

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 13, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 13, 2006 at 8:07 p.m. at Borough Hall, 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 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

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Rev. Karyn L. Wiseman, Pastor of First United Methodist Church

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Senator Joseph Congilio, Assemblyman Robert Gordon and Assemblywoman Joan Voss with regard to the introduction of new legislation to create a Bergen County Transportation Trust Fund
- 1) Letter from Cablevision with updated tariffs.
- 1) Letter from John Moyle of NJ DEP with regard to the National Flood Insurance Program
- 1) Letter from Shawn Laurenti of Port Authority of NY & NJ and copy of their comments to the FAA on the Airspace Redesign Project
- 1) Invitation to Mayor and Council to July 4th Children's Parade on July 4

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

A motion to accept the Communications was made by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (February 14, 2006 Work Session, April 11, 2006 Regular Meeting, May 30, 2006 Special Meeting)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$1,774,394.49 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 Thomas E. Meli
Commissioner of Finance

Councilwoman Skiba questioned what kind of complaint necessitated a substitute judge and she was told this is an arrangement made with the assignment judge.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 90. Authorizing Checks for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards
 - 91. Authorizing Check for Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award
 - 91. Authorizing Check for Mayor's Scholarship Award
 - 91. Payroll
 - 91. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

- 91. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq., as Special Contracts Attorney
- 91. Authorizing 2006/2007 Snow Plowing Agreement with the County of Bergen
- 91. Authorizing Application to N.J. Department of Transportation for 2006 State Aid for the Improvement of Madison Avenue
- 91. Authorizing Application to N.J. Department of Transportation for 2006 State Aid for the Improvement of Division Avenue
- 91. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills
- 91. Authorizing Award of Contract for the Repair of a Portion of Madison Avenue Without Public Bidding
- 91. Authorizing Application for Municipal Alliance Grant
- 91. Regarding Property Maintenance Violation at 495 Hasbrouck Avenue

Councilwoman Saccomano questioned Resolution No. 95, if this was an addition to Resolution No. 17 which was approved on January 10. She was told that resolution was to approve Mr. Rotolo as general contracts attorney, Resolution No. 95 is more specific and provides for any remaining disputes. She also questioned Resolution No. 100 regarding Madison Avenue, and if the town had flood insurance. She was told no, that was not an insurable event.

Councilwoman Skiba questioned Resolution Nos. 90, 91 and 92, how scholarships were determined. She was told that the high school sends applications from the children and are reviewed by the mayor, administrator and borough clerk.

Councilman Meli questioned if Resolution No. 96 was a revenue generating agreement and was told it is a reimbursement based on the number of miles of county roads plowed.

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, with Councilman Kistner abstaining from Resolution No. 95, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: Renita Goldsberry as a Permanent Crossing Guard
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APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

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

RESIGNATIONS: John H. Brandle from the General Assessment Committee
Linda M. Brandle from the Mayor's Celebrations Committee
and Board of Health

On a motion by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2134. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

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"** 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 Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Chris Buxbaum, 146 Berkshire Road, questioned if the council was going to send an official letter with comments about the FAA Airspace Redesign. She was advised that Councilwoman Skiba had sent her own comments, and Mayor Jones had met with the mayors of the South Bergen area who were submitting joint comments against this move.

Christian Semenez, 415 Jefferson Ave., questioned the courtesy bus stop at Charlton Avenue and the borough's authority. He also noted the drain at Division and Burton was repaired and asked why it was put back the same way.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would be recessed for Work Session, to which he invited all present to stay.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 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 June 13, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk