

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 8, 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, 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 Councilman Gonzalez which was as follows:

“Mother’s Day Prayer. God our Creator, we pray: for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those who desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.”

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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Mayor Heck asked for a moment of silence in the memory of a former Borough employee Ann Marie Russo and Philip J. Landi who was a renowned helicopter pilot.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) DEP Urges Residents to Conserve Water
 - 2) Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Public Hearing on Service Fee Schedule for Treated Effluent and Beneficial Use
 - 3) BCUA Notice of Public Hearing Re: Computation of Connection Fees
 - 4) Response from Robert Schultz, USPS to Mayor Heck's Recent Letter re: Keeping Hasbrouck Heights Post Office Open
 - 5) Christie Administration Announces \$16 Million in Clean Communities Grants for Municipalities and Counties - Hasbrouck Heights to Receive \$16,492.42
 - 6) Christie Administration Targets Better Air Quality; Encourages State Residents to Join in that Effort
 - 7) Town Wide Garage Sale Registration Dates
 - 8) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana re: resignation of six Engine Company Two Members
 - 9) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana re: resignation of Anthony Greco from Hook and Ladder Company One
 - 10) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana re: resignation of Kenneth Kubler from Engine Company One
 - 11) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana re: resignation of Melissa Greco from Ambulance Squad

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1, #4 and #5 were requested to be read into the record (Copies attached). Mayor Heck
COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to First Recreation Team to win South Bergen Travel League Basketball Championship

Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Dingertopadre congratulated the girls and presented certificates to the following 7th/8th Girls (Aviators) South Bergen Travel League Champions First Recreation Team: Kaur Diljeet, Stephanie Dallara, Megan O’Leary, Alyssa Verpi, Sami Partyka, Jillian DiGiacinto, Stacey Prozl, Jillian Sears, Mary Watkins, Alyssa Bevacqua and Coaches Ken Partyka, Al DeAngelo, Steve Porzl and Gene Dallara. Coach Partyka congratulated the girls for their outstanding performance.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 28, 2012 Regular Meeting, April 10, 2012 Regular Meeting, April 10, 2012 Work Session)*

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, with Councilman Lipari abstaining from the April 10, 2012 Minutes, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,474,539.44 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: 81. Payroll

82. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
83. Authorizing Raffle License for Heightened Independence & Progress
84. Acceptance of 2011 Audit Report
85. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 49, Lot 19.02, 340-348 Boulevard
86. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 104, Lot 7, 198 Terrace Avenue
87. Approval of 2012/2013 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
88. Authorizing Sale of Central Avenue Property

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: Joseph Bormann, Michael Greco, Steven Greco, Robert Jones, Gail Knobloch and Mark Rista from Fire Department Engine Company Two

Anthony Greco from Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company One

Kenneth Kubler from Fire Department Engine Company One

Melissa Greco from Fire Department Ambulance Squad

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the Continued Public Hearing of the 2012 Budget which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET (cont'd):**

unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the Continued Public Hearing of the 2012 Budget which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

89. Adoption of 2012 Budget

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Gonzalez voting Nay, Councilman DiPisa voting yes, Councilwoman Buckman voting yes, Councilwoman Link, after asking for confirmation that certain line items representing items of later ordinances that will be brought to the table later but may not pass may be reallocated and Mr. Kronyak saying that any line item in the budget after November 1st can be transferred to another line item, voting yes, Councilman Dingertopadre voting yes and Councilman Lipari voting yes, the foregoing resolution to Adopt the 2012 Budget was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

John Goehrig, 262 Lawrence Avenue, said he had his sidewalk fixed the other day whereby the contractor was not permitted to cut the roots, the town must do so, who couldn't get them all. The contractor did remove the rest of the roots but at a cost of \$200. He questioned why other towns reimbursed residents for sidewalk repair. Mr. Kronyak noted ordinances in place for many years name the homeowner responsible for repair of sidewalks. Possibly other towns had a Shade Tree Commission which creates a different liability to municipalities. Mr. Spindler, who had met with Mr. Goehrig on this issue, said the town's machine can only get as close to the tree as he wanted because of the blade guards. He never encountered where sidewalk repair was paid for by the Borough. He presented a picture that showed a swarm of bees on his fence since Sunday and had called various people who couldn't help him. He was advised to call a beekeeper. Mr. Kronyak would check with the County.

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

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked if no one objected, the meeting would go right into Work Session. There were no objections.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, 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 May 8, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk