

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 9, 2009 at 8:00 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 Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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 Gonzalez as follows:

“May today there be peace within you, may you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be, may you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith, may you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you, may you be content knowing that you were a child of God, let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance and bask in the sun, it is there for each and everyone of you each and every day. Amen.”

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Winners of 2009 Environmental Poster Contest

Mayor Heck and Environmental/Transportation Committee Liaison Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the Winners of the 2009 Environmental Poster Contest as follows. Mayor Heck announced that also each winner would receive a plant from O’Shea’s Florist and that the posters would be on display in Valley National Bank, Wachovia Bank and Bank of America.

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Corpus Christi: Kindergarten: Second Place: Sadifa Anjum - Mrs. Rocha. **1st Grade:** **First Place:** Ethan Cabral - Mrs. Donovan **Second Place:** Chiara Colletti - Mrs. Carris. **Third Place:** Hamza Anjum - Mrs. Carris. Ayaz Khilji - Mrs. Carris. **Honorable Mention:** Zachary Mackiewicz - Mrs. Carris. **3rd Grade:** First Place: Isabella Impalli - Mrs. Paladino; Olivia Anne Wicki - Miss Lemaire. 5th Grade: First Place: Ahmed Khilji - Mrs. Scanlon.

Euclid School: Kindergarten: First Place: Joseph Duffy - Mrs. Mansfield. Second Place: Adithya Ramaprasad - Mrs. Mack, Giana Homan - Mrs. Mansfield. Third Place: Kelsey Parodi - Mrs. Mansfield. Honorable Mention: David Morgan - Mrs. McSweeney. Megan Taylor Nazzaro - Mrs. Mansfield. **1st Grade** First Place: Max Franzoi - Miss Cavanagh. Honorable Mention: Ananya Ramaprasad - Mrs. Lambe. **2nd Grade:** First Place: Isabella Joan Foley - Mrs. Dubofsky. Second Place: Aylin Coklar - Ms. Saban. Honorable Mention: Darin Porto - Mrs. Dubofsky. **3rd Grade:** First Place: Megan Longo - Mrs. Hagert. Second Place: Jacqueline DeLorenzo - Mrs. Gant. Tenzing Tsering - Mrs. Hagert. Third Place: Catherine Castellanos - Mrs. Hagert. Honorable Mention: Giana Marie DiLascio - Mrs. Gant Emma Nichols - Mrs. Hagert. **4th Grade.** First Place: Emily Reyes - Mrs. Searle. Second Place: Amanda Azer - Mrs. Gyenes.

Lincoln School: Kindergarten: First Place: Nicholas Valle - Mrs. Dussault; Second Place: Manahil Syed - Mrs. Siconolfi; Madison Murray - Mrs. Dussault. Third Place: Linda Kalna - Mrs. Dussault. Honorable Mention: Vatsal Baherwani - Mrs. Siconolfi, Drew Sculla - Miss Unglert, Ethan Ortiz - Miss Unglert. **1st Grade:** First Place: Simon C. Masias - Mrs. Kroncke. Second Place: Tommy Murray - Mrs. Kroncke. **2nd Grade:** First Place: Courtney Huang - Miss Platania, Archan Shah - Miss Platania. Second Place: Emma Riley - Mrs. DiGuglielmo, Joshil Sangtani - Ms. Grattan. Third Place: Haider Syed - Miss Platania. Honorable Mention: Alexa DiChiara - Mrs. DiGuglielmo. **3rd Grade:** First Place: Anik Subramanian - Mrs. Lutz. Second Place: Olivia Scalero - Mrs. Lutz. Honorable Mention: Bharadwaj Chirravuri - Mrs. Marino. **4th Grade:** First Place: Micah Nollora - Mrs. Chiu/Jarocki. Second Place: Ramneet Saini - Mrs. Traina. **5th Grade:** First Place: Mariah Wetmore - Mrs. Mancuso. Second Place: Manuel Ackattupathil - Mrs. Pagano. Honorable Mention: Amanda Ortiz - Mrs. LaTorre.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from William G. Dressel, Jr., Exec. Director of N.J. State League of Municipalities regarding 2009 version of A New Jersey's Taxpayer's Dollar.
- 2) Letter from Girl Scout Troop 517 thanking DPW Supt. William Spindler for tour of Recycling Center

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

3) Letter from County Executive Dennis McNerney announcing application to 2009 Community Development

Block Grant Funds for Jefferson Avenue Roadway Improvements was approved for \$90,000.

4) Letter from PSE&G regarding their filing a Petition with the N.J. BPU requesting an increase in charges for electric and gas service

5) Invitation to Mayor's Celebrations Committee Children's Fourth of July Parade, July 4 at 10 a.m.

6) NJ Police Suicide Task Force Report

Items #1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 were requested to be read into the record. (Copies attached)

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(May 12, 2009 Regular Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$1,760,770.12 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 Councilwoman Pamela J. Link
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 103A. Payroll

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

104A. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

105A. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

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

106A. Authorizing an Agreement with Remington and Vernick Engineers as Planner

Councilman DiNanno questioned if funds were available. Borough Attorney Chandless advised that the Chief Financial Officer will have to certify that funds are available for services through an escrow established by the applicant to the Planning or Zoning Boards, or Governing Body through a capital ordinance or grant.

Councilman Altobelli asked who would be directing the activities. Borough Attorney said the council sets the parameters and these are enforced by the administrator.

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

107A. Authorizing a Contract with the Police Chiefs' Association for Conducting a Police Examination

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

108A. Authorizing Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations at 311 Passaic Avenue, Block 55, Lot 20, and Impressing a Lien for Costs Thereof upon the Premises

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

109A. Authorizing Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations at 529 Terrace Avenue, Block 174, Lot 13, and Impressing a Lien for Costs Thereof upon the Premises

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

Mayor Heck noted she was very annoyed that the County had not certified the tax rate as it will cost the Borough \$7,000 to send estimated tax bills. She asked CFO/Admin. Kronyak to explain who said the county establishes our tax rate by combining local school, county and municipal. He said the school budget was passed and the local levy was approved. As the county adopted its budget last week and it will take at least six weeks for it to be certified, we are required to have estimated tax bills.

110A. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2213:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-33 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE III: ONE-WAY STREETS" OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER DESIGNATE AS A ONE-WAY STREET KIPP AVENUE BETWEEN BURTON AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD IN A WESTBOUND DIRECTION”**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2213 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**ORDINANCE NO. 2213 (cont'd):**

Madeleine Leddy, 66 Central Avenue, regarding the one way direction, there is a garden complex directly across from the Corpus Christi Chapel and it would be an inconvenience for those residents, as well as those going to the funeral home. She also thought it dangerous for children getting dropped off for school. She asked for handicapped parking on Kipp Avenue. She also referred to a newly placed handicap sign which Chief Colaneri told her was temporary until the traffic pattern for Kipp was established.

Marianne Mini, 254 Kipp Avenue, a resident of 34 years and said it was about time this was being done in particular for the safety of children, traffic is horrendous with parking on both sides and traffic going both ways.

Joseph Sampari, 255 Kipp Avenue, was not opposed to the one way, but recommended speed bumps as were placed on Ryerson Avenue, Wood-Ridge to deter speeders. He was in favor of a one way or one sided parking and that the traffic light also be addressed.

Jurgen Hofheinz, 250 Kipp Avenue, referring to his letter and a four point resolution he prepared. He read them: 1. Restrict parking on one side of street at certain times, northerly side would lose 13 spots, the same for the southerly side. 2. Prevent right turn off Boulevard at 7 a.m. 3. Install right turn only signs at Corpus Christi parking lots. 4. Enforce no parking in yellow zones. He handed out copies to the governing body.

Samantha Kalmowitz, 246 Kipp Avenue, agreed with Jurgen. She felt that a true traffic study was not done and referred to the copy she had received from the Police Department. She asked for a true traffic study.

Benjamin Kest, 259 Kipp Avenue, as a parent was strongly in favor of the one way. He noted Kipp is one of only two streets in the Borough that connect Main Street in Lodi to Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. The road is not wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic with parking on both sides of street and eliminating one side would be a detriment to the church and funeral home.

Jennifer Triverso, 251 Kipp Avenue, reiterated the inconvenience of making Kipp Avenue one way with two children in different schools, that it was too drastic for a part time problem. She preferred eliminating parking on one side. She was asking the council to vote no on making Kipp one way.

Mayor Heck noted that this ordinance was in discussion for a year and a half. She is personally concerned with safety. She said tests on alternatives were proposed. She asked Chief Colaneri to report, who said there is no perfect solution. The speed bumps

can be noisy. Three point turns are a big problem. Time restricting parking would not cover night and weekend activities. With the bus stop removed from Kipp Avenue on the Boulevard, commuter parking was diminished. Lt. Archer put a lot of time into this.

Joseph Samperi, volunteered to put speed bumps in front of his home.

Chief Colaneri said four-way stops were also investigated.

All agreed something has to be done. Six month tests were recommended.

Jurgen Hofheinz, referred to it being a topic of discussion for a year and a half, and the ordinance on the agenda.

Mayor Heck recommended continuing this ordinance on public hearing and getting more input about alternatives.

Councilwoman Buckman made a request that this ordinance be continued on public hearing (to the meeting of June 23, 2009) and discussion made of additional ideas, seconded by Councilman Altobelli and unanimously carried.

Chief Colaneri asked anyone to contact him with their suggestions. Councilman Gonzalez had made the suggestion of speed bumps toward the light so drivers won't try to make a green light.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Christian Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, informed the council that Crossing Guard Joseph DiPrete had passed away and noted the particulars.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for 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 Altobelli, 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 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 June 9, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk