

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL
M I N U T E S**

MAY 24, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 8:11 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL

Before the Regular Meeting, Mayor Ronald R. Jones invited the Youth Week Mayor and Council to come forward and conduct the Youth Week Council Meeting. Diana Piccininni took over as Youth Week Mayor.

Youth Week Mayor Piccininni 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.

Youth Week Mayor Piccininni requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Zulma Sanchez conduct a Roll Call:

ROLL CALL: Present: Youth Week *Councilmembers: Councilwoman Tia Gaidatiz (Councilwoman Skiba), Councilwoman Karla Carrion (Councilman Introna), Councilwoman Diane Powell (Councilman Meli), Councilwoman Amanda Kistner (Councilman Kistner), Councilwoman Alexa Anderson (Councilman DiPisa), Councilman Sean Mansfield (Councilman Link)*

Absent: None

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

YOUTH WEEK PARTICIPANTS:

Youth Week Mayor Piccininni read the list of Youth Week participants. They include:

Mayor Ronald R. Jones	-	Diana Piccininni
Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba	-	Tia Gaidatiz
Councilman Leonard Introna	-	Karla Carrion
Councilman Thomas Meli	-	Diane Powell

YOUTH WEEK PARTICIPANTS (cont'd):

Councilman Ronald Kistner	-	Amanda Kistner
Councilman Justin DiPisa	-	Alexa Anderson
Councilman Andrew Link III	-	Sean Mansfield
Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees	-	Zulma Sanchez
Chief Financial Officer Michael Kronyak	-	Meg DeMaria
Chief of Police Michael Colaneri	-	Javier Luque
Captain John DeLorenzo	-	Tom DeLorenzo
Fire Chief Joseph Taylor	-	Jay Patel
Judge Janice Gatto	-	Caitlin Scanlon
DPW Supt. Robert Heck	-	David Pokk
Tax Collector Conchita Parker	-	Mike Maresca
Director of Recreation Robert Brady	-	Marissa Gamble
Library Director Michele Reutty	-	Roselyn Bocker
Childrens Librarians	-	Sharon Li and Jocelyn Ruiz
Observer Guests	-	Alexa Hollister and Nicole Onorato

PRESENTATIONS: The members of the Environmental Commission had held an Environmental Poster Contest and Chairman Rose Heck, and members Colleen Jarvis and John Stavish presented awards to the poster winners, with Mayor Jones and Youth Week Mayor Piccininni assisting. They are: Euclid School: Kindergarten: First Place, Thomas Brandle; First Grade: First Place, Granna Bonpietro; Second Place, Brook McKnight; Third Place, Manuel Tom Ackattupathil. Fourth Grade: First Place, Sapan Patel. Fifth Grade: First Place, Victoria McKnight. Lincoln School: Kindergarten: First Place, Christine Taylor; Second Place, Frankie Quatrone. First Grade: First Place (tie) Daisy Cali and Jenna Giaquinto. Second Grade: First Place (tie): Juliana Quatrone and Rianna Volpe. Third Grade: First Place: Jamie Giaquinto. Fourth Grade: Honorable Mention: Kelly Moran. Corpus Christi: First Place (tie): Kindergarten: First Place (tie): Joanna Mastropaulo and Marie Sedlmeir. First Grade: First Place: Marissa Pinto. Third Grade: First Place: Bridget Lynn Buckman; Second Place: Maria Mastropaulo.

COMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS:

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILWOMAN TIA GAIDATIZ:

COMMENDATION: Youth Week Councilwoman Gaidatiz congratulated the people who helped organize the Battle of the Bands, saying this is a wonderful activity for our talented musicians and something other teens are looking forward to attending.

PROPOSAL: She proposed that a patrol officer be placed on duty during drop off times at the high school, that it is a safety issue that needs immediate attention. She noted there is a designated drop off zone that has been designed with orange cones and flags on La Salle Avenue, which some parents are using, but others are using the opposite

side of the road, blocking driveways and pulling into the faculty lots to drop off their children. Fender benders have occurred and pose a hazard to faculty and student drivers. She felt if there was an officer on duty for several months at the beginning of the school year, parents would be better informed. The hours of 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. were suggested.

On a motion by Youth Week Councilwoman Kistner, seconded by Youth Week Councilwoman Powell, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILWOMAN KARLA CARRION:

COMMENDATION: Youth Week Councilwoman Carrion complimented the Heights Flower Shoppe located on the Boulevard saying the store is so aesthetically appealing, that it is a pleasure to walk down the street and see this store, enticing her to go in and buy flowers. She wished there were more stores that had such personality.

PROPOSAL: It was brought to her attention that garbage trucks are interfering with the morning rush hours. She proposed if it could be arranged for them to pick up after the rush hour, that traffic is bad enough in the morning and this only adds to the congestion.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kistnerwo, seconded by Councilwoman Gaidaitz, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILWOMAN DIANE POWELL:

COMMENDATION: Youth Week Councilwoman Powell commended the library for doing a terrific job in training our citizens on the computer. She said too many adults are afraid to log onto a computer and this is giving a life lesson to them.

PROPOSAL: She proposed that the computers in the library be closely monitored, noting that after school and in the evening, children are using them to play computer games. Some high school students have recently complained of not being able to use the computers for research. She recommended a sign-in to use the games for a pre-determined time period, or if more important usage is required, they should be asked to stop playing. She said these computers have been a godsend for students whose home computers have gone out of order.

On a motion by Councilwoman Carrion, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILWOMAN AMANDA KISTNER:

COMMENDATION: Youth Week Councilwoman Kistner commended her father, Councilman Ronald Kistner and said how proud she is of him. She thought he was doing a great job and puts a lot of time and love into his responsibility.

PROPOSAL: She liked the summer entertainment series, but felt it should be geared more toward the high school age citizens. The concerts could be more fun if the music was more appealing to teens, suggesting some up and coming rock bands or a soulful sounding band that might play oldies that teens could also appreciate. She also suggested several movie nights at the field, where they could bring a blanket and snacks and enjoy movies under the stars. It would sort of resemble drive-in movies, which her age group never got to experience. She asked if the basketball courts at Franklin School would be paved and ready for summer usage.

On a motion by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaitidz, and unanimously carried the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILWOMAN ALEXA ANDERSON:

COMMENDATION: Youth Week Councilwoman Anderson said, as a young citizen of this wonderful community, she was extremely proud of our Town Hall. She commended all who did a great job making this a centerpiece of Hasbrouck Heights. The only problem she saw was that there was no sign telling visitors what exists here, noting that if you just moved into town, you would not know what is housed here. She asked that consideration be given to making a sign to tell of all the wonderful things that are done here.

PROPOSAL: She said she is an extremely active member of the high school student body and they have run several fundraisers which need Board of Health approval. The talk of their experience has been negative. She said the inspector is quite nice, but makes it very uncomfortable, that they always follow good health habits, but he makes it seem that they are always doing something wrong. She proposed handing out guidelines when a permit is given which would eliminate the extra cost of having him come to inspect a one-day activity. The clubs are trying to raise money and must pay out extra money to have him inspect their event. She felt there should be an exemption of fees for organizations that are trying to raise money for a good cause.

On a motion by Councilwoman Powell, seconded by Councilwoman Carrion, with Councilman Mansfield voting Nay, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN SEAN MANSFIELD:

COMMENDATION: Youth Week Councilman Mansfield compliments the organizers of Senior Citizen activities, recently hearing that the events and trips are lots of fun and worth being a part of. He said to keep up the good work.

PROPOSAL: He said many students would like to be part of a food pantry if one already exists. They have many food drives and bring their non-perishables to other towns. The students would rather support their own townspeople who may be in need. He requested if one already exists, let them know about it. Otherwise they would like to help start one and volunteer to organize it.

YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN SEAN MANSFIELD (CONT'D):

On a motion by Councilwoman Kistner seconded by Councilwoman Gaidatiz, with Youth Week Councilwomen Carrion and Anderson voting Nay, the foregoing Proposal was accepted.

The participants were congratulated and commended by Mayor Jones and former Mayor and Assemblywoman Rose Heck.

The Youth Week Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.