

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**MINUTES****June 26, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 8:39 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 2, 2007 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2007.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: A prayer was offered by Councilman DiPisa.

PRESENTATION: American Legion Presents Check to Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

Post Commander Michael Cahill referred to an agreement made 53 years ago in 1954, whereby the corporation agreed to pay the Borough \$10,000 whenever it sold the property. He presented a letter which read as follows:

"To: Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council:

About 1948 the American Legion Center of Hasbrouck Heights, Inc., asked the Borough to sell to them a piece of land that would be used to erect a building to be used both as a Post Home for James B. Scarr Post 106 and as a civic center for the Borough. This the Borough did in 1949 for the sum of \$25.00 and other considerations, the Center to be built in five years.

Although the James B Scarr Post 106 strove mightily to raise the monies needed to build, by 1953 it was apparent that they had been unsuccessful. However, at that point the Post learned that the property of the widow of Mr. A.E. Browne, a former mayor of Hasbrouck Heights and a founding member of Post 106, was available. Since there already was a house on that property that could be used as a Post Home, it was decided to purchase it.

With that intention in mind, the members of the Corporation asked the Borough Council to amend the original agreement and permit the Corporation to sell that piece of land at Henry St. and the Boulevard which was known as the Kiel property. The proceeds were to be used in paying for the Browne property at Passaic St. and Terrace Ave. The Borough agreed to do so.

The land at Henry St. and the Boulevard was sold for \$10,000 and the proceeds applied to the purchase of the Browne property. The agreement was amended and the Corporation agreed to pay the Borough \$10,000 if and when it ever sold the property. Circumstances have forced us to sell our land and therefore in complying with the agreement made in 1954, we are paying the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights \$10,000.

We would like to suggest that, since apparently there was no official knowledge of this agreement, this \$10,000 could be considered "found money", and it might best be held in a special fund to be used for the maintenance of Veterans Park, the Monument, and the Gun.

*For God and Country,
/s/ Michael J. Cahill, President
The American Legion Center, Inc."*

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Chamber of Commerce request for Farmer's Market Banner from June 26, 2007 through September 25, 2007.

Certified Letter from Cablevision regarding the corporate structure of the Company.

Councilwoman Saccomano asked to have Item #1 read into the record, made a motion to approve this request which was seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (March 13, 2007 Work Session, March 13, 2007 Executive Session)

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Introna, and

unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$166,714.18 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.

Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

HEALTH AND PARKS: Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa reported that the Board of Health will reconvene in September to discuss possible changes to the Dog Census and licensing fees and the fourth Health Expo. Under Parks, he reported 19 picnics have been held at Woodland Park thus far this year. The handicapped walkway is complete, with the restrooms 80% completed. He reported the cannon at Memorial Park which was donated by the American Legion was repainted in time for the Memorial Day ceremonies in compliance with the United States Army. He read a report from the Environmental/Transportation Commission (copy attached).

FINANCE AND SANITATION: Under Finance, Commissioner Introna read the following Finance Report: the current fund cash balance as of May 31, 2007 was \$2,883,569.84; on April 30, 2007 was \$793,121.73, which represents an increase of \$2,090,448.11. The entire balance was invested and is earning 5.25%. Cash receipts for May totaled \$5,431,039.22 of which \$5,241,695.17 was for current taxes, \$29,763.07 was for delinquent taxes, and \$159,580.98 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for May totaled \$3,338,245.96 of which \$1,563,704.25 was local school taxes, \$764,824.00 was County taxes, \$559,931.07 was salaries and \$449,786.64 was for other expenses. Under Sanitation, he reported repairs were made on a sanitary sewer line damaged as a result of the nor'easter, with the cost of repairs to be submitted to FEMA. The street sweeper needed major repairs which were done in house by the DPW with normal street sweeping resumed.

FIRE AND LAND USE: Under Fire, Commissioner Skiba reported that in May 188 events, with 115 EMS calls. Repairs to equipment were done. Under Land Use, she reported the building department issued \$17, 824.50 in permits, and in June \$13,320.00 thus far. Under Property Maintenance, nine warning slips for overgrown lawns, 12 complaints from residents, three summonses which require court dates, one work stop

order to a contractor working on a Sunday, and six verbal warnings to contractors displaying signs. Under Teterboro Airport, she reported that the FAA is holding an additional noise mitigation meeting in Woodcliff Lake. Regarding the air quality study at Teterboro Airport, Environ completed its year long air monitoring and will meet with the NJ DEP to discuss the data. She had met with the developer of Wesmont Station. Wood-Ridge is planning a public information presentation regarding the progress of the environmental remediation.

POLICE AND STREETS: Under Police, Commissioner Saccomano reported 200 children participated in the Bike-a-thon, and she thanked the Fire Department, Board of Education, Coach Nick DelCalzo and Bill Kundert. She noted this event cannot be held on the new turf, so this might be the last such event. The 2007 Torch Run was held with the Police Department raising over \$29,000. She thanked all who participated. The simulated drunk driving course was given to the Junior class. The Police Dept. is participating in the Click It or Ticket Campaign. The Eighth Grade DARE swim party was held at the swim club and the Junior Policy Academy is currently in session. Under Streets, she reported the DPW and Maser Consulting submitted the annual stormwater report with the NJ DEP. One area of stormwater management was to finish the catch basin inlets along Oak Grove which were not retrofitted at the time of construction and are now in compliance. The DPW used 12 tons of asphalt to repair potholes and will continue this program through the summer.

TRANSPORTATION AND RECREATION: Under Transportation, Commissioner DiNanno reported the finishing of Oak Grove Avenue, application is being sought with the NJ DOT for road improvement grant monies, the list of streets for repaving is being compiled, and application is being made to FEMA for some streets needing repairs due to the nor'easter. Under Recreation, he reported there are two traveling all star softball teams who would like to continue through the summer, the Recreation Center is ongoing, adult volleyball will meet at Woodland Park on Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Senior Olympics winners were Aldo Carcich with two first place medals and Anita Krieger, a third place bronze medal. The team received the Most Spirited Award. Summer Camp registration is continuing. He also reported on the Woodland Park bathrooms. Regarding Depken Field, the soil is in the process of being removed, the drainage system is the next step, with estimated time of completion for the project Sept. 1. All playgrounds passed State safety measures. Regarding the new homes site on Oldfield Avenue, he requested an update. He requested that the fence be moved back to allow better access to the swim club parking lot and re-striping of the parking lot be done.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Social Services, Commissioner Altobelli reported the Food Bank received donations given on Corpus Christi Church Brown Bag Sunday for May and June, St. John's Episcopal Church, Maryetta Saccomano, Dee Sullivan, the McCarthy Family, Connie Margagliano, Mrs. DeSantis, Dorothy Petroulis, Tripta and Joe Warfield and Joan Turner which greatly helped to stock the shelves which had been very low. Also, a check was received from the Euclid

Masonic Lodge which was used to purchase Shop Rite gift cards. He noted vouchers for the Farmer's Market will be given out by Bergen County Senior Services on Tuesday, July 24 at the Farmer's Market from 12 noon to 3 p.m. . Under Public Facilities, he reported the DPW is continuing to inspect properties that were defaced by graffiti, dead end barriers have been repainted on Washington Place and Madison Avenue, as well as several guardrails, and that red, white and blue banners were hung throughout the town for the 4th of July.

REPORT OF MAYOR: Mayor Jones read the following Proclamation into the record which would be presented to Mr. Lanny Rider on June 28:

"WHEREAS, the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro Airport have been longtime neighbors and have always held a mutually beneficial relationship and good neighbor policy; and

WHEREAS, Lanny Rider has been Teterboro Airport Manager since 2001, and a part of Teterboro Airport in other capacities from 1988 through 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rider has shown the utmost respect and offered his friendship and good will to the Governing Body, its employees and residents of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights during his years of service to Teterboro Airport; and

WHEREAS, with the extensive growth of the airport and its facilities, Mr. Rider has always been cognizant of the needs of the surrounding communities and its inhabitants, and most assuredly Hasbrouck Heights; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rider has made the decision to retire from his duties as Manager of Teterboro Airport;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby express our gratitude to Lanny Rider for his friendship and community awareness and offer our sincere wishes for all good health and happiness upon his retirement.

*/s/ Mayor and Council
Borough of Hasbrouck Heights"*

He also read into the record several reports prepared by Rose Heck, Environmental chair The first entitled "Report on the Ongoing Work to Establish a Train Station and Park & Ride in the area of Teterboro and Hasbrouck Heights." The second entitled "Route 17 North Status Report." The third is entitled "Update meeting with B.C. Community Development Executive Director Joseph Rutch" (Copies attached).

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman DiPisa went on record to say that with regard to the train stop on Williams Avenue, it is on the Teterboro side, a dangerous situation for commuters walking over the tracks and he asked for a pedestrian bridge. Mayor Jones noted that commuters should be parking on the Teterboro side.

CONSENT AGENDA: 92. Raffle License for Concerned Parents Association of Corpus Christi

93. Granting Permission for the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales in Conjunction with Farmer's Market for 2007

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda resolution was approved.
(Copies attached).

RESOLUTIONS: 94. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

95. Governing Body's Appointments to Community Development Regional Committee

96. Renewal of 2007-2008 Liquor License Holders

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilman Altobelli voting Nay on Resolution No. 95, the foregoing Resolutions were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**ORDINANCE NO. 2159:**

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$190,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO FURTHER 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 \$180,000.00"** 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 July 10, 2007.

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinances No. 2157 and 2158. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2157:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2007 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZING 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 \$235,000.00"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE NO. 2158:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MADISON AVENUE"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones invited anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

Maria Castro, Fernando Alvarez, Chrissie Pereira, Pamela Chisholm, 101 Terrace Avenue, were present to request help for the parking of their vehicles once temporary permission for overnight street parking was lifted on July 5th. There were 40-45 cars now involved. They were advised that a letter will be sent to businesses on Route 17, along Terrace Avenue, the VFW, asking for interest in providing overnight parking. Letters had already been sent to those businesses along the Boulevard. The zoning committee would need to see the responses and zoning laws would need to be provided to property owners. When asked, no one on the council was willing to give up overnight parking. It was also noted that the fire equipment would have difficulty in responding if parking were allowed on the streets adjacent to the apartment buildings. A recommendation was again given to have the tenants advertise as a group in the local paper for parking spaces on private properties. The temporary program of overnight parking was extended to August 14. Mayor Jones went on record saying under no

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conditions should Terrace Avenue be considered if you feel there can be any threat to the changing of the zoning of Terrace Avenue.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, asked when construction of the Central Avenue parking lot would be started and was told next month. She questioned if the empty lot next to the parking lot could be landscaped and made attractive until a decision was made as to its use.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 97. Personnel

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution to Close was accepted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 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 Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2007.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk