

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 26, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 26, 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: The Rev. Dr. Karyn Wiseman could not be present and sent a prayer which was read by Councilman DiPisa.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Announcing Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Selection as Statewide Winner of the 2006 Community of the Year Award by The Arc of New Jersey

2) Thank You Letter from Marilyn deRussy

3) Invitation to 16th Annual Public Safety Expo at the Law Public Safety Institute on Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m to 3 p.m.

4) Invitation to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Walkable Community Workshop on Wednesday, October

5) Announcing Hasbrouck Heights Walk to help Dyslexic Children on Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (August 22, 2006 Regular Meeting, August 29, 2006 Special Meeting)

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

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$147,138.06 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 Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

HEALTH AND PARKS: Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa reported Flu vaccine will be distributed on November 27, 2006, with registration November 15 in the Senior Center. The Fourth Annual Health Fair Expo is scheduled for October 13. Under Parks, he welcomed new alternate members to the Health Board, Eugene Adamkiewicz and Gary Van Hook, and new permanent member, Dr. Mark DelCalzo. Under Parks, he reported architects plans were received for the new accessible comfort stations in Woodland Park. The Soccer season is underway. Under Environmental/Transportation Commission liaison, he reported a Recycling area will be reinstated at Borough Hall. He reported Council on Affordable Housing has required a program for senior housing which he, Mayor Jones, Councilwoman Saccomano and Ralph Chandless will be working on in the future.

POLICE AND RECREATION: Under Recreation, Councilman Kistner reported Town Day is this Saturday. The Haunted Hay Ride is scheduled for Oct. 19 in Woodland Park. Fall programs are underway and registration for upcoming programs has begun. The Recreation Center boasted 82 children this past weekend. He reported the high school football team is undefeated. Under Police, he reminded residents to remember

POLICE AND RECREATION (cont'd):

schools are open and to drive with caution. He commended the crossing guard at the corner of Boulevard and Williams Avenue.

FINANCE AND FIRE: Under Finance, Commissioner Meli had no formal report. Under Fire, he reported ambulance response is on average five times a day. He attended an OEM Meeting as Fire Commissioner. The bricks for the Firemen's Walk of Honor are on order. The Scott Packs are on order. He attended a meeting with East Rutherford regarding shared services. He sent a letter to the Freeholders Board requesting a meeting regarding first response to the Juvenile Detention Center. They have responded and are interested in meeting.

SANITATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Sanitation, Commissioner Introna gave an update on the sanitary sewer collapse on Route 17 North, noting that the cause was due to a PSE&G utility pole breaching the Borough's main line that runs along Route 17 shoulder in the northbound lane, which was televised to show proof of damage. PSE&G will incur all repairs and costs of the project which will include DPW man-hours and materials, engineering services and Police Traffic. He also referred to a letter from Mr. Santana who questioned the Borough's sidewalk cleaning machine, that it is not being utilized, and what is the status of this machine.

TRANSPORTATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Social Services, Councilwoman Skiba reported the Food Pantry was down to the bare minimum. After an urgent plea through The Observer, donations were received and a special thank you goes to Corpus Christi who with the help of Ron Billetz, Edna and Jane, delivered groceries from Brown Bag Sunday, Michael Conti, Bernice Baker, and Magda Vanek who donated an assortment of items and to Linda Condal who donated two huge bags of clothing for a young boy. Under Transportation, she reported 20 residents volunteered to wear 48-hour sampling monitors in two events which will be compared with the Environmental Impact Study on October 23.

STREETS AND LAND USE: Under Streets, Councilwoman Saccomano reported on September 2, the DPW responded to many calls regarding fallen trees and tree limbs from Tropical Storm Ernesto and several power outages. The cleanup amounted to 240 cubic yards of brush, 60 cubic yards of wood chips and 60 cubic yards of logs. She announced the Leaf Committee will distribute brown bags at Town Day. Under Land Use, she reported in August the Building Department gave out 97 permits totaling \$13,773 in fees. She read hours of construction for contractors which must be complied with. Regarding Property Maintenance for August and September, she reported 17 complaints, one court hearing was held, court summonses to four residents, a work stop order to a contractor for no permit, eight verbal warnings for lawn cutting, two violation notices for clean up of properties, and five verbal warnings to contractors to remove signs.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Jones had attended the closing of Borough property sold and presented a check in the amount of \$1,554,000 to CFO/Administrator Michael Kronyak. He thanked Mr. Kronyak and Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless, and the Council. Mr. Kistner, on the same matter, also thanked Mr. Chandless, Mr. Kronyak and Borough Engineer Job, and also Louise Davenport who worked on the Title Search. He asked if the capital ordinance could proceed on the Athletic Field project.

A motion to proceed was made by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: Philip N. Scribano to the Ambulance Squad

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: 149. Raffle License for Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights

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

RESOLUTIONS: 150. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes for Block 42, Lot 38.01

151. Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Improvements to Woodland Park

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak. There being no one 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 8:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 152. Litigation

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

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 September 26, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk