

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

April 10, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on April 10, 2012 at 8:08 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, 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 John Dingertopadre

Absent: Councilman Russell A. Lipari

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:

“Dear Father, let us just take a moment out of our busy lives to think about what’s really important to us and to the people that we love, our families, our friends, our neighbors. And let us just take a moment to thank God for the things that we take for granted, like our health, and our family and the good relationships that we have with the people that we love. And if we could just take one moment of silence just to think about how fortunate we were today for whatever reason it is. Amen.”

Mayor Heck asked for a moment of silence for the loss of two wonderful community volunteers, Daniel Nucera – who worked very diligently as a bank vice president at United Jersey Bank and served on the Board of Education, Planning Board and helped in the study of Franklin School to Senior Housing. And Al Masch, of the Elks Lodge,

INVOCATION (cont'd):

who was on the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee and did an outstanding job.

She remembered both men for their wonderful citizenship and love of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming April 2012 as Alcohol Awareness Month in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

Mayor Heck asked Councilman DiPisa to read the following proclamation:

"WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, almost 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicide; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15 million current drinkers in the United States are dependent on alcohol; and

WHEREAS, adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is involved in fifty percent of criminal assault, traffic, theft, fraud, vandalism and sex crime cases in the juvenile justice system. Older friends and siblings are the primary source by which underage youth obtain alcohol. Providing alcohol to minors is against the law, and that together we should work to keep it out of their hands; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we join with others in advancing efforts to strengthen the enforcement of our underage drinking laws, and build partnerships among local agencies, elected officials, law enforcement, businesses, schools, and communities to prevent underage drinking and alcoholism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc, (NCADD) and The New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control and do hereby proclaim that April 2012 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Dated: April 10, 2012

*/s/Mayor Rose Heck
And Members of the Council*

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Cub Scout Pack 17 *Arrow of Light* Recipients

Mayor Heck asked Councilman DiPisa (who was a former Boy Scout) to present certificates and congratulations to Cub Scout Pack 17 *Arrow of Light* Award Recipients: Declan Sonzogni, Craig Temes, Dennis Riordan, Joseph Conroy, Antonio Tucci and Derek Pinto, and Leader Tricia Sonzogni.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to NJ Recreation State Championship Wrestlers

Recreation Commissioner Buckman and Deputy Recreation Commissioner Dingertopadre, assisted by Recreation Director Robert Brady, presented certificates to Wrestlers Sean O'Malley, First Place; Mickey O'Malley, 4th Place and Jason Dal Cortivo, 7th Place at the NJ Recreation State Championships. Mr. Brady commended head coaches Steve Dal Cortivo and Drew Goodman.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Phase Two of New Fertilizer Law in Effect
- 2) Mayor Heck's letter to United States Postal Service re: USPS facility in Hasbrouck Heights
- 3) Invitation to Fire Department Annual Inspection on Saturday May 12, 2012
- 4) Invitation to 9th Annual Family Health Fair on Saturday, April 28, 2012
- 5) Letter from Port Authority of NY & NJ Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni informing Mayor Heck of check of \$3,000 for trailer to aid in transport of turf sweeper previously provided by the Port Authority

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #2, #3, #4 and #5 were requested to be read into the record (Copies attached). Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried. Councilman DiPisa noted that a comment was made to him by a postal worker that Mayor Heck was the only Mayor he knew that was taking an active role in keeping the post office in Hasbrouck Heights.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *None*

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,470,372.27 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:**
- 66. Payroll
 - 67. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 68. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 69. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

- 70. Authorizing the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales by Businesses Located on the Boulevard During Farmer's Market
- 71. Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the Radio Maintenance Contract
- 72. Authorizing Raffle License for PTSA Hasbrouck Heights HS

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2012 BUDGET:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on the 2012 Budget which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried. She invited anyone wishing to speak on the 2012 Budget to please come forward. Mr. Kronyak gave a brief synopsis, noting that when the tax bills come out, there will be a rate which can be applied to the new assessed value. This budget has a \$35 increase on the average household for the year. The Division of Local Government Services has reviewed the budget and adoption is anticipated in May. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was continued on a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2277:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2277 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2277 (cont'd):

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2012 RENT LEVELING ORDINANCE”** 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 Councilwoman Link seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 DiPisa seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one 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 go right into Work Session. There were no objections. A motion was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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 April 10, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk