

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS****MINUTES****January 8, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 8, 2008 at 8:07 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor Heck 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, 2008 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2008.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez

Absent: None

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Assemblyman Kevin J. O'Toole regarding Resolution No. 173 opposing the sale of development of land currently occupied by the New Jersey Naval Museum
2. Letter from NJ DOT regarding decline of application for requesting funds for Division Avenue

Councilman Gonzalez requested Item #2 be read into the record. (Copy attached)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS TO COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Heck read the following into the record:

Commissioner of Finance  
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

Justin A. DiPisa  
Sonya Buckman

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS TO COMMITTEES** (cont'd):

Commissioner of Police Deputy Commissioner of Police	Rose Heck Sonya Buckman
Commissioner of Fire Deputy Commissioner of Fire	David Gonzalez Stephen Altobelli
Commissioner of Health Deputy Commissioner of Health	Justin A. DiPisa Anthony DiNanno
Commissioner of Streets Deputy Commissioner of Strs.	David Gonzalez Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Transportation Deputy Commissioner of Transportation	Stephen Altobelli Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Land Use Deputy Commissioner of Land Use	Sonya Buckman Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Sanitation Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation	David Gonzalez Maryetta Saccomano
Commissioner of Parks Deputy Commissioner of Parks	Anthony DiNanno David Gonzalez
Commissioner of Recreation Deputy Commissioner of Recreation	Sonya Buckman Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Public Facilities Deputy Commissioner of Public Facilities	Justin A. DiPisa David Gonzalez
Commissioner of Social Services Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Maryetta Saccomano Anthony DiNanno
Senior Citizens' Ombudsman	Rose Heck
Juvenile Outreach Ombudsman	Sonya Buckman
Library Liaison	Sonya Buckman
Drug Alliance Chairperson	Rose Heck
Municipal League Liaison	Stephen Altobelli
Intergovernmental Services Liaison	Justin A. DiPisa
Chamber of Commerce Liaison	Justin A. DiPisa

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**BILLS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,011,624.84 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 Councilman Justin A. DiPisa  
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

- RESOLUTIONS:**
15. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  16. Marriage Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  17. Construction - Payment of Fees to State
  18. Authorizing Mutual Aid Agreement with South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association for 2008
  19. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
  20. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms Required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
  21. In Support of National Drug Awareness Week, January 14-18, 2008

Councilman Altobelli had a question regarding Resolution #19.

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Lois Carlson to Community Celebrations Committee

Emergency Management Council (Local Emergency Planning Committee) - 1 Year:

Rose Heck, Mayor/Chairperson  
Michael Colaneri, Police Chief-EM Coord./Co-Chair  
Dr. Roger J. Szanto-Deputy EM Coord.  
Councilman David Gonzalez, Fire Commissioner  
Michael Ratkowski, First Assistant Chief  
Arthur Jackson, Fire Official  
William Spindler, DPW Superintendent  
Laura French, Board of Health Registrar  
Nicholas Melfi, Construction Official/Building Inspector  
Michael Kronyak, CFO/Administrator  
Robert Brady, Recreation Director  
Ralph Chandless, Jr., Borough Attorney  
Joseph Luongo, Superintendent of Schools  
Constance Doheny, Editor, The Observer  
Mimi Hui, Library Director

Yvonne Taylor-Chaubert as a Substitute Crossing Guard

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Ronald Botelho from Ambulance Squad effective January 28, 2008

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2170:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled :"**AN ORDINANCE TO DEFINE THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR WHOM MEDICAL BENEFITS SHALL BE NO LONGER PROVIDED BY THIS BOROUGH**" 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 January 22, 2008.

On a motion by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilman DiNanno voting Nay, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2171:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V ENTITLED “CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC” OF CHAPTER 84 ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, AS THE SAME HAS BEEN HITHERTO AMENDED IN RESPECT TO THE EXCEPTION FROM THE GENERAL PROHIBITION OF THE SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES BY WHICH THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE PERMITTED TO SERVE AND ITS MEMBERS AND GUESTS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE “EXEMPT ROOM” OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING SO AS TO EXTEND THAT EXCEPTION UPON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNTIL DECEMBER 30, 2009”** 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 January 22, 2008.

Councilman Altobelli questioned this ordinance and asked if there had been any negative instances reported, and was advised there had been none known. He also questioned if there was insurance coverage and was advised yes.

Councilwoman Saccomano requested this be put in writing by the Fire Chief, and that the Chiefs be present at the next council meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Elaine Adamkiewicz, 128 Oak Grove Avenue, had just attended a meeting of the Community Celebrations Committee, and that out of 34 on the committee only 14 had attended, and if there was a policy regarding missed meetings. She was advised that there are no by-laws but she could make any recommendation to the Mayor through the committee.

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

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she 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 8:30 p.m. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and was unanimously carried.

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 January 8, 2008.

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Rose Marie Sees, RMC  
Borough Clerk