

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 11, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on October 11, 2011 at 8:10 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor Heck declared the meeting in Session and Acting Borough Clerk Michael Kronyak 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 3, 2011 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

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 Councilwoman Buckman which was as follows:

“We meet to serve, we meet to serve our community to use our resources wisely and well, to represent all members of our community fairly, to make decisions that promote the common good. We recognize our responsibility to the past and to the future, and the rights and needs of both individuals and community. As trusted servants we see blessings on our deliberations and our efforts here today. May we act wisely and well.”

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(None)*

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,510,870.89 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.

/s/ Councilwoman Pamela J. Link
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 160. Raffle Licenses for The Rotary Club Mid-Bergen County
 - 161. Authorizing Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$80,450.00 in 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Construction of Barrier Free Curb Ramps
 - 162. Payroll
 - 163. Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Carlstadt for use of Hasbrouck Heights Pistol Range
 - 164. Authorizing Application for Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Alliance Grant for 2012
 - 165. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 166. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State
 - 167. Marriage Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

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

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2271:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$80,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A PORTION 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 \$75,000.00"** as 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 October 25, 2011.

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

PRESENTATION: Certificates of Appreciation to 9-11 Memorial Committee and Participants

Mayor Heck and Councilman DiPisa presented Certificates of Appreciation to all members of the 9-11 Committee including Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Link, all program participants, organizations and sponsors .including:

Mayor's 9-11 Committee:

Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Pam Link, Robert Brady, Cindy Capozzi, Deacon Paul Carris, Richard Catalo, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Connie Doheny, Marie Gallo, Katie Gasparino, 1st Asst. Chief Richard Giarratana, 2nd Ast. Chief Patrick Hayes, Borough Engineer Kenneth G. B. Job, CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak,, Lisa Mason, Thomas Mason, Thomas Meli, Rev. Joseph Pickard, Dr. Mark Porto, Fritz Rethage, Edward Sees, Borough Clerk Rose

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Marie Sees, DPW Supt. William Spindler, Fire Chief Kevin Todd, Chamber of Commerce President Ray Vorisek.

9-11 Memorial Service Participants:

Police Honor Guard: Sergeant Joseph Rinke, Detective Michael Colaneri, Patrolman Jarett Cooke and Patrolman Domenick D'Amico; Fire Department Honor Guard: David Gumbrecht, Robert Knobloch and Bernardo Valente; Mayor Rose Heck, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Justin DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell Lipari, Florianna Heun who sang the Star Spangled Banner, Dr. Mark Porto who gave Opening Remarks, Guest Speaker Deacon Paul Carris, Invocation, by The Reverend Joseph Pickard, Reflections of a 19 year old by Lee Ciocia, Laying of Flowers by Katie Gasparino, Bagpiper Bernard Rafferty who played Amazing Grace, Ringing of Memorial Bell by Chris Semencz, Ring #1 - In Memory of Mr. Robert Miller and all innocent civilians who died on 9/11 - Deacon Paul Carris, Ring #2 - Let us pray for their families who carry on without their loved ones - Lee Ciocia, Ring #3 - In memory of all firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11 - Fire Chief Kevin Todd, Ring #4 - Let us pray for the families of those firefighters - 1st Asst. Chief Rich Giarratana, Ring #5 - In memory of all police officers who lost their lives on 9/11 - Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Ring #6 - Let us pray for the families of those police officers - Brenda Colaneri, Ring #7 - In memory of all Emergency Medical Personnel who lost their lives on 9/11 - Thomas Rubino, Ring #8 - Let us pray for the families of all those Emergency Medical Personnel - Deborah Greco, Ring #9 - In memory of the servicemen and women who have lost their lives fighting terrorism - VFW Commander Andrew Gamble, Ring #10 - In memory of all rescue workers who have died from health complications from working at Ground Zero - Peter Gallo; Benediction by Fire Chaplain Deacon Vincent deFedele, Slide Show & Sound Operators - Robert Brady and Michael Kronyak, Program Coordinator Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, Organist Mark Wright of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church. Joanna Kowalska and Corpus Christi Choir Members Patrick Aluotto, Nicholas Carrotto, Dominick D'Onofrio, Joann DeCongelio, Paul Fitzpatrick, Victor Pianese, Dorothy Schlatterer, Joan Spaldo; First Reformed Church Choir Members Bernice Baker, Nancy McCrystal, Sarah Paolini and Beverly Johnson. Corpus Christi R.C. Church, First Reformed Church, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church. Refreshments were supplied by TD Bank. Special thanks to Steven Daus, Angelo Roccamo and Robert Riordan of the Department of Public Works who installed the two Beams from the World Trade Center into the 9-11 Memorial.

9-11 Memorial and Firemen's Memorial Sponsorship:

American Legion Post #106, Costa Memorial Home, Heights Flower Shoppe who purchased 9-11 Memorial Bracelets, The Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, the Chic Charity Club, Inc., The Link Family, Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Euclid Masonic Lodge #136 Free & Accepted

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Masons, TD Bank, Michael Prendergast and Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association who provided the Bagpiper, Hasbrouck Heights Little League, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Hasbrouck Heights Little League, Board of Education Members Debra Bruno, Connie Doheny, Dr. Mark Porto and Joseph Samperi, Marilyn deRussy and Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck remarked that she was so pleased with the attendance, which was estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 people. She was very happy to report that the lights were turned on this day. She thanked everyone for participating and making this such a memorable occasion.

Mayor Heck asked for a moment of silence for a very wonderful member of the community who passed away, Peter Deppert.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Bill Bergen, 128 Burr Place, a resident for 36 years, knew the borough was aware of the condition of the property across the street from his residence which is owned by the garden apartment complex, asked if the owner could be contacted with DPW Supt. Bill Spindler representing the town and how dangerous the property maintenance and falling trees was to the neighbors on Burr Place. Mayor Heck asked the Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Property Maintenance Official and Mr. Spindler to look into this situation.

Ed Carter, 13 Austin Place, commented with regard to illegal sump pumps. His neighbors asked him about this and to check their hookup. It was non-compliant. He suggested when a person sells their home and is required to get a CO from the Fire Department, why couldn't this be part of the inspection. Mayor Heck and Mr. Chandless said it is already part of the inspection by ordinance.

Tom White, 136 Henry Street, asked about 151 Henry Street, a vacant home, saw the DPW cleaning up the yard. He asked who paid for it. He was told a lien was imposed on that property.

Dragan Blanusa, 127 Division Avenue, was concerned about lights out at various corners and main intersections, and where the American Flag is displayed. That if a light is out, the Flag should be lowered. Chief Colaneri said the Police Department lowers and raises the flags. He would check with his department. Mr. Blanusa continued that about two years ago he came to a meeting, after his Mom was hit by a car, and asked if cones could be placed in the street for pedestrians. It was not done.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Mayor Heck said not everything will be found in the minutes, that discussions are held in department meetings. Chief Colaneri said that in prior years there were signs posted announcing pedestrian crossings. Problems incurred especially with ambulances traveling to HUMC. He said he would be happy to discuss this with Mr. Blanusca after the meeting. When Mr. Blanusca asked if this was the platform to address questions and concerns about raising taxes. He was told by Mayor Heck that discussions and public hearing on the budget was held some time ago and no one asked any questions. The committee started at 6 points and whittled it down to 1.9%, and with the inclusion of increases in health costs, pensions and lack of money from state aid and interest. There were even layoffs. Hasbrouck Heights is a beautiful town and there has been an increase of businesses in the business district. Mayor Heck explained that there were municipal taxes, school taxes and county taxes and asked Mr. Blanusca to learn more about budgets. Councilman Gonzalez noted that light poles have a metal tag on them with a number stamped in and you can e-mail or call PSEG that the light is out. The Police Department also notifies PSEG.

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 Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked if no one objected, the meeting would recess for five minutes before going into Work Session. She asked for a motion which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

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 October 11, 2011.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk