

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**June 10, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 10, 2008 at 8:02 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 Justin A. DiPisa offered the following:

“The Rule of Life” by Thomas Jefferson

“The rule of life is to be found within yourself. Ask yourself constantly, “What is the right thing to do? Beware of ever doing that which you are likely, soon or later, to repent of having done. It is better to live in peace than in bitterness and strife. It is better to belief in your neighbors than to fear and distrust them. The superior man and woman does not wrangle. He or she is firm but not quarrelsome. He or she is sociable, but not clannish. The superior man or woman sets a good example to his or her neighbors. He or she is considerate of their feelings and their property. Consideration for others is the basis of good life, a good society. Feel kindly toward everyone. Be friendly and pleasant among yourselves. Be generous and fair.”

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Letter from B.C. Executive Dennis McNerney informing the Mayor of the approval of the 2008 CD Block Grant Project for Miers Park Renovations in the amount of \$46,208.00

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

2) Note from Trish Benefield thanking the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights for its participation in the Second Annual Silver Star Banner Day

Letters #1 and 2 were asked to be 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:** *(April 22, 2008 Regular Meeting, May 13, 2008 Regular Meeting)*

Councilman Gonzalez had called to the attention of the clerk two corrections which she announced had been made.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilman Altobelli abstaining from the May 14, 2008 Minutes as he was absent, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing corrected Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the claims and accounts amounting to \$1,954,856.12 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 DiNanno and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** 98. Payroll

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

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

99. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills

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

100. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Thomas G. Reich to Fire Department Engine Co. 1

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

Mr. Reich was congratulated and invited to come forward to have a picture taken.

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2179:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2179, and asked that it be continued until a response is received from the Planning Board.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2179 was open.

Christian Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, questioned how this ordinance would apply to a corner property, and was told that it would apply in that the containers could not be visible from the street or adjacent property if stored on the side. Mr. Semenez gave some examples he had observed.

Sharon DeMarco, 71 Ottawa Avenue, which is a corner property and she was confused by the ordinance. She questioned if there was an ordinance already in place, she was told yes, but it regarded collection. Mayor Heck told her that complaints were received from neighbors as to unsightly problems, and in reviewing the ordinance as it stands, there was nothing that could be enforced to that agree. This ordinance was introduced

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2179 (cont'd):**

with the hope that the public would come forward with suggestions. She also noted that the Planning Board would be reviewing this ordinance at which the public was invited to comment.

Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilman DiNanno asked for further clarification on corner lots. He was advised that containers may be stored in the back yard, the ordinance applied to side yard storage.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “ **AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 21-A OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WHICH REGULATES ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN FURTHER REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STORAGE OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, TRASH, REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES** ” was continued on public hearing until the first meeting in July.

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was continued on public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2180:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2180, and asked that it be continued until a response is received from the Planning Board.

On a motion by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2180 was open.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SCHEDULE 2 ENTITLED "AREA, BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL USES" OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN RESPECT TO FOOTNOTE #9 THEREOF WHICH DEFINES COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERMITTED FLOOR AREA RATIO OF ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE R-1, R-2, R-3 AND R-4 ZONES**” was continued on public hearing until the first meeting in July.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was continued on public hearing.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2181:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2181, and asked that it be continued until a response is received from the Planning Board.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2181 was open.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SCHEDULE 2 ENTITLED "AREA, BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL USES" OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN RESPECT TO THE MAXIMUM IMPROVED LOT COVERAGE PERMITTED FOR A TWO-FAMILY DWELLING IN AN R-3 ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE** ” was continued on public hearing until the first meeting in July.

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was continued on public hearing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2182:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2182, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUS AND TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$60,000.00, OF WHICH THE SUM OF \$54,194.00 IS APPROPRIATED FROM A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH FOR THAT PURPOSE**” 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.

As there was no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2182 on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2183:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2183, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A GARBAGE TRUCK AND DUMP TRUCK WITH SALT SPREADER AND PLOW FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO 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 \$213,750.00”** 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 Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting No and Councilman DiPisa, Councilman DiNanno, Councilman Altobelli, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2184:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2184, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Sharon DeMarco, 71 Ottawa Avenue, questioned which roads were to be resurfaced, and the Borough Engineer responded Washington Place, Railroad Street and Cleveland Avenue.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2008 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND FURTHER TO 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 \$237,500.00”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2184 (cont'd):**

Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2185:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2185, which was made by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$200,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOULEVARD STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2008 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM IN THE SUM OF \$150,000.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW”** 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.

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 Altobelli, and unanimously carried.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, 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 and unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

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

Robert Thomasey, 307 Franklin Avenue, with regard to the Boulevard Streetscape questioned when the block between Central and Washington would be done. Mr. Kronyak explained that most of the east side of that block was already done. Mr. Job said that across from Borough Hall is mostly driveways, and for Phase I of this project it was decided to do a block that needed complete renovation.

Chris Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, again referred to the street being closed for handicap access at Euclid School during voting and asked if something could be done. Mayor Heck asked Chief Colaneri, who responded that technically the street is not really closed, and is for authorized vehicles only. Perhaps the wrong sign was put up that day. Mayor Heck asked that an article be put together addressing handicap vehicles on Election Day. This would be addressed further with the Traffic Department and Police Committee.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, 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 DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the meeting was recessed to Work Session.

At this point Mayor Heck announced that Derek Hernandez, who was present, was to be deployed to Iraq. He was wished well by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Heck also had just learned that longtime resident Dorothy Eckert had passed away and asked for everyone to remember her in their prayers.

**ADJOURN:**

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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 June 10, 2008.

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Rose Marie Sees, RMC  
Borough Clerk