

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 13, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 13, 2009 at 8:06 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 5, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

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

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Anthony DiNanno as follows:

“Lord, I need your help in being good to myself today so I can redirect it to others in a loving and kind way. I know you’re watching over me and guiding me through with things I have accomplished and what I have to do. What I have put behind me and what is still in front of me. What gives me my laughter and what entices my tears. What brings me my passion and what restricts me with fear. What provides me with strength and what takes me to my knees. Oh Lord, I’m ready to take over a few things and step out of your way so I can start enjoying the journey that you have planned for me today. Amen”

PRESENTATION: Proclamation to Joseph Anthony Morro, PFC, U.S. Army

Mayor Heck invited Joseph Anthony Morro and his family to come forward. She read the following Proclamation:

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, Joseph Anthony Morro, a lifelong resident of Hasbrouck Heights and a 2006 graduate of Hasbrouck Heights High School, entered the military service on May 5, 2007, attended basic training and advanced individual training and graduated on August 25, 2007 as an infantryman; and

WHEREAS, PFC Morro was deployed to Iraq with the First Brigade Infantry Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division and on October 5, 2007 the entire First Brigade deployed to Forward Operating Base Warrior located in the Northern Province of Kirkuk, Iraq, where his responsibility was to provide personal security for local Iraqi officials, dignitaries and members of the State Department, including Secretary of State Condelezza Rice during her visit in January 2008; and

WHEREAS, PFC Monro was transferred to line infantry unit patrol base of Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 22 Infantry Regiment and with his Company conducted patrols, convoys and air assaults as directed by superior officers; and

WHEREAS, PFC Monro completed his tour on October 27, 2008 and is currently on block leave until January 18, 2009, when he will return to train for his next assignment; and

WHEREAS, PFC Monro has displayed exemplary courage and patriotism in serving his country, and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Overseas Ribbon - Iraqi Campaign, War on Terrorism Ribbon and Army Service - Service during war time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, State of New Jersey, United States of America, do hereby extend our sincere gratitude to Joseph Anthony Monro for serving in the United States Army during the Iraq War and offer our prayers and good wishes for his safety as he continues his tour of duty. We are proud to recognize Joseph as a distinguished citizen of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Dated: January 13, 2009

/s/ Mayor Rose Heck and
Members of the Council

PFC Morro said it was good to be home, thanked everyone for all the support and for the town that he grew up in and loves.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Jr. Football Raiders as 2008 Super Bowl Champs

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman DiPisa presented Certificates of Achievement to Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football Raider 2008 Superbowl Champs Jason Dal Cortivo, Stefen Shaffer, Zachary Link, Joseph McGrath, Frankie Quatrone,

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

John Capozzi, James Frazee, Ian Rinke, Philip Miller, Evan Georgatos, Michael Lohrmann, James Klenk, Dylan Grisafe, Matthew Moretto, Tyler Wipper, Michael Cutruzulla, Peter Innis, John Iurato, David Schrupf, Jordan Metz, Nico Facchini, David Stevens, Frank Battaglia, Matthew Dallara, Anthony Marino, Matthew DiChiara, Declan Sonzogni, Matthew Steimel, Evan Roche, Dylan Auriemma, Travis Culkin, Jordan Wexler, Kevin Owens, Antonio Tucci, Michael Kashuba, Craig Temes, Christopher Thibault, Jean Carlos Pagan, Daniel Vignola, Frankie Salerno, Peter Lohrmann, James Varga, Dylan Freschi. Head Coach, Mike Valenti; Assistant Coaches, John Behr, Vinnie Di Chiara, Dennis Nuzzo, Rob Riordan, Joe Fadden, Frank Quatrone, Scott Roche, John Capozzi and Vince Ellerson.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS:

Mayor Heck, Fire Commissioner Gonzalez and Deputy Fire Commissioner Altobelli welcomed the four new Junior Firefighters applicants and thanked them for their volunteering: Michael Eccleston, Joseph Borrmann, Nicholas Coviello, Chris Van Saders

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Invitation from Lincoln and Euclid School PTAs to participate in National Drug Awareness Week, Jan. 12-16, 2009
2. Season's Greetings from PFC Derek Hernandez
3. Letter from Hasbrouck Heights Police Department which includes list of approved 2009 Towing Applications
4. Memo from Fire Chief Ratkowski requesting appointment of Anthony Greco as Mechanic of the Hook and Ladder Company for 2009, as the name of Peter Kolodziej was submitted in error
5. Letter from Borough Engineer Kenneth G. B. Job regarding State Aid Improvement of Madison Avenue Engineer's Completion Project Agreement
6. Invitation from Friends of the Library announcing their plans to hold a Chinese New Year's Luncheon on Sunday, Feb. 8

Items #2, 3, 4, and 6 were read into the record. (Copies attached).

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,201,496.23 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 Gonzalez and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 15. Raffle License for Concerned Parents Assn of Corpus Christi

16. Raffle Licenses for Mickey's Kids Foundation

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Councilman Gonzalez made a request to divert from the agenda to make the following appointments:

Ronald Phillips Jr. To Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 2

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

John Proto as Substitute Crossing Guard
Roy Perham to Mayor's Research 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, Fire 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

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the appointments which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Phillips was invited to come forward and was congratulated on his appointment.

RESOLUTIONS: 17. Marriage Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

18. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State

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

19. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

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

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

20. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms Required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

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

21. In Support of National Drug Awareness Week, January 14-18, 2008

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

22. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid Due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 42, Lot 33 for 2006 and 2007

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

23. Authorizing Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License for Sylvester's Pocket License to Wino, LLC

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

24. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

25. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

26. Authorizing Professional Contract with Edward J. Trawinski, Esq. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

27. Authorizing Professional Contract with James Fordham Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

APPOINTMENTS CORRECTION:

Anthony Greco as Mechanic of Hook and Ladder Company - Peter Kolodziej submitted in error

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2200:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §275-21E(1)(f) WHICH IS ONE OF SEVERAL EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL REGULATIONS IMPOSED UPON SIGNS IN THE ZONING CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** 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 27, 2009.

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

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 DiNanno, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

Christian Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, regarded construction and his concerns from October. He recently had approached Mr. Melfi about a complaint he had regarding a construction problem who advised him he should have called the Police Department. Chief Colaneri concurred, that after hours a resident should call the Police and if it was not an emergency, in turn would refer it to Mr. Melfi, that there are procedures to follow.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Robert Parisi, 326 Hamilton Avenue, questioned the removal of parking on the south side of Hamilton Avenue and if there were any statistics. It was explained that this was done by ordinance which was duly advertised, and that the Fire Department had requested this for safety reasons. The Police Department did a study and concurred. It was noted this had been under consideration for some time, and there is an increase in the size of fire apparatus. Mr. Parisi was concerned about parking of his own vehicles, and was referred to the Borough Clerk for overnight parking provisions. He was also concerned with diminished value of his home. Mayor Heck suggested using the town parking lot and that he meet with Borough Clerk Ro Sees.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 9:20 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 January 13, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk