

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 9, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8: 01 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 Councilwoman Sonya Buckman as follows:

“From St. Ignatius of Loyola. A Prayer for Generosity. Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labor and not to seek to rest, to give of myself and not to ask for reward, except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will. Amen.”

Holiday Float Contest Recognition of Winners:

Mayor Heck and Chamber of Commerce President Ray Vorisek recognized the winners of this year’s First Holiday Float Contest with a Certificate and Poinsettia:

- VFW Post #4591 - First Place - Most Patriotic
- Euclid School PTA - First Place - Best Theme
- Remember When Antiques - First Place - Best Decorated
- Boy Scout Troop 17 - First Place - Most Original

Recognition of Certain Members of the Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations:

Mayor Heck announced that Madeline deVelasco had decided to resign after 28 years on the Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations. She thanked her for her volunteerism over these many years and presented her with a Certificate and token of her's and the Committee's appreciation.

Mayor Heck next announced that Rosemary and Brian Willard had decided to resign after 26 years on the Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations. She thanked them for their volunteerism over these many years and presented them with Certificates and a token of her's and the Committee's appreciation.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Release from HHPD re: *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* from December 5, 2014 through January 1, 2015
 - 2) BCUA Public Hearing re 2015 Budget on Thursday, December 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Item #1 was requested (copy attached). She asked that a representative from the Borough attend the BCUA Public Hearing (Item #2). She then asked for a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,501,098.86 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: *(November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 202. Payroll
 - 203. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 204. Authorizing Payment to Former Firemen for 25 Years of Service
 - 205. Authorizing Fire Department Percentages
 - 206. Authorizing Ambulance Squad Percentages
 - 207. Budget Appropriation Transfers

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semenezc saying it should be more, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None

- APPOINTMENTS:**
- Netta Catrillo to Mayor’s Senior Citizens Committee
 - James Catrillo to Mayor’s Senior Citizen’s Committee
 - Mary Jones to Mayor’s Senior Citizens Committee

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

George Shihanian to Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2333:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2333, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 this ordinance, which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 2015”** 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 adopt Ordinance No. 2333, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Semenez voting No explaining his vote, that he doesn't feel any ordinance should have either an increase or percentage for length on the job, he thought it should be by merit; and the motion was otherwise unanimously carried.

As a point of information, Mayor Heck said this is a contractual agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Gina Hoffman, 22 Walter Avenue, a daily commuter to New York City had received a parking summons while parked on Cleveland Avenue, indicating there was no parking between 8-9 a.m. even though there were no signs. She was frustrated in not being able to find a place to park during the day. Mayor Heck asked her to talk to Police Chief Michael Colaneri who was present to offer her some suggestions.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

Before going into Work Session, Councilman Semenech asked to have a meeting notice regarding a Transportation meeting read. Mayor Heck said although this meeting was being held in District 37, she asked the Borough Clerk to read the notice (copy attached).

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 Councilwoman Link, 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 December 9, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk