

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 13, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 13, 2008 at 8:32 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, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez

Absent: Councilman Stephen Altobelli

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Gonzalez offered a prayer which was written by Reverend Mychal Judge, who was one of the victims of 9-11.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners announcing a Public Hearing on June 18, 2008 for oral and written comments on the proposed changes 12 and 12A to PVSC rules and regulations.

2. Lions Club Request for Fireworks Banner

3. VFW Post 4591 Request for Picnic Banner

Letters #2 and 3 were asked to be read into the record. (Copies attached).

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(March 25, 2008 Regular Meeting, May 6, 2008
Special BOE Budget Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,865,042.13 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 Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 78. Board of Education Budget Amendments

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting No as she thought there should have been more reductions in the budget, Councilman DiNanno voting No as he felt the Board of Ed could have come back with a better detailed description in some areas in reducing home instruction per diem substitutes, being constructive criticism on his behalf, Councilman DiPisa voting Yes, Councilwoman Buckman stating that the Finance Committee did a good job in finding those cuts that would not affect students or teachers and Councilman Gonzalez voting Yes, the foregoing Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

79. Payroll

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

80. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

81. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

82. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Robert M. Czech as Public Hearing Officer

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting No as she was unaware of the problem with the employee and therefore could not authorize this, Councilman DiNanno voting No, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez voting Yes, the foregoing Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

83. Authorizing Tax Title Lien Redemption No. 2007-04

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

84. Authorizing Agreement with County of Bergen for Emergency Services Notification System

Councilman Saccomano questioned a sentence in this resolution, the Borough Clerk noted that a sentence was repeated, being a typographical error, and asked that the resolution be amended by crossing out that sentence.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution as amended was approved (Copy attached).

85. Authorizing Change Order No. 6 with regard to the Improvement of Depken Field

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

86. Authorizing Renewal of Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program

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

87. Authorizing Banner to be Placed on Boulevard for Various Upcoming Events

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

APPOINTMENTS: Patrick E. Mucha to Fire Department Ambulance Squad

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

Mr. Mucha was asked to come forward to be congratulated and have a picture taken.

RESIGNATIONS: James Phelan from the Fire Department Ambulance Squad

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

At this time, Mayor Heck made note that Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilman DiNanno should meet with the Borough Attorney and Administrator who will answer any questions on the authorization of a professional contract, and when they have a question they should contact the Borough Attorney. He agreed, noting that this was a confidential matter that could not be discussed publicly.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2176:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2176, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Christian Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, questioned if this position would be one hired from within and was told yes.

As there was no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2176 on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2176 (cont'd):

be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

Some comments made during the vote were Councilman DiPisa that there had been an assistant superintendent in the past.

ORDINANCE NO. 2177:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2177, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2008”** 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 and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Saccomano voted No which was not a reflection on the people but in these economic times restraints should be made, Councilman DiNanno voting No for the same reasons, especially since the Mayor and Council would also be getting a raise, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2178:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2178, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2178 (cont'd):

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2008"** 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 and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilman DiNanno voting Nay (as he felt it was too high), Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman.

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

Christian Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, questioned why there was no continued Budget hearing. He was advised that the public hearing is not continued, that another hearing would be held upon the amendment to the Budget.

Joyce Powell, 151 Washington Place, was present to ask the Council to put Washington Place on the list of streets to be repaved as a high priority and produced pictures which showed deep potholes (which had been filled by the DPW just today). She was advised that it was on the high priority list. She also asked that there is a high crown and vehicles bottom out and asked if that could also be addressed.

Robert Thomasey, 307 Franklin Avenue, noted he had previously raised the subject of dirt being brought into the community and asked the status. The Administrator reported that Boswell Engineering, the Zoning Board engineer had submitted a 30-40 page document and the various engineers, Mr. Melfi and himself would be having an on-site meeting and a Developer's Agreement was in the process of being prepared. Mr.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Thomasey asked the Council to consider an ordinance requiring certain standards be met with bringing soil into the community. When asked, the Borough Attorney said there is such a provision and also in the construction code. He will put that in his report to the council. Mr. Thomasey again referred to his concern about sending the ambulance to Hackensack which he heard was to be privatized. Mayor Heck said it would have to come from a recommendation of our Fire Department and Ambulance Squad. Councilman Gonzalez as Fire Commissioner knew the Chiefs were on top of the situation, that it was not an issue at this time, but if it were to come to one, they would address it, and that Mr. Thomasey should go to the Chiefs if he had a concern.

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.

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the meeting was recessed to Work Session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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 May 13, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk