

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

November 11, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on November 11, 2008 at 8:05 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.

INVOCATION: Councilman Stephen Altobelli

Prayer to the Way of Peace. Father of Love hear my prayer. Help me know your will and to do it with courage and faith. Accept my offering of myself, all my thoughts, words, deeds and sufferings. May my life be spent giving you glory, give me the strength to follow your call so that your truth may live in my heart and bring peace to me and those I meet, for I believe in your love.

Councilman Altobelli with regard to Veterans Day thanked those who served our country in the past as well as those who serve today.

Mayor Heck had attended the Veteran's Day Service with Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Buckman, offering thanks to all Veterans as well.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service November 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at First Reformed Church

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

- 2) Mayor's Celebrations Committee invitation to Annual Tree Lighting at the Circle on Friday night, November 28, 2008
- 3) Deer Carcass Removal for Bergen County towns
- 4) Request from Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski to reinstate Gail Knobloch to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

Items #1 and #4 were read into the record. (Copies attached).

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(September 23, 2008 Regular Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,239,947.58 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the accounts listed for payment of the claims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims be paid and checks be issued on the funds and accounts indicated on the attached schedule.

Signed Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 185. Payroll

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

186. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

187. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

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

188. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2004-04

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

189. Authorizing Approval of Specific Car Wholesalers in the Industrial Zone

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

APPOINTMENTS: Gail Knobloch to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 2

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Christian Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, questioned street clean up and removal of leaves on the 400 block of Jefferson Avenue. He was advised that all the town is done one a week.

Christian Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, former Councilwoman Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, questioned the Ethics Board and its functionality. Ms. Skiba also questioned how a member of the Ethical Standards Board was not prepared for the meeting held on November 6, 2008. Borough Attorney Chandless gave a summary of what eventually led up to the meeting of November 6, 2008, and that their questions need to be addressed to the Board. It was also noted that the ordinance does not exclude former elected officials, but in this case there was an appearance of a conflict. Ms. Skiba said she had trouble attaining the names of the members of the County Ethics Board. She was advised by Mayor Heck that this information would be requested from the County. Ms. Skiba also asked the Mayor to poll the members of the Ethical Standards Board for their interest in continuing on that board. Mr. Chandless questioned Ms. Skiba if she had intended or had submitted the complaint to the State Ethics Board, who said she may have her complaint in other forums, but that this is a separate complaint.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she invited all present to stay. On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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 November 11, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk