

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 23, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 8:04 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 (arrived at 8:57 p.m.)

Absent: None

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

PRESENTATION: Plaque Thanking Sponsors of Boulevard in Bloom Program

Mayor Jones and Councilman Meli presented a Plaque to Founding Donors of the Boulevard in Bloom Program: Jason Cosimano of Otterstedt Insurance Company, Mary Ellen Courtney of Gateway Realtors and Ray Vorisek of Heights Flower Shoppe which will be displayed in Borough Hall.

Certificates to Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

Mayor Jones and Councilman Meli presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following members of the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club for all their effort in planting the flowers in the large tubs which were distributed along the Boulevard: Ann Lustberg, Elizabeth Moser, Maria Proscia, Joan Turner, Marie Morales, Ruth Anderson, Margaret Fallon, Michael Flynn, Dorothy Flynn, Pua Giaquinto, Sarah Luminello, Judy Mascis, William Postman, Noreen Postman, Mary Beth Wilson and Frances Wilson. Also thanked was Acting DPW Supt. Bill Spindler and the members of the DPW.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1. Letter from Cty. Exec. Dennis McNerney awarding 2005 B.C.Open Space grant of \$31,350.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

2. Letter from Cty. Exec. Dennis McNerney announcing approval of CD Block Grant of \$68,425 for Barrier Free Improvements to Woodland Park

3. Letter and flyer from Cty. Exec. Dennis McNerney announcing May 26 Veterans Memorial Service at 11 a.m. at the Piazza of One Bergen County Plaza

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (March 21, 2006 Special Meeting, March 28, 2006 Regular Meeting)

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$99,967.09 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 Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE AND RECREATION: Under Police, Commissioner Kistner reported the Bicycle Marathon is scheduled for this coming weekend, and the Battle of the Bands will be performing. The Torch Run for Special Olympics is scheduled for June 2. Under Recreation, he reported a large turnout for Summer Camp registration. Sponsors of the Concert in the Park series include those honored for the Boulevard in Bloom program.

FINANCE AND FIRE: Under Finance, Commissioner Meli read the following Finance Report: The current fund cash balance as of April 30, 2006 was \$2,226,084.55; on March 31, 2006 was \$594,767.37 which represents an increase of \$1,631,317.18. The

FINANCE AND FIRE (cont'd):

entire balance was invested and is earning 4.75%. Cash receipts for April totaled \$4,403,947 of which \$3,656,680.02 was for current taxes, \$21,111.93 was for Delinquent Taxes, \$10,410.75 was Grants and Aid, \$584,000 was Interfund Transfers and \$131,744.30 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for April totaled \$2,772,629.82 of which \$1,473,969.42 was local school taxes, \$567,496.85 was salaries, \$140,398.81 was debt service and \$590,764.74 was for other expenses. Under Fire, Commissioner Meli reported May 20 was a busy day with the Townwide Garage Sale and thanked Pat Link and Eve DeDomenico, and the Fire Department Inspection in the evening. He has received letters of recommendation from Senator Menedez and Senator Lautenberg, with regard to the Fire Department grant for equipment.

HEALTH AND PARKS: Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa reported that interim reports for all food establishments which will allow them to self examine to prevent chapter 12 violations. He advised everyone to wash tops of cans, especially beverage cans. Under Parks, Commissioner DiPisa thanked Acting DPW Supt. Spindler for the accessible ramp at the Veterans Memorial Park and for the installation of flood lights in the Pavilion at Woodland Park. He commented on the Community Awareness Access for All Committee, and their involvement in the various projects including the new Athletic Field and improvements at Woodland Park.

SANITATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Sanitation, Commissioner Introna reported that in complying with the NJ DEP, the DPW garage facility was granted permission to re-route its floor drains to the sanitary sewer system, in compliance with the Stormwater regulations. He also commended the Sanitation Department for clearing the trash left from the Townwide Garage Sale participants quickly and efficiently.

TRANSPORTATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Social Services, Councilwoman Skiba reported that the community continues to show its generosity to stock the Food Pantry. She thanked Ann Grace and Girl Scout Troop 1108, Boy Scouts Pack 17 and Corpus Christi, and thanked Councilwoman Maryetta and Marty Saccomano for a Game Boy and two used air conditioners by Mr. Watrel which will be distributed to those in need. Items requested were paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish detergent, and laundry detergent.

STREETS AND LAND USE: Under Land Use, Commissioner Saccomano reported 16 warnings of overgrown grass, five violation notices of lawn maintenance, five on building and property maintenance issues, seven over neighbor issues, six verbal warnings for contractor signs on lawns, five verbal warnings for non-display of construction permits and one summons will be heard this month. Under Streets, she reported also that the Veterans Memorial Park was made handicapped accessible and thanked the DPW.

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REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones reminded residents of the Memorial Day Parade and Borough offices begin summer hours on May 30 which are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. He attended a Port Authority meeting for private jet businesses who have volunteered to lower noise when possible. He attended the Fire Inspection and said it was phenomenal. He announced the ARC will be honoring Hasbrouck Heights as Community of the Year on June 14. He commended the residents of Central Avenue and the Fire and Police Departments for this honor.

Councilwoman Saccomano had attended the Wood-Ridge Planning Board meeting regarding Westmont Station and questioned if Lincoln Avenue can be opened into Wood-Ridge without Hasbrouck Heights council approval. She was told no. It was noted that Edward Trawinski, Esq., the Planning Board attorney is the borough's representative to these meetings.

Councilman DiPisa noted there will be another registration period for Medicare Part D from November 15, 2006 to end of year.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

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| CONSENT AGENDA: | 84. | Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights |
| 85. | | Supporting the " <i>Click It or Ticket</i> " Mobilization of May 22-June 4, 2006 |
| 85. | | Proclaiming June 2006 as "Celebrate New Jersey Month" |
| 85. | | Urging Governor Corzine and State Legislature to Cut State Spending and Cut Taxes to Reduce Property Taxes in the State Budget for FY 2007 |

On a motion by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2134:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF UPGRADED COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, TO APPLY AN ENHANCED 9-1-1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE SUM OF \$17,800.00 TO THE COST THEREOF, TO FURTHER APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,250.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS THE DOWN PAYMENT, AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE BALANCE OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$51,950.00”** 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 June 13, 2006.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinances No. 2132. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2132:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF THE BOROUGH OWNED LOT 1.05 IN BLOCK 168.01 WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AS BEING WITHIN THE R-2 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT”** 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 Councilwoman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, questioned when the barriers would be going back on Central Avenue since the traffic study is complete. Mayor Jones advised that the results should be ready by next week and she requested a copy. She was advised that it would be presented to the Mayor and Council first and then be available for the public.

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: No. 88. Personnel

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

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 May 23, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk