

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

November 13, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on November 13, 2012 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, 2012 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2012.

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

Absent: Councilman John Dingertopadre

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 DiPisa which was as follows:

Councilman DiPisa asked “everyone to just take a moment after all of the devastation and terrible things that happened environmentally just to be thankful for our safety as a Borough, to be thankful for the safety of our families and also to be thankful for the fact that we in Hasbrouck Heights remain a blessed and thankful community. If we could just take a moment to think about something today that you are thankful for today in a particular way, just one moment or one thought or one thing that you could be thankful for today. Amen.”

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of Resignation of Michael Thomasey from Engine Company Two
- 2) Invitation to Mayor and Council to Participate in the

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Mayor's Celebrations Committee Annual Tree Lighting at the Circle on Friday, November 23, 2012 after the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade

- 3) Notice of Public Hearing of Bergen County Utilities Authority Re: Proposed Amendment to the Bergen County District Solid Waste Management Plan on November 28, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Public Meeting Room, BCUA Administration Building, Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, NJ
- 4) Notice to PSEG Customers of Petition for Approval of Solar Loan III Program Public Hearing on November 29, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at B.C. Administration Building, Room 520, 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ
- 5) Rescheduled BCUA Computer (e-waste), tire recycling and personal document shredding event on Saturday, November 24, 2012

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #4 and #5 was requested (copies attached). Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(October 23, 2012 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,216,015.67 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;

BILLS (cont'd):

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:**
161. Payroll
 162. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 163. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Due to a Tax Court Judgment for 2010 and 2011 for Block 191.02, Lot 19
 164. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Due to a Tax Court Judgment for 2010 and 2011 for Block 1.02, Lot 78
 165. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Due to a Tax Court Judgment for 2008, 2009 and 2010 for Block 24, Lot 5, Block 24, Lot 66, Block 24, Lot 69 and Block 24, Lot 72
 166. Authorizing Municipal Consent for CrossRiver Fiber LLC
To Use Public Right-of-Way to Attach or Install Telecommunications Fiber Optic Cable to Existing Utility Poles or Conduits
 167. Authorizing Municipal Consent for Sunesys To Use Public Right-of-Way to Attach or Install Telecommunications Fiber Optic Cable to Existing Utility Poles or Conduits
 168. Authorizing Raffle License for Concerned Parents Assn of Corpus Christi
 169. Authorizing Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

170. Authorizing Reappointment of George M. Reggo as Assessor in the Office of Joint Municipal Tax Assessor of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and Township of South Hackensack

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

RESIGNATIONS: Michael Thomasey from Fire Department Engine Company Two

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2290:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 \$71,000.00”** 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 November 27, 2012.

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, 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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Dolores Frisco, 220 Longworth Avenue, was here to complain about the poor maintenance of trees, that from 2002 she has had her car damaged, property and recently a tree fell on top of her house. She had contacted the DPW and was repeatedly told she was on a list. She had asked to have the tree taken down. Now she

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

was faced with a lot of damage. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Spindler if he had knowledge of the situation, and he said the tree had been trimmed in the past, it was extremely large and power wires were involved. Mayor Heck she and Administrator Kronyak had attended a meeting in Paterson at Congressman Pascrell's office and the President of PSEG was present who said that the towns are not to touch trees involved with wires, but did tell them this year during this particular storm Sandy, hereafter a standard will be that when someone calls PSEG that a tree is involved with wires, they will remove the tree even if not in bad shape and replace with other trees. Ms. Prisco asked about removal of the large trunk. Mr. Spindler said they were soliciting quotes for a contractor to remove 28 large uprooted trunks throughout town of the 80 trees down. He said they discovered either a water line or gas line with a shut off valve running through there. She was hoping to replace the sidewalk by the end of the month. Mayor Heck asked Ms. Prisco to give him her phone number to keep in direct contract.

Mr. Spindler said there is a back log of about 2 years for trimming with the huge amount of trees in town. When PSEG is involved, their response may lengthen that time. Mayor Heck said throughout this storm a tremendous amount of legitimate complaints to PSEG were made. She herself had no phone service. The President of PSEG said the priority list was hospitals, municipal buildings, schools, gas stations and number of customers to be restored. The north end of town was re-connected November 6. Almost every block had a problem with fallen trees and she commended all departments for working so hard. Mayor Heck said they were trying to come up with a better way to inform residents. She would like to have a sound truck going around with announcements. She apologized to everyone but know they wanted to get help much faster than was able. She is available in the library on Saturday mornings.

Lois Carlson, 208 Longworth Avenue, said with relatives down the shore and in New York, everyone has suffered to some degree. During the storm, she had asked for a barrier as people were coming up the street and making U-turns. She was told there were so many barricades which were being used all over town, that the yellow tape should have been the deterrent. PSEG had 4,500 coming in from all over the USA. Ms. Carlson then asked Chief Colaneri for some help with people using her block as a thruway. She was concerned for children's safety. Mayor Heck asked Chief Colaneri to put up the sign board and look into some precautions. He thought with the Summit Avenue construction, the side roads are experiencing more traffic and poor planning with the exits for Routes 46, 17 and 80 using local streets.

Matthew McGinley, informally representing the Chamber of Commerce, was present to inform the Governing Body that they were trying to get membership applications to as many businesses as possible this week, to have enough funds for the Holiday Parade. Mayor Heck suggested as having worked with the Chamber for many years, she having served as President for several years and Councilman DiPisa as well, they actually went store to store to solicit memberships.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Faith Armonaitis, 191 Oldfield Avenue, was asking for an additional guard at the intersection of Burton and Bell Avenues. Her children attended Lincoln School and this intersection was dangerous with speeders and drivers not stopping at the Stop Sign. Mayor Heck asked Chief Colaneri to discuss this with Mrs. Armonaitis. She also advised him to bring this to the attention of the Principal and PTA President of Lincoln School.

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 Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked for a recess of three minutes before the meeting resumed to work session to which all members agreed.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, 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 November 13, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk