

Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Regular Council Meeting – 5/14/2013

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 14, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 14, 2013 at 8:27 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 2, 2013 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2013.

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

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 Semencz as follows:

“Prayer for Life’s Journey. May we know that it is the journey that is important, may we find our own truths and the divine within ourselves and in doing so help our fellow travelers to find their own. May we see each other through spirit and not through worldly eyes.”

PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming May 20 to June 2, 2013 as the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization in the State of New Jersey

Mayor Heck asked Police Commissioner DiPisa to read the Proclamation which was as follows:

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the citizens of State of New Jersey, County of Bergen, Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and surrounding areas are vitally important;

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

and

WHEREAS, a **large** percentage of our citizens regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, the use of seat belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 11,949 lives in 2011; and

WHEREAS, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes;

WHEREAS, the use of seat belts is supported by the laws of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights; and

WHEREAS, May 20 through June 2, 2013, has been selected as the national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization enforcement period;

WHEREAS, across the country law enforcement officers will actively be participating in the mobilization to ensure all motor vehicle occupants are buckled up day and night to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes;

AND WHEREAS, increased enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with publicity has proven to be an effective method to increase seat belt use rates and decrease fatal crashes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby proclaim and announce May 20 to June 2, 2013, as the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization in the State of New Jersey, County of Bergen, Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, and urge all citizens to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on our roadways.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) DEP Announces Clean Community Grant Awards – Hasbrouck Heights - \$19,363.43
- 2) Legal Notice from Wood-Ridge Planning Board re: meeting May 15 at 7 p.m. on Wesmont Station
- 3) Letter from NJ Dept. of Transportation announcing approval of funding from Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Program for Phase VI of Boulevard Streetscape for \$145,000.00
- 4) Letter from NJDEP encouraging residents to remove standing water on property to reduce mosquito population
- 5) Mayor's Advisory from NJLM Re: Governor Christie Veto of Early Voting Bill

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

- 6) Cablevision Notification of elimination of legacy video packages beginning first week of June
- 7) Request from BCUA to enter into a Solid Waste Service Agreement

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the BCUA request to enter into a Solid Waste Agreement which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1, 3 and 6 were requested (copies attached). Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,315,625.55 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:

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- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 100. Dog Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
 - 101. Authorizing Approval of 2013/2014 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
 - 102. Self-Examination of Budget
 - 103. Supporting PSE&G's "Energy Strong" Program
 - 104. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes for Block 101, L 1, 74 Route 17 North for the year 2010
 - 105. Authorizing Change Order #3 for State Aid Improvement of Boulevard Streetscape Phases III & IV
 - 106. Authorizing the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales by Businesses Located on the Boulevard during Farmers' Market
 - 107. Authorizing Raffle License for Care on the Corner Community Service Center
 - 108. Authorizing Application for Funding for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semencz voting No on #108, and otherwise unanimously carried. (Copies attached)

APPOINTMENTS: Michael Moran to Board of Health

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointment which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried.

Edward Mucha to Fire Department Engine Co. #2

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointment which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

Nanette Zarrillo to Community Awareness Access for All Committee

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Arthur MacHugh to Community Awareness Access for All Committee

Kathy Nigro to Community Awareness Access for All Committee

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

Vincent Spataro to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointment which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

Maria Hayes as an Associate Member of the Fire Department

Nancy Riordan as an Associate Member of the Fire Department

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointments which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

Edward Mucha, Maria Hayes and Nancy Riordan were invited to come forward. Fire Chief Richard Giarratana introduced the newly appointed members to the Mayor and Council.

Vincent Spataro was invited to come forward. Mayor Heck was impressed with his resume and asked him to speak a few words. He said he lives at 221 Cleveland Avenue, been in commercial construction for about 16 years, manages a group of project managers and site superintendents for accounts of national retailers across the country. He attended Stevens Institute of Technology, is married and has two children.

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2302:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SUBSECTION B. OF §55-1 OF CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED “POLICE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2302 (cont'd):

DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION” 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 May 28, 2013.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Buckman who did not agree with the amount and Councilman Semenech voting No. Councilman Semenech asked to make note that the table of creation was creating more chiefs than Indians. Mayor Heck said this was coming in lieu of retirements and that certain positions had to be filled, that no promotions have been made since 2004. Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Gonzalez, Councilwoman Link and Councilman Lipari voted Yes, and the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**ORDINANCE NO. 2303:**

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$65,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$32,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 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 \$31,000.00** 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 May 28, 2013.

Mayor Heck noted that this is the second of our parks that are being improved from monies coming from a grant.

On a motion by Councilman Semenech, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2304:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$165,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BARRIER FREE CURB RAMPS INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE BOROUGH, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$140,400.00 PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,600.00 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 \$20,000.00** 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 May 28, 2013.

On a motion by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Nancy Smith and Amanda Kistner who were here on behalf of the Hasbrouck Heights Relay for Life. They wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their support including "Paint the Town Purple" this past weekend for anyone interested in Relay for Life or American Cancer Society services. Relay for Life is scheduled for June 1 at Depken Field at 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. on June 2. They personally invited the Mayor and Council to join in the fight, either start a team or join a team. This year's theme "Wonderful World of Relay," follows a Disney theme and elementary school children were invited to participate dressed as Disney characters. They enumerated the many events that would take place all night long. They noted that for the past two years \$120,000 was collected.

Councilman Lipari applauded their efforts.

Edwinna Carroll, 100 block of Franklin Avenue, was concerned with the discharging of students at the private school across from the post office and the Judo school with parents double and triple parking and leaving children to cross from the wrong side of the street. Police Chief Colaneri would check into it.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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Mark Nielsen, 110 Ottawa Avenue, regarding the Swim Club pool water, had previously submitted reports that the water was contaminated. Mr. Kronyak told him that it was turned over to the Health Department. Information was received from the DEP which was circulated in a report to the Governing Body which essentially said that it is a public well and not subject to the 91 tests. He was also told that further examination would be taking place, and the only water at the Swim Club from the well is going into the pool. All other water comes from United Water. Mr. Nielsen also asked that the gas station at the bottom of Williams be investigated. He was told that the assessor is aware of that property. Mr. Kronyak said some of the testing he was asking for would be overstepping our authority as it was private property.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion at 9:09 p.m. which was made by Councilman Semenech, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck said there would be a short recess before going into the work session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Semenech, 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 14, 2013.

Rose Marie Sees