives attend the next meeting. She asked for a status report of Phase II on air quality at the airport which is still in progress and the contract not as yet signed by the State. She elected to head the TANAAC sub-committee on legislative matters. She also commended the Fire Department. TANAAC will be holding a special meeting on the airplane crash on Thursday evening. The next Coalition meeting will be held in Borough Hall on February 14 in the Senior Center.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Gail Handy, 319 Division Avenue, had been informed of the Coalition meeting and asked if it was to be advertised. Councilwoman Skiba said as secretary she will be placing a notice in The Observer. She also requested a copy of the Ordinance on the cell tower, and was advised that it will be published in The Observer.

Lisa Krommenhoek, 225 Central Avenue, had concerns with the cul-de-sac. She asked what was happening with the tent and was told that Nutley was to take it away and was investigating that possibility presently. She also asked about the cul-de-sac and was told it would be discussed at the work session.

Will Toledo, 251 Division Avenue, questioned the cell tower ordinance and the specifics. He was advised to wait for its publication or get a copy from the Borough Clerk. The borough attorney also said it contained recommendations of the Planning Board and provisions from the Demarest ordinance. He also questioned the cell tower expert and if anything has been done yet. He was advised that the Planning Board Attorney Ed Trawinski will arrange the services for the planning board and the borough. Mr. Toledo through Matt Ahearn recommended Mr. Sorce.

Mark DelCalzo, 206 La Salle Avenue, and Dr. Perillo questioned the no parking between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on La Salle Avenue and that they had patients coming during that time. Chief Colaneri said this is an old ordinance that is in effect and numerous complaints of residents had been received. To help the situation, a proposal of the first few hundred feet on the block will be two hour parking Monday through Friday as well as on the Boulevard. Further discussion will take place at the Police Committee meeting.

Dorothy Petroulas, 215 Central Avenue, recommended the safety of the cul-de-sac, and recommended not selling the empty lot.

Frank Meo, 44 Washington Place, asked if there was any plan to curtail the aggressive speeding, driving and tailgating in the town. He was advised that enforcement by the Police Department was up 200% which he said he found interesting as it is a problem where he lives, and was told the counter has been placed on his and adjoining streets.

Chip DeGaard, 9 Woodland Drive, who had a sewer problem (which was scheduled for discussion at the work session). His actual problem was sewage backup which he reported was from two clogged sewers on Passaic Avenue, the first time in 1997 (when he installed a bathroom in the basement), again in 1999, and since then has installed a check valve, sump pump and french drain. On December 5, and December 15 of 2004 he had backup. He would like to address the Passaic Avenue problems. DPW Supt. Heck gave a history of the problems with this line, that new equipment has since been purchased, that it was worked on in 2001 or 2002 and was thoroughly cleaned and

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

videoed with no problems with the pipes but there were a lot of roots which were cleaned out. He invited Mr. DeGaard to view that video. Mr. Heck will go back in and revideo.

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 9:17 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 February 8, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk