

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 11, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 11, 2013 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 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 DiPisa as follows:

“Grant me Protection: Grant, O Lord, Thy protection And in protection, strength And in strength, understanding And in understanding, knowledge And in knowledge, the knowledge of justice And in the knowledge of justice, the love of it And in the love of it, the love of all existences And in that love, the love of spirit for all creation.”

PRESENTATION: Presentation of Awards to Members of the Police Department

Chief Colaneri said this was the first time doing this, that members of the Police Department do a lot of great things and the Police Committee along with Mayor Heck decided that the Borough would, in addition to awards by the PBA or any other organization, start honoring our own for the fantastic work they do 7 days a week 24 hours a day and he was very proud of the men to receive awards tonight and every member of the department. She also said she would like this type of recognition to become a tradition.

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Chief Colaneri noted that Lt. Charles Lesho, Police Officer Scott Adamo, Police Officer Sean Woodbridge and Police Officer John Behr responded to a scene of a motor vehicle accident on the Boulevard where the vehicle collided with a telephone pole, the driver was unconscious, unresponsive, and not breathing. The victim was removed from the car and CPR administered and the victim's life was saved. Mayor Heck presented each with a Certificate of Recognition, saying she was very proud of them.

Chief Colaneri noted that on September 14, 2011 the following officers responded to 426 Boulevard (Otto and Al's Gas Station) on a report of an unresponsive male. They observed the victim slumped over the wheel. The officers began CPR and he was brought back to life. Police Officers James Loos, John Behr and Joseph Armeli were presented each with a Certificates of Recognition by Mayor Heck.

The Certificates read "for his quick action and exemplary performance in rendering CPR and saving the life of an unconscious, unresponsive victim".

Police Commissioner Justin A. DiPisa and Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez assisted Mayor Heck and Chief Colaneri in this presentation.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Christie Administration Announces Annual Free Fishing Days on June 15-16
 - 2) Announcement of Annual Bergen County Senior Picnic on September 17, 2013
 - 3) Mayors Advisory re: Affordable Care Act Update
 - 4) Notice to property owners within 200 feet of 295 Polifly Road, Hackensack, NJ re: Proposed Development
 - 5) Legal Notice from Wood-Ridge Planning Board re: Notice of Hearing re: Wesmont Station – Pulte Homes June 19, 2013 at 7 p.m.
 - 6) Thank you letter from Jenna DiGiacinto

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(April 23, 2013 Regular Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,337,947.13 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:**
- 118. Payroll
 - 119. Dog Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
 - 120. Authorizing Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
 - 121. Authorizing Permit for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights to Hold Public Display of Fireworks
 - 122. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes due to a Tax Court Judgment for the Year 2011 for Five Properties

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

123. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Tax Bills

124. Authorizing Promotion of Joseph Rinke and Kevin Corbliss from Sergeant to Lieutenant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

125. Authorizing Promotion of Michael Colaneri, Jr., Ian Robertson, Alan Baker and Scott Adamo from Patrolman to Sergeant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

126. Authorizing Change Order #1 for 2011/2012 Road Resurfacing Program

Councilman Semenez asked for a point of order in regard to 124 and 125, he asked to make a statement. I have been wrestling with this issue since the promotion ordinance was passed. The part that caused me concern my packet for this meeting was not delivered in a timely manner. I had to go and pick it up myself. There are men on this list that I could easily say they should be promoted. I have known them most of their lives and careers. These promotions were never discussed at a closed session of the council. I did not even know exams were given until the mayor read her diary at the last meeting. If I hadn't asked for information those members outside the police committee would not have had basis to make these promotions. The mayor said if I wanted information regarding the police I should ask her. My question is why isn't she forthcoming with this information since the council votes yes or no on this issue. The ordinance states that the mayor and council should have complete discretion to fill any vacancy that may exist in the any of the aforesaid offices or to deter filling any such vacancies. I am making a motion that these promotions be withdrawn until the council can convene in a private session to discuss it."

Mayor Heck asked if there was a second. There was no second.

Mayor Heck said I think it's very important to note again that we have not had any promotions since 2004 and the matter of promotions has been discussed officially and unofficially for months. Some people prefer not to ask questions in a timely manner for their own personal reasons. I have been with the members of this council on numerous occasions and pleasant occasions where we chat and discuss things and I am always available. As is the police chief, as is the borough administrator, as is everyone here in administration. I never heard that people did not get their information in a timely manner and this is the first that I heard that you had late packets delivered to you or that you had to pick up your packets. Again, it makes me a little leery of the remarks that you made and I'm hoping that you're not using this particular dais as a political venue.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

Again, I'm going to go through these appointments and hopefully in respect to the families and the friends we get through this without any confrontations.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semenez voting No on #124 and #125, and otherwise unanimously carried. (Copies attached)

APPOINTMENTS: Joseph Rinke as Lieutenant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Kevin Corbliss as Lieutenant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Michael Colaneri Jr. as Sergeant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Ian Robertson as Sergeant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Alan Baker as Sergeant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Scott Adamo as Sergeant of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2305:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2305 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2305 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2305 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2306:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2306 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2306 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that 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 2013**” 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

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

Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2306 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2307:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2307 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2307 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$170,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR PHASE VI OF THE BOULEVARD STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WALTER AVENUE TO DIVISION AVENUE,) TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM IN THE SUM OF \$145,000.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW**” 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2307 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

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.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Semencz, 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 9:25 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, 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 11, 2013.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk