

Borough of Hasbrouck Heights - 8/14/2007
BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

August 14, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on August 14, 2007 at 8:03 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor Jones declared the meeting in Session and 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: Councilman DiPisa offered a prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Charles A. Richman, Acting Comm. Of NJ DCA announcing Award of \$150,000 in Extraordinary Aid
- 2) B.C. Senior Picnic on September 19, 2007 at Van Saun Park, Paramus with Rain Date September 26, 2007.
- 3) Thank You Letter from Lanny Ryder, Retired Teterboro Airport Manager
- 4) Thank You Letter from Tony Dussault, recipient of Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award
- 5) Thank You Letter from Congressman Steven R. Rothman for Opportunity to Host His August Listening Session in the Hasbrouck Heights Council Chambers on August 27 at 1 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: (cont'd):

6) Invitation from Bill O’Shea to Join Community in Celebrating “Good Neighbor Day” on September 5, 2007.

7) Announcement of Women’s Equality Day on August 23, 2007 at One Bergen County Plaza

8) Letter from B.C. DPW regarding County’s Responsibilities with Regard to Culverts and Removal of Stream Debris

Item #1 was requested to be read into the record by Councilman DiPisa, Item #3 was requested to be read into the record by Mayor Jones, Item #5 was requested to be read into the record by Councilwoman Skiba, and Items #2 and #7 were requested to be read into the record by Councilwoman Saccomano (Copies attached).

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

Councilman DiPisa read a release with regard to the August 3, 2007 power failure and water problem over the weekend.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (April 10, 2007 Work Session, April 10, 2007 Executive Session, May 8, 2007 Work Session, May 8, 2007 Executive Session, June 12, 2007 Work Session, June 26, 2007 Regular Meeting, June 26, 2007 Executive Session, July 10, 2007 Amendment, July 10, 2007 Work Session, July 10, 2007 Executive Session, July 24, 2007 Regular Meeting)

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano who made a correction to the April 10,2007 Work Session Minutes, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilman DiPisa abstaining from the July 10, 2007 Minutes as he was absent, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$3,169,593.24 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 Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Finance

BILLS (cont’d):

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Property Maintenance Issue at 502 Franklin Avenue

It was advised that a resolution regarding this issue was forthcoming and the council was asked if there were any questions or concerns. One question was if it was occupied or not, the answer being no it was not. One concern was about the doors and windows being open for some time and if they could be boarded. The Police Department would be consulted.

CONSENT AGENDA: 116. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Parents Association for Athletes

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

RESOLUTIONS: 117. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

118. Authorizing B.C. Open Space Municipal Park Improvement Program Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for Playground Construction

118. Authorizing Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations

118. Authorizing Change Order #1 for Improvements of Depken Field

118. Authorizing Signature of the NJDOT Local Aid Application for the Improvements to the Boulevard

118. Payroll

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2160 and invited anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

Sonya Buckman, 239 Central Avenue, questioned the necessity of this ordinance. She was advised it was to strengthen the existing ordinance, and include real property.

It was also noted that the State Assembly is looking to strengthening State law. It was questioned why the committee appointed in October 2006 had never continued with this ordinance, once the introduced ordinance on eminent domain was withdrawn on October 10, 2006.

ORDINANCE NO. 2160:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 281, TO BE ENTITLED "EMINENT DOMAIN", WHICH CHAPTER PROVIDES TO RESTRICT THE BOROUGH'S EXERCISE OF THE TAKINGS POWER UNDER EMINENT DOMAIN"** 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 in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna, with Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Skiba voting Nay, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Mark Nazzaro, 143 Oldfield Avenue, regarding the house at 502 Franklin Avenue, had observed changes on the property and was concerned that unauthorized people might be going into the home. He also inquired as to the safety of crossing the Boulevard at Kipp Avenue as his children would be attending school at Corpus Christi this coming Fall and he was concerned. Chief Colaneri would discuss this with Lieut. Archer.

Brandon Smentkowski, Sr., 3 MacArthur Avenue, inquired as to how the property behind his house could be cleaned up as the owner was living out of state. It was noted this was an old railroad spur whose ownership was in question, either Hasbrouck Heights or Hackensack. When Mayor Jones asked the Borough Attorney to write to Hackensack, he advised the Mayor that the Hasbrouck Heights Property Maintenance Officer would be contacting that office in Hackensack.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Walter Sommers, 100 Woodside Avenue, was present regarding a letter he had sent to the Mayor and Council regarding flooding on his property. He was advised that this letter was on the Work Session Agenda, to which he was invited to stay.

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

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would continue to 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 regular meeting was adjourned at 8:44 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 14, 2007.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk