

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**June 12, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 12, 2012 at 8:12 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

Absent: Councilman John Dingertopadre, 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 Mayor Heck which was as follows:

“Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank you for being our source of guidance today. Amen.”

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Mayor Heck asked for a moment of silence in the memory of Archie Mason, who was a lifelong resident who served the community in so many ways.

**PROCLAMATION:** Proclamation to Erin Bischoff as “Police Chief for a Day”

Commissioner DiPisa read the following Proclamation:

**Honorary Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief for a Day**

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2012, the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department participated in the Bergen County “Chief for a Day” initiative; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department plays 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 a Day,” Erin Bischoff learned about the inner-workings of law enforcement and explored 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 honor Erin Bischoff who was Police Chief for a Day for her 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 recognize and congratulate Erin Bischoff as Police Chief for a 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 twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

/s/ Mayor Rose Heck and Members of the Council

Mayor Heck, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Police Commissioner DiPisa congratulated Erin Bischoff who had represented the Borough as “Chief for a Day” on June 1.

**PRESENTATION:** Certificates to Girl Scout Cadette Troop 535 for their Volunteerism

Mayor Heck and Councilwoman Link congratulated Girl Scout Cadette Troop 535 for volunteering 20 hours of their time and talent at Regent Care Center in Hackensack. Troop Leader Denise Wicki spoke about the special time they spent with the residents at the Regent Care Center including meeting Carmella, who was 104 years old and Ann, who was 99 years old. She thanked the parents for their assistance. The Girl Scouts are Ashley Buckman, Gabriella Cano, Alize Collazo, Zoe Contorno, Heather Farrell, Isabella Impalli, Julia Jureidini, Lianna Pacifico, Tionne Pommells, Hannah Sancilio, Olivia Sarracino, Katrina Stroedecke, Olivia Wicki.

**PETITIONS:** None

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Invitation from BPO Elks Lodge #1962 to Flag Day Services on June 14, 2012
  - 2) Letter to Mayor and Council from Russell Martin, Asst. Road Supervisor, B.C. Dept. of Public Works with regard to contract for 2012-2014 snow plowing season
  - 3) Letter from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of resignation of Hook and Ladder Company One member Michael Christensen
  - 4) Letter from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of resignation of Ambulance Squad Member Joseph Benkovic
  - 5) Letter to Mayor and Council from District 37 Senator Loretta Weinberg and Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson regarding S1451/A2426 and S1452/A2425
  - 6) Letter from NJ Dot re: Application for 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program
  - 7) Notice of Public Hearing regarding proposed changes to the BCUA Rules and Regulations on July 25, 2012 at 10 am at the BCUA Administration Building

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Item #2 was requested to be read into the record (Copy attached). Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(March 27, 2012 Regular Meeting, May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session)*

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,212,208.54 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:**
- 98. Payroll
  - 99. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 100. Authorizing Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
  - 101. Authorizing Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations at 256 Williams Avenue Block 85, Lot 63, and Impressing a Lien for Costs Thereof upon the Premises
  - 102. Authorizing Raffle License for First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt
  - 103. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 184, Lot 16, 155 Route 17 South
  - 104. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 13, Lot 1, 173 Oak Grove Avenue
  - 105. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax

**CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

Court Judgment for Block 5, Lot 82.01, 105 Wood Street

106. Authorizing Agreement with Valley Health Medical Group for Alcohol and Drug Testing Services
107. Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2012-2014 Snow Plowing Program
108. Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Bergen for 2011 Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Award for Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park Walkway
109. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills
110. Authorizing Appointment of Sean Woodbridge as a Probationary Patrolman
111. Authorizing Appointment of Brad Dussault as a Probationary Patrolman

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Reverend Rodrigo San Pedro to Mayor's Senior Citizens Committee

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

Sean Woodbridge as Probationary Patrolman

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Heck, with Sean's Mother holding the Bible. Police Commissioner DiPisa, Deputy Police Commissioner Gonzalez and Police Chief Colaneri assisted Mayor Heck and everyone extended their congratulations.

**APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):**

Brad Dussault as Probationary Patrolman

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Heck, with Brad's Grandfather, Leon Dussault, holding the Bible. Police Commissioner DiPisa, Deputy Police Commissioner Gonzalez assisted Mayor Heck and everyone extended their congratulations.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Michael Christensen as Lieutenant of Hook and Ladder Co.  
1 effective June 5, 2012

Joseph Benkovic from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department  
Ambulance Squad

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2278:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2278 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ENTITLED "CHAPTER 231, SOIL MOVEMENT," AND FURTHER TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ENTITLED "§133-26A, FEES UNDER CHAPTER 231, SOIL MOVEMENT"** 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 Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2279:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2279 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, 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 Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2012"** 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 Buckman, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2280:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2280 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2012**” 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 DiPisa seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2281:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2281 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

Susan Collins, 247 Walter Avenue, questioned why there was a special title for this ordinance. Mayor Heck said the decision was made to divide the program into three parts because of the importance of that grouping, senior citizens, recreation and for special events coordinator. She noted that at this particular juncture in time there is someone qualified to do this particular job as well as the others, and that we recognize that fact. She noted the many times he has been given added responsibilities without question. Ms. Collins referred to an article in The Observer regarding a resolution passed on April 26 opposing S1451 and S 1452 and that the council maintains that the opposed requirements place financial time, manpower and other burdens on municipalities. She felt this money should have been applied to cover the requirements of these bills. Mayor Heck said that the bills presented do not cover the costs associated which might require additional personnel. The Borough Clerk noted that the basic requirements of these bills are already being met by existing personnel.

Frank Gasparino, 4 Oak Grove Avenue, said the reason he lives in Hasbrouck Heights is for the beauty of it, and the entertainment. He has raised three children here and participated in the many activities of the Recreation Department and has worked with the department coaching many different sports. The job is not 9 to 5. He felt rewarding this gentleman is long overdue.

Chris Semencz, has no problem with Rob Brady, and said to just call it a pay raise for Rob Brady.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2012”** 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 DiPisa seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, with Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Buckman voting Yes, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilwoman Link voting Nay, and Mayor Heck breaking the tie and voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2282:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2282 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$425,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2011 AND 2012 CAPITAL BUDGETS, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$22,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND 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 \$402,500.00”** 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2283:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2283 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION K ENTITLED “SIDEWALK CAFES” OF §275-21 ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PERMIT UNDER VARIOUS CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONDITIONS THE EXTENSION OF SUCH USES INTO THE PAVED IMPERVIOUS SIDEWALK AREAS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF SIDE STREETS RUNNING A DISTANCE OF NO MORE THAN 50 FEET FROM THE BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY”** Requires Planning Board approval and was continued on Public Hearing on a motion by Councilman DiPisa seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Chris Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, noted that sections of the Boulevard Streetscape from Washington up have caved-in sections. Mr. Job said some of the areas by light poles are open and will be closed upon PSEG removing the cobra lights.

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 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 10:09 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 12, 2012.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk