

## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

### **MINUTES**

**June 14, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 14, 2011 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 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 Mayor Heck which was as follows:

“Father, once again we are reminded that any security we have as individuals and as a nation comes only from the abiding hope and trust we have in You. Once again, we are cut to the heart at the loss of life and damage to peace that we have suffered as a nation. So, Lord today we come to You and we seek Your peace for the families and victims of the horrible tragedy. For those still lost in the rubble of destruction, we ask for the safety of Your hand. For those consumed by worry and fear as they try to locate others, we ask for the comforting presence of Your Spirit. As we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy, we ask you Lord for peace who are left behind and peace to this nation. The Lord be with us all, Amen.”

**PROCLAMATION:** Blake Freschi as Police Chief for a Day

Mayor Heck invited Police Commissioner DiPisa and Deputy Police Commissioner Gonzalez to join her as the following Proclamation was read by Councilman DiPisa. She also invited Chief Colaneri, Blake Freschi and his father Fred Freschi to come forward.

Honorary Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief for a Day

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2011, the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department will participate in the first-ever Bergen County "Chief for a Day" initiative; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department play an integral role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement in their community; and

WHEREAS, as an honorary "Chief for the Day," Blake Freschi will learn about the inner-workings of law enforcement and explore the important work that Hasbrouck Heights police officers face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights along with our community observe June 3, 2011 as Blake Freschi Appreciation Day to honor his interest in law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2011 as

**BLAKE FRESCHI APPRECIATION DAY**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, Bergen, County, NJ, to be affixed this third day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

/s/ Mayor and Council

Mayor Heck noted Blake was sworn in and took his oath of office on June 3 and spent an entire day with Chief Colaneri.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Letter to Mayor Heck from Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director of The Port Authority of NY & NJ re: Teterboro Airport TEB 24 Arrestor Bed Joint Venture

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

- 2) Invitation to apply for B.C. Open Space, Recreation, Farmland, & Historic Preservation Trust Fund grants
- 3) Letter from Debbie Hirt, Community Relations Manager, NJ DOT re: Franklin Avenue, Environmental Basin and Red Light Camera program.
- 4) Letter from Kenneth J. Job, Borough Engineer, re: 2010 Road Resurfacing Program Bid Results
- 5) Thank you letter from Cub Scout Pack 17
- 6) Thank you letter from Advocacy Group at The Adler Aphasia Center

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any items read into the record. Item #'s 1, 3 and 4 were requested to be read (copies attached).

Mayor Heck then asked for a motion to accept all correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(April 26, 2011 Regular Meeting and May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,183,348.03 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

**BILLS (cont'd):**

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:**
- 101. Payroll
  - 102. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 103. Authorizing a Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
  - 104. Authorizing a Raffle License for Heightened Independence & Progress
  - 105. Authorizing Award of Contract for 2010 Road Program
  - 106. Renewal of 2011-2012 Liquor License Holders
  - 107. Approval of 2011/2012 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
  - 108. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills
  - 109. Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program

The Borough Clerk requested to hold Resolution 110 to be read in full under Resolutions.

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 110. Resolution to Amend 2011 Budget

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

- 111. Resolution to Adopt 2011 Budget

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

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

Mayor Heck on behalf of the finance committee and its chairman and vice chairman congratulated Finance Officer/Administrator Kronyak for the 100s of hours taken. She said this was the worst budget year ever had in 25 years at the very least. It warranted laying off two employees and not replacing a retiree. It gave a lot of work to the department heads to make cuts and inched away from the 5.3% originally budgeted to the current 1.9%, the initial \$231.50 was now reduced to \$83.00. There were 33 line items reduced. Pension and Health benefits increased by \$190,000, along with loss of revenue with interest on dollars invested and other areas.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Probationary Patrolman Domenick D'Amico to Regular Patrolman Effective June 17, 2011

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

Linda Stumper to Ethical Standards Board

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2261:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2261 which was made by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE SUM OF \$125,000.00 TO ABIDE THE COST OF A REAL PROPERTY TAX RE-ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

**APPROVED OR ABOUT TO BE APPROVED BY THE BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

**TAXATION TOGETHER WITH RELATED NECESSARY EXPENSES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE SAME BY THE ISSUANCE OF "SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES" PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 SHOULD THE SAME BE REQUIRED**" 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 Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Arthur Smith, 156 Oldfield Avenue, concerning his camper parked in the VFW parking lot. He had received a letter from Borough Attorney Chandless. He was confused. As it was an R2 Zone he would not be permitted to park. In looking at a zoning map he noted the Elks Lodge was also in an R2 Zone. He observed and submitted a number of pictures of commercial vehicles parked in the lot. He asked if they fell under the same ordinances and moratorium. Mayor Heck she would present this to the Zoning Committee for their review.

Russ Biegel, 196 Oldfield Avenue, asked what was the status of the bus stop at the corner of Franklin Avenue and the Boulevard. Mayor Heck said this ordinance was not on tonight's agenda, and would be on the June 28 agenda. Mayor Heck said all the information residents gave under advisement, some decisions on action taken and he was invited to come on June 28.

Arthur Smith, 156 Oldfield Avenue, was looking for a place to store his camper and had contacted the Elks Lodge, who was told by e-mail the fee involved. He submitted the e-mail to the governing body.

Harold Ellebracht, 510 Franklin Avenue, requested to the Council that the next time an all night event is held at Depken Field, to stop the music at midnight. He was advised by Mayor Heck that they would take that under advisement. She said that this was not something anticipated (the band) and was to have been patterned after the bicycle marathons. This will be addressed.

At this point, Councilwoman Buckman arrived.

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

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, was delighted to see Field Avenue being resurfaced, however, Bartlett Farms have their trailer trucks come down Field Avenue using it on a regular basis at 9:45 p.m. two nights a week to make deliveries. She asked if a business such as Starbucks comes before the Zoning Board and they apply for different variance, now the business changes with more employees or need more parking, what is done to address the negative impact on residential area. Mayor Heck said variances would have to be looked at, but generally speaking we do not police employees or prevent people from being employed at these places. Ms. Skiba referred to a Mr. Goss sending the Mayor an e-mail, to which she replied she had not received, and requested Ms. Skiba give him her home e-mail address which she had. Regarding Mr. Smith and the parking of his camper, said this had come before the council in 2007 and the issue of parking at the Elks Lodge was brought up by neighboring residents and it was never looked at for a resolution town wide.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to recess for Work Session which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried. She invited all present to stay if they so wished.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. on a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez 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 June 14, 2011.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk