

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 14, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on October 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

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 Russell Lipari as follows:

“Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today. Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence in each person that I meet and every event that I encounter. Teach me when to speak and when to listen when to ponder and when to share. In moments of challenge and decision attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom. As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy. When my day goes well, may I rejoice. When it grows difficult, surprise me with new possibilities. When life is overwhelming call me to Sabbath moments to restore your Peace and Harmony. May my living today reveal your Goodness. Amen” *Pat Bergen, C.S.J.*

PRESENTATION: Certificate of Appreciation to Lee Dussault

Mr. Dussault could not be present. Mayor Heck read the certificate into the record, which thanked Mr. Dussault for his donation of a new freezer and for his continuous support of the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry and asked the Clerk to forward it to his home with sincere gratitude.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes advising of resignation of Joseph Taylor Jr. From the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company One
- 2) Letter from The Observer with Affidavit stating the official advertising rate
- 3) Announcement of Bergen County Job Fair on Friday, October 24, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bergen Community College
- 4) Letter from Aviation Hall of Fame to attend Regional Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame Museum, 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro Airport
- 5) Notice of Hearing from Teterboro Planning Board for Major Subdivision Approval by Catellus Teterboro Development Urban Renewal, LLC and Catellus Teterboro Development Industrial Urban Renewal, LLC on October 15, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Teterboro Borough Hall, 510 Route 46 West
- 6) Invitation to the Mayor and Council from Pat Link, Chairman to attend the Mayor's Celebration Committee Annual Tree Lighting at the Circle on November 28, 2014.
- 7) Memo from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief Patrick Hayes requesting Mayor and Council approval of transfer of Kenneth Lambert from Engine Company 1 to Engine Company 2
- 8) NJ DEP urging motorists to be extra cautious with deer mating season underway
- 9) Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend Ragamuffin Parade on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 1 p.m.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There was none. She then asked for a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried. She asked if Councilman Lipari would be interested in attending the Teterboro Planning

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Board Meeting (Item #5) to which he said yes. Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless said he would accompany him and they would report back at the next Council meeting.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,278,310.27 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(September 9, 2014 Work Session and Executive Session, September 23, 2014 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 166. Payroll
 - 167. Authorizing Sale of Borough Owned Property No Longer Needed for Public Use or Which Have Been Unclaimed
 - 168. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 169. Construction - Payment of Fees to State
 - 170. Authorizing Raffle License(s) for Rotary Club of

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

Mid-Bergen County

- 171. Authorizing a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for Home2 Suites, 377 Route 17 South
- 172. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2010-0007 for Block 168.02, Lot. 1.01
- 173. Authorizing Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for Improvements to Stanley Avenue
- 174. Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
- 175. Requesting New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit to Make a Complete Safety Evaluation of Certain Rail Safety Measures in Bergen County
- 176. Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Boulevard Streetscape VIII for the westerly side of the Boulevard between Madison Avenue and Washington Place
- 177. Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvement of Franklin Avenue from Terrace Avenue and Route 17

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

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Hank Lyon to Mayor's Business Community Committee

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

RESIGNATIONS: Joseph Taylor Jr. From Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company One

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing Resignation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded, by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON CURRENT 2014 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY - CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak

Mr. Kronyak noted that since 2011 he has been preparing this report which consists of 50 questions to hit highlights of what every municipality may have to deal with. Most questions are yes or no, with explanations in the comments section. You must receive a grade of 80% of positive answers, you would not have a reduction in the last State Aid payment. Our final State Aid payment is about \$51,000. The penalty would be \$2500-\$2600, but having to explain would be the bigger issue. This is due by October 17, 2014. There were 35 yes answers, 4 no answers, not applicable 9, and perspective 2. Our score is 92%, it will be sent to Trenton. Councilman Semencz asked if this served any purpose. Mr. Kronyak said it gives towns the opportunity to qualify their answers, but could lose money and could be a distressed city. They ask about shared services. He thought the intent is to see if we are complying with all regulations that change annually.

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 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked if anyone had any objection to going directly into the work session. There was none.

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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 October 14, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk