

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 14, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 14, 2014 at 8:08 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, 2014 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2014.

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 Semenez

Absent: None

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked Borough Clerk Sees to read the following Notice to the Public:

RE: THE USE OF RECORDING DEVICES IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pursuant to the authority of the Mayor to “preserve order and decorum of all Council meetings,” please be advised of the following:

1. The use of any audio and/or video recording devices that requires connection to an electrical outlet is forbidden at all times during the course of any meetings of the Mayor and Council.

2. The location of audio and/or video recording devices on tripods or stands during the course of any meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be limited to within the public seating areas of the Council Chambers. Further, the Mayor reserves the authority to forbid the use of such devices upon tripods or stands within the seating areas during

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC (cont'd):

the course of any meeting of the Mayor and Council when the public seating areas of the Council Chambers are at near capacity.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to restrict the unobtrusive use of any hand held battery powered audio and/or video recording devices within the public areas of the Council Chambers during the course of any public meeting public meetings of the Mayor and Council. However, if the use of any otherwise permitted recording device becomes obtrusive, the Mayor shall restrict or prohibit such use. For the purposes hereof, "obtrusive use" means such acts that impose upon others in the exercise of their rights to observe the proceedings and/or such acts that disturb or disrupt the conduct of business.

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 Justin A. DiPisa as follows: "Prayer for Safety" Keep me safe as I move through this day, may I guard against accidents with awareness, guard against illness with healthy habits & happy spirit, use good judgment & common sense in taking risks, be always aware of my surroundings & other people, may I always remember to be prepared for changes. Bless and keep me safe as I move through each day."

PRESENTATION: Certificates to 2013 Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl Champions - Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football Raiders

As Mayor Heck had laryngitis, she congratulated the team, and asked Council President DiPisa, Recreation Commissioner Buckman and Deputy Recreation Commissioner Link who also congratulated the 2013 Junior Football Raiders on their 2013 Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl Championship to present certificates to the following:

Travis Lee, Chris Condon, Owen Williamson, Robert Boscarino, Nick Cuccio, Caden De Rosa, Justin Torres, Evan Werner, Jake Diaz, Trey Armonaitis, Anthony Grasso, Jack Baker, Salvatore Grasso, Blake Freschi, Kevin Campen, Anthony DiLascio, Shane Ike, Justin Wexler, Collin Polakowski, Eric Ruiz, Michael Canavatchel, Andrew Parente, Kyle Cappadona, Jacy Westfield, Bryan Formisano, Anthony Moretto, Roman Eschert, Matthew Loos, Ahmad Odeh and Hunter Freschi, Head Coach Joseph Fadden and Coaches Rich Delphino, Tim McGuire, Jeff Werner, Steve Condal, Fred Freschi and Pat Campen.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to 2013 Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl Champions - Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football Raiders Cheerleaders

Council President DiPisa, Recreation Commissioner Buckman and Deputy Recreation Commissioner Link congratulated the 2013 Junior Football Raiders Cheerleaders on their 2013 Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl Championship and presented certificates to the following:

Chiara Alvarez, Sofia Alvarez, Megan Aurigemma, Amber Barrios, Julianna Bono, Ava Brescia, Elizabeth Cuttita, Francesca D'Amico, Claudia DeGennaro, Gaea DePass, Sophie D'Innocenzi, Emily Eckert, Jenevive Ferreri, Brooke Freschi, Leila Fye, Mia Gagliano, Monserrat Gomez, Chloe Grella, Gianna Guerra, Kaitlyn Guido, Gia Gyenes, Jillian Homan, Kayla Ike, Lexi Kest, Isabella Leggio, Mya Loebis, Sofia Lopez, Allie Jane Mallow, Alexis Mason, Paige McGuire, Angelina Moore, Briana Mullins, Zoe Murray, Lindsay Nazzaro, Shannon O'Hare, Francesca Paradiso, Caidence Porto, Nathalie Pujadas, Julienne Quintos, Gabriella Riccobono, Meaghan Shaw, Devon Sonzogni, Meghan Stellhorn, Gabrielle Thibault, Emma Traverso, Katelyn Tutelo, Victoria Vitelli, Gabriella Vizzachero, Alysha Weaver, Head Coach Lisa Colaneri, and Assistant Coaches Missy Gyenes and Jennifer Alvarez.

PRESENTATION: Richard Giarratana as Fire Chief for 2012 and 2013

Fire Commissioner Gonzalez and Deputy Commissioner Lipari presented outgoing Fire Chief Richard Giarratana with a plaque which read:

With Sincere Appreciation to
RICHARD GIARRATANA
For his Dedication and Service to the
Borough of Hasbrouck Heights as
Fire Chief - 2012 and 2013

Mayor

Rose Heck

Council

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SPECIAL REQUEST FROM JOHN RIORDAN RE: EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

John Riordan, a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 17 in Hasbrouck Heights was requested permission as his Eagle Scout Project to tag all of the fire hydrants in town to make them more visible to Emergency Personnel. In December of 2013 he had met with then Fire Chief Richard Giarratana, Chief Pat Hayes and Chief Angelo Roccamo who had given their approval, and had spoken to Councilman David Gonzalez and Councilman Chris Semenez. He distributed flyers to each councilperson who thought it was a great idea.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Notice from Wood-Ridge Planning Board re: Hearing of Ingerman Development Co., Wesmont Station, on January 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Wood-Ridge Borough Hall

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have this item read into the record. Councilman Lipari asked to give a synopsis and it was noted that he and Borough Attorney Chandless would be attending this meeting. Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,460,718.15 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/ Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 16. Payroll

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

17. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
18. Burial Permits – Payment of Fees to State
19. Construction – Payment of Fees to State
20. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
21. Authorizing Exigency - Boulevard/Longworth Avenue/2014 Sanitary Sewer Repair
22. Authorizing Amendment to Exigency - Boulevard/Longworth Avenue/2014 Sanitary Sewer Repair
23. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
24. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. as Planning Board Attorney Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
25. Authorizing a Professional Contract with James Fordham as Planning Board Engineer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
26. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2013-0005 for Block 148, Lot 40, 76 Ottawa Avenue
27. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms Required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
28. Authorizing Agreement with Bergen County Department of Health Services for Animal Control Services for 2014
29. Authorizing Agreement with Health Awareness Regional Program, Hackensack University Medical Center as Public Health Nurse for 2014
30. Authorizing Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission as Health Enforcement Agency for 2014

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

31. Authorizing Raffle License for PTA Lincoln School
32. Authorizing Approval of 2013/2014 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting No on Resolutions #23, 24 and 25, and otherwise unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Emergency Management Council (Local Emergency Planning Committee) - 1 Year:
 Rose Heck, Mayor/Chairperson
 Michael Colaneri, Police Chief-EM Coord./Co-Chair
 Dr. Roger J. Szanto-Deputy EM Coord.
 Councilman David Gonzalez, Fire Commissioner
 Patrick Hayes, Fire Chief
 Robert Knobloch, Fire Official
 William Spindler, DPW Superintendent
 Laura French, Board of Health Registrar
 Nicholas Melfi, Construction Official/Building Inspector
 Michael Kronyak, CFO/Administrator
 Robert Brady, Recreation Director
 Ralph Chandless, Jr., Borough Attorney
 Dr. Mark Porto, Superintendent of Schools
 Constance Doheny, Editor, The Observer
 Mimi Hui, Library Director

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

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, had a couple of issues. With the bad weather and sewer problem at the north end of the Boulevard compounded by a flood in the Municipal Building, he commended Administrator Michael Kronyak for his vigilance and concern and pitching in to remove files from the Tax office. As a member of the Library board, Director Mimi Hui sent all board members notice of what had occurred. He said

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

we are very fortunate to have a man of this caliber and commitment.

Mr. Kronyak appreciated his comments, but said the Police and DPW were on the job who should be commended as well.

Mr. Ellis also questioned with the upcoming budget, that as a part of long range planning if contracts or policies include longevity pay be grandfathered. Mayor Heck explained that any new employees hired which began in the 90's , longevity was no longer available.

Mr. Ellis was confused about the Consent Agenda, if it could be decided ahead of time that when there is a question of agreement, that those resolutions be voted on individually so anybody can discuss their feelings pro or con and then vote taken. He was curious because at the January 1, 2014 meeting, there was a Consent Agenda with one councilperson opposed to Resolution No. 15. Maybe that item should not have been a part of the consent agenda, if there was some dissent so it could be fully addressed in the public, and the same for this evening with Resolutions #23, #24 and #25 there was a dissenting vote.

Mayor Heck said that the agendas are distributed to the council ahead of time, suggested that whoever questions certain resolutions be placed under Resolutions for discussion so that the objections could be known. The Borough Clerk would have to be notified early on.

Borough Attorney Chandless said there can be no suggestion that a vote can be taken prior to the public vote. This is the first vote on the agenda. There is no work session before the regular meeting. Mayor Heck said they would take Mr. Ellis' suggestions under consideration.

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

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

There was no recess for 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 Semencz, 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 January 14, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk