

## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

### **MINUTES**

**August 8, 2006**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on August 8, 2006 at 8:10 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, 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:** The Invocation was given by Deacon Vincent DeFedele of Corpus Christi R.C. Church

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Thank you letter from Veronica VanJura, Youth Week Mayor during Youth Week Council Meeting
- 2) Letter from Susan Bass Levin, Commissioner of N.J. Dept. of Community Affairs regarding award of \$150,000 in Extraordinary Aid
- 3) Letter from Senator Joseph Coniglio regarding award of \$150,000 in Extraordinary Aid and his, Assemblyman Gordon and Assemblywoman Voss' assistance with Commissioner Susan Bass Levin

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

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (June 13, 2006 Regular Meeting, June 27, 2006 Regular Meeting, July 11, 2006 Regular Meeting, July 25, 2006 Regular Meeting)

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

**BILLS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,850,702.19 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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** 125. Raffle License for H.H. Junior Football League, Inc.  
126. Granting Permission for the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales in Conjunction with Farmer's Market for 2006

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Kistner abstaining from Resolution No. 125 as he is on the Board of Directors of the Meadowlands Football League, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved.

**RESOLUTIONS:** 127. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State  
128. Reducing Number of Bus Stops  
128. Payroll

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, with Councilman Introna abstaining from Resolution No. 128 as his wife is an employee of N.J. Transit, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

**APPOINTMENTS:** Robert Munoz as a Junior Firefighter

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Joseph Fehl as Captain of Ambulance Squad effective August 4, 2006

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2137:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2006”** 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 August 22, 2006.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2138:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2006”** 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 August 22, 2006.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2139:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 61, RECORDS, OPEN PUBLIC,” PURSUANT TO THE “OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT” AND SO AS TO INCLUDE THE FEES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH IN CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES”** 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 August 22, 2006.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

## **ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2135 and Ordinance No. 2136 for anyone wishing to speak on these ordinances.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, on Ordinance No. 2136, questioned Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilwoman Skiba regarding the empty lot adjacent to the Central Avenue parking lot.

Martin Saccomano, 57 Ottawa Avenue, regarding No. 2136, commented on the parking lot, referring to Councilman Meli.

Councilman Meli commented on the history of this project and asked that it continue to completion.

Councilwoman Saccomano on the same ordinance, referred to funding of this ordinance.

Councilman Introna also referred to this ordinance, and the empty lot.

Councilman Kistner questioned the borough engineer on the redesign of the parking lot and number of spaces.

Borough Engineer Job explained the process for adding more spaces by using the buffer between the parking lot and the originally proposed cul de sac, which could then be put back if needed.

Councilman DiPisa recommended if there is no plan for this lot in the future, it should be considered for sale.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing on these ordinances was closed.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2135:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING 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 \$47,500.00”** 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.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2136:**

**“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$420,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT, A POCKET PARK, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS UPON LOTS 20.01, 20.02 AND 22 IN BLOCK 47 BEING PREMISES ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION FORMED BY CENTRAL AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS OF A PORTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE IN RELATION THERETO, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE SUM OF \$54,000.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$346,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW”** 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 Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

Janet Kretzdorn, 393 Church Street, requested the street be swept on the ramp coming off Route 46. She was still concerned about courtesy bus stops on Myers and Charlton Avenues and asked for re-consideration.

When requested this be done to the Rt. 46 ramp by Mayor Jones, Acting DPW Supt. Spindler said he could do this, but would need Police assistance.

Chief Colaneri explained that NJ Transit stopped these courtesy stops. One reason was that the Boulevard is one lane only and recently parking spaces were denoted to discourage a two-lane roadway which caused NJ Transit to stop these courtesy stops. He stressed pedestrian safety and that bus stops should be at a crossing with a traffic light. He also gave the reasoning behind Resolution No. 128 which deletes and adds bus stops on the Boulevard.

Janet Kretzdorn asked the council to reconsider the bus stops at Myers and Charlton.

Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, gave a report as chairman of the Environmental/ Transportation Commission. The possibility of a local jitney bus from Rutherford to Hackensack and back was being revisited by N. J. Transit, with possible funding  
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**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

available. She said a train station is being looked at for Williams Avenue/Teterboro. She had given a copy of a letter regarding a better approach to Teterboro Airport especially over Hackensack University Medical Center to Governor Corzine which she said he seemed interested.

Denise Egger, 114 Central Avenue, was concerned over new construction at 110 Central Avenue and violations by the contractor on her property. She had spoken to the building inspector on occasion, and asked the council for help.

Chris Buxbaum, 146 Berkshire Road, asked what was the opinion of the Mayor and Council on the DOT presentation on the removal of the shoulder on Route 17. She was told the Mayor and Council were recently given a presentation by representatives of the DOT and the borough engineer has attended numerous meetings and heard traffic studies on this subject over the past 40 or more years. Mayor Jones in his opinion said "they are trying to put a band aid on something that needs surgery." Rose Heck suggested to the Mayor that a letter be written by him on behalf of the council asking what monies have been allotted and time frame. When she was at the N.J. Transit meeting, hundreds of millions of dollars are being placed in capital budgets, and a bill has also been introduced giving the N. J. Sports and Exposition Authority more power for eminent domain.

John Baratta, 269 Walter Avenue, questioned the juvenile detention center proposed for Teterboro. Mention was made of a recent newspaper article reporting the property environmentally unsound.

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

#### **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 9:26 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 August 8, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC  
Borough Clerk