

## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

### **YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL 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 8:05 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. Veronica Van Jura took over as Youth Week Mayor.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Cartina Valente 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 Van Jura requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Valente conduct a Roll Call:

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Youth Week Councilmembers: Councilman Lorenzo Tattoli (Councilwoman Saccomano), Councilman Shawn Zahn (Councilwoman Skiba), Councilman Zach Ketcho (Councilman Introna), Councilman Nick Guzman (Councilman Meli), Councilman Robert Kistner (Councilman Kistner), Councilman Mike Tamimi (Councilman DiPisa)

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:** Rev. Patrick V. Donohue, Parochial Vicar, Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Hackensack

**PRESENTATIONS:** Youth Week Van Jura, Mayor Jones and Environmental Commissioner Chairman Rose Heck presented the Environmental Poster Contest winners with awards for their posters. They are: Corpus Christi School: Kindergarten: First Place, Isabella Impalli, Brian Rice, Lianna Pacifico; Second Place, Olivia Madonna; Third Place, Angelica Cinco; Honorable Mention, Heather Ann Farrell and Arianna D'Raggio. Grade 1: First Place, Samantha Catania. Grade 2: First Place,

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Rebecca Kryceski. Grade 3: First Place, Ashley Griglak, Deidre Dzugay, Meghan Rice; Second Place, Chelsea Gugliotti, Kerry DeAngelo, Shannon Fuhro; Third Place, Sofia Wyman, Emily Nieves, Melissa Hartley; Honorable Mention, Mary Scalone Neftali Genao and Richard Neumann. Grade 4: First Place, Bridget Buckman. Grade 5: First Place, Natasha Stroedecke, Mary Kate Kubler; Second Place, Amanda Cano; Third Place, Danielle Cannici; Honorable Mention, Meghan Gilhooley. Euclid School: Kindergarten: First Place, Giana DiLascio, Megan Longo. Grade 1: First Place, John Iurato. Grade 5: First Place, Samantha Sproviero. Lincoln School: Kindergarten: First Place, Alyssa Volpe, Anik Subramanian; Second Place, Peter Lohrmann, Nicole Gehan. Grade 1: First Place, Frankie Quatrone. Grade 2: First Place, Stephanie Dallara, Danielle Dallara; Grade 3: First Place, Juliana Quatrone.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Youth Week Mayor Van Jura asked the Youth Week Borough Clerk for any letters to put placed into the record. She said yes, and read the letter which was as follows:

Acting Mayor Veronica VanJura  
Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Bldg.  
248 Hamilton Avenue  
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604

Dear Acting Mayor VanJura:

Unfortunately I am writing you with two complaints. The street near my driveway has two pot holes that have been there for a long time and I feel can cause damage to an automobile tire. The holes are near the corner of Main Street and Lincoln Street. Can these be filled in for the sake of safety?

My second problem are the trees in front of my home. The branches of these trees should be elevated. I am on the town list for this service since last Fall, but to date nothing has been done. Would appreciate any assistance you can give me.

Thank you,  
/s/ Vicky VanJura  
1 Lincoln Street

The matter was turned over to Acting DPW Superintendent William Spindler.

**COMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS:**

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN TATTOLI (*Councilwoman Saccomano*):**

**COMMENDATION:** Youth Week Councilman Tattoli thanked everyone who organizes and participated in the Christmas Parade. He said it seems that the children of all ages love this event and look forward to it every year, that the floats are great and it's great to

see Santa come to town. He attends every year and his 9-year-old brother is looking forward to this year's event, and that it brings great childhood memories for all young citizens.

**PROPOSAL:** His proposal was to evaluate the sidewalk situation in our community. He said a sweet elderly woman in his neighborhood recently tripped over the sidewalk and that it poses a dangerous situation for small children who don't realize the sidewalks are not even. He didn't know if it is the town's problem or the resident's, but if it is the resident's, then he asked to please notify them of this potentially dangerous situation.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN ZAHN (*Councilwoman Skiba*):**

**COMMENDATION:** Youth Week Councilman Zahn, who is a participant in wrestling, football and the baseball team, thanked the Recreation Department for giving him a solid base. He has been in Recreation sports for almost eight years and has found it to be interesting and fun, the supplies were always good and the coaches really took an interest in athletic growth.

**PROPOSAL:** As a member of the HHHS student body, he brought attention to a situation that can be dangerous, namely the drop off period in the morning needs to be patrolled well. He said the high school sets up cones in the morning to designate a drop off zone, but parents do not listen to these signs and pull in the parking lots, pull into parking spots, block driveways and basically cause havoc in the morning. He noted that sometimes there is a policeman outside directing traffic, but this doesn't stop parents from pulling into lots and blocking driveways. This causes traffic back ups for the staff that need to get into their spots or enter the driveways. Besides causing traffic jams, it poses a dangerous situation for students getting dropped off in the proper areas. There was a situation where a faculty member's car was hit in the parking lot, with the person never leaving a note or notifying anyone. He asked for consideration of a stronger presence in the morning, that it would be a shame if an accident that was dangerous occurred because of the morning situation.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN KETCHO (*Councilman Introna*):**

**COMMENDATION:** Youth Week Councilman Ketcho commended the Boy's Basketball Team at the high school who came into the season with a 1-22 record and left with a 15-11 winning season. With that in mind, he commended the Recreation for their Basketball League and because of a good feeder program there were successful players in high school. He offered special congratulations to graduating seniors, Tim Thorne and Mark Schroback.

**PROPOSAL:** He proposed looking into the town's sewer system. He noted that prior to his family vacation, the sinks and toilets in his home were spitting out air around 9 p.m. which caused the family to have leave their home to shower. Also, one day after school he observed the hydrants spitting out water which looked brownish in color which he

wanted to know if this was normal. He asked that some investigation into the condition of sewer and water works be conducted.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN GUZMAN (*Councilman Meli*):**

**COMMENDATION:** Youth Week Councilman Guzman commended Tommy Agresse for his dedication to the field and that he takes pride in doing his job well. He also appreciated his time spent as a fill-in bus driver, that all the young adults enjoy being with him and that he is an extremely pleasant person.

**PROPOSAL:** His proposal included renovation of the Franklin Gym. He noted that since a new weight room is being built at the sports complex, the wrestling mats should be moved downstairs and the existing room renovated into a basketball court, that the existing outside court be made into a hock rink so that if kids in town wouldn't have to go out of town to play hockey, roller or ice.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN KISTNER (*Councilman Kistner*):**

**COMMENDATION:** Youth Week Councilman Kistner commended the Town Council on a great job in handling the Athletic Field project. He said they were all looking forward to a new facility that they can be proud of. He also thanked them for the entire town events and support of athletic programs.

**PROPOSAL:** He proposed that the Police force lighten up a bit on the pulling over. He said they do a great job and truly appreciate that they're visible, it makes them feel safe, but that he feels they pull drivers over a bit too much.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCILMAN TAMINI (*Councilman DiPisa*):**

**COMMENDATION:** Youth Week Councilman Tamini commended Kundert Volvo and the Hasbrouck Heights Police force for their hard work and dedication to the Bike Marathon which he said is always a successful event that is a great memory for anyone who participates.

**PROPOSAL:** He proposed the continuance of the Bike Marathon, as he had heard this might be the last year of this outstanding tradition. He realized the field renovation will hinder this event, but suggested closing streets that have low traffic, as is usually done when road races and running marathons occur. He said the bikers could camp out in the park the same way as done at the field. He asked to please consider continuing this event, that it would be a shame to stop this healthy tradition.

The Youth Week Mayor and Council were congratulated on a job well done.

The Youth Week Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.