

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 28, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Thursday, December 28, 2006 at 8:08 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 3, 2006 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2006.

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

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 offered by Councilman DiPisa.

PROCLAMATION: Harold Jacobus on his Retirement from Planning Board

Mayor Jones, assisted by Councilman Kistner, presented Harold Jacobus, a member of the Planning Board for 25 years, with a Plaque, Proclamation and Key to the City. The Proclamation read as follows:

“WHEREAS, it is hereby resolved to acknowledge the contributions of Harold Jacobus who has faithfully and effectively served as a Member of the Planning Board of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights since January 1, 1982; and

“WHEREAS, Harold Jacobus was appointed as a Member of the Planning Board by Mayor William H. Imken, and continued to serve under Mayor Rose Heck, Mayor William J. Torre and presently under Mayor Ronald R. Jones; and

“WHEREAS, Harold Jacobus, during these 25 years of exemplary service rendered a fair and impartial judgment to the many applications which came before the Planning Board based on his expert knowledge and experience;

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that we do hereby extend sincere gratitude to Harold Jacobus for his 25 years of volunteer service to the Planning Board of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, and wish him good health and happiness in the future.”

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:

Brendan Gareffa for Football Accomplishments

Mayor Jones and Councilman Kistner presented a certification to Brendan Gareffa for his many accomplishments with the Hasbrouck Heights High School Football Program. They included Senior - Linebacker, 1st Team All B.C.S.L. Olympic, 1st Team All Bergen County and 1st Team All State Group I.

Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football League Raiders Super Bowl Championship

Mayor Jones and Councilman Kistner presented Certificates of Accomplishment to the Junior Football League Raiders team for winning the Super Bowl Championship. They included: Maurizio Altamura, Dylan Auriemma, Robert Benkovic, Michael Blanco, Philip Clites, Ryan Cooper, Gino DelCollo, Stephen Desics, Matthew DiChiara, Kyle Ellerson, Dylan Freschi, Evan Georgatos, Jace Garcia, Joshua Hanrahan, Peter Innis, John Iurato, Jordan Joseph, Zachary Link, Michael Leone, Brian Moran, Griffin Meister, Philip Miller, Joseph McGrath, Richard Neumann, Nate Onorato, Kevin Owens, Ethan Palladino, Kyle Perri, James Pikowski, Frankie Quatrone, Frankie Salerno, Steven Salerno, Scott Salerno, Shawn Sodora, Alexander Sodora, Christopher Tatoli, Philip Viola, Daniel Vignola, Tyler Wipper and Head Coach, Michael Valenti, and Assistant Coaches Chris Albanese, John Behr, Dom D'Amico, Matt Perrapato, Dennis Nuzzo, Jeff Perri, Vin DiChiara, Mike Luterzo, Jack Vogt and Rob Riordan.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from PSE&G announcing a special drawing for charitable nonprofit organizations to receive energy prizes.
2. Letter and copy of Resolution from Township of South Hackensack reappointing George Reggo as Assessor
3. Letter from Senator Joseph Coniglio, Assemblyman Robert Gordon and Assemblywoman Joan M. Voss announcing small grants made available by the Port Authority's Community Affairs Program

COMMUNICATIONS: (cont'd):

4. Letter of resignation from Pat Link from Library Board of Trustees

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$147,537.74 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.

Thomas E. Meli
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

HEALTH AND PARKS: Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa reported Taco Bell Restaurant continued to remain closed on a voluntary basis. The Board of Health has been monitoring the disinfection and germicidal cleanup of their operation. Under Parks, he reported the installation of the handicapped facilities at Woodland Park will begin in the next four to six weeks.

POLICE AND RECREATION: Commissioner Kistner requested to hold his reports for Police and Recreation until January 1, 2007.

FINANCE AND FIRE: Commissioner Meli requested to hold his reports for Finance and Fire until January 1, 2007.

SANITATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Sanitation, Commissioner Introna reported that \$26,000 was saved by the DPW in its leaf program, a result of dumping leaves by putting them in trucks with compaction, including a savings of \$2,000 in gas and \$4,000 in overtime. He thanked Bruce Bonaventuro from Bergen County for his expert advice.

TRANSPORTATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Commissioner Skiba requested to hold her reports on Transportation and Social Services until January 1, 2007.

STREETS AND LAND USE: Under Land Use, Councilwoman Saccomano read the Property Maintenance reports for November and December. Nine complaints by neighbors with issues resolved, four stop orders to contractors for working past the allotted time, six verbal warnings for blowing leaves into streets, eight shop owners were informed to clear their sidewalks, one fine to a resident for signing a construction permit and hiring a contractor, four violations notices for property maintenance. December report included four summons heard in municipal court on November 29, one final warning to a resident conducting auto repair work in the backyard, three warnings to parking vehicles on lawns, three property maintenance violations, four warnings for placing leaves on curb without bagging, one placing garbage on the curb too early. She reported the Building Department for December issued 56 permits totaling \$12,117, for November 67 permits totaling \$9,572. She recited Section 303.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code which states address numbers should be visible on buildings including special criteria.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Jones reported progress. He congratulated the DPW for saving \$26,000 in the leaf program and thanked the members of the Building Department for their efficiency.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS: Mary Jones from Free Public Library Board of Trustees effectively immediately
Pat Link from Free Public Library Board of Trustees effective immediately
Michele Grafje from Fire Department Engine Co. #1

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

APPOINTMENTS: Patricia Link to Free Public Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Mary Jones 1/1/05 - 12/31/09

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: 188. Raffle License for East Rutherford PTA

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

- RESOLUTIONS:** 189. Appropriation Transfers
190. Authorizing Contract with County of Bergen for 2007 Animal Control Contract
190. Authorizing Use of Certain Designated Facilities of Police Department for Police Chiefs' Cooperative for DWI Testing
190. Authorizing Mutual Aid Agreement with South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association for 2007

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

Councilwoman Saccomano requested that Ordinances No. 2143 and No. 2144 be withdrawn to accommodate changes under advisement of the Planning Board.

Before a vote was taken to withdraw, Mayor Jones welcomed anyone in the audience to come forward to speak on these two ordinances.

John Nesbitt, 24 Walter Avenue, questioned what the recommendations were and a copy was given to him of these two ordinances with changes.

Councilwoman Saccomano made a motion to withdraw Ordinance No. 2143 and No. 2144 by recommendations of the Planning Board, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2143:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 275-16 ENTITLED “YARD REGULATIONS” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO SUPPLEMENT SUBSECTION A ENTITLED “ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS” OF SECTION 275-21 ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO ALLOW DECKS THAT EXCEED A HEIGHT OF THREE FEET OVER THE NATURAL GRADE UNDER CERTAIN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES”** was withdrawn.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2144:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SUBSECTION E ENTITLED “SIGNS” OF SECTION 275-21 ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE A NEW PROVISION THEREIN GOVERNING ALL DIRECTIONAL RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE OPEN HOUSE SIGNS AND TO FURTHER SUPPLEMENT OTHER SECTIONS OF SAID CHAPTER IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH”** was withdrawn.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance Nos. 2148, 2149, and 2150.

Juan Hernandez, 415 Springfield Avenue, on Ordinance No. 2150 was concerned how the current ordinance has been working for 122 years without any problems, and all of a sudden amendments are done to it, that in his opinion people should work together as a team and continued that the real issues should be dealt with such as higher taxes.

Councilwoman Saccomano, regarding Ordinance No. 2150, thought the wording “appointing authority” was vague and thought the ordinance cumbersome. The borough attorney explained that the appointing authority is whoever is head of that authority, it could be the head of that board, the governing body, etc., that this ordinance provides a way for who has the authority to appoint has a place to go to see who is interested in that appointment and provides an opportunity for those who are interested to make that interest known. It also provides an opportunity for a person who is not interested in a re-appointment to make that known. The information would include name, address, telephone number, a little background and special qualifications and be kept on file for two years. Councilman Introna questioned where pay to play tie into this, and the borough attorney explained it simply codifies what currently exists.

ORDINANCE NO. 2148:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2007 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102”** 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

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

Observer, a news paper 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2149:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2007”** 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 news paper 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2150:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE VI, BOROUGH APPOINTMENTS REGISTRY,” AND A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE VII, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ENGAGED BY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS”** 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 news paper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, with Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilman Introna voting Nay, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones invited anyone wishing to speak to please com forward.

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

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ADJOURN TO SINE DIE:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. to Sine Die on January 1, 2007 at 11:45 a.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 December 28, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk