

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**July 8, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on July 8, 2014 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, 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 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:

***Life Is - Mother Teresa's Inspirational Poem***

Words to live by from a strong and determined woman.

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.	Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.	Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.	Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.	Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.	Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.	Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck make it.	Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.	

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Thank you from Marc Mastropietro, Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Recipient

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

- 2) Update from Ralph LaRossa, President and Chief Operating Officer of PSE&G
- 3) Thank you from John Riordan for sponsorship of his Eagle Scout Project, Hydrant Flag Installation
- 4) Legal Notice from Wood-Ridge Planning Board re: Amend Provisions for Wesmont Station Redevelopment Plan

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Councilman DiPisa requested that the following be read taken from the update from Ralph LaRossa, of PSE&G.

**Lowering Energy Prices**

"I have even more good news for our customers. In a filing made on May 29 with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, PSE&G has proposed an additional price reduction in natural gas bills that, if approved, would reduce residential gas bills by 9 percent this winter, saving customers about \$100 a year. The proposal would reduce our basic gas supply rate to 45 cents per therm, the lowest rate in 14 years and the lowest in the state."

Mayor Heck asked if Borough Attorney Chandless and Councilman Lipari would be attending the Wood-Ridge Planning Board Meeting on July 16. They advised her that at least one of them would be attending.

Mayor Heck then asked for a motion to accept the Communications, which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,930,477.52 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.

**BILLS (cont'd):**

/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:** *(May 13, 2014 Work Session, June 10, 2014 Work Session, June 24, 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:**
- 131. Payroll
  - 132. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 133. Authorizing Radio Maintenance Contract for 2014-2015
  - 134. Authorizing Agreement with Motorola Solutions for Cassadian/Plant 911 Equipment Maintenance for 2014-2015
  - 135. Authorizing Sale of Unclaimed or Borough Owned Property No Longer Needed for Public Use
  - 136. Marriage/Civil Union License - Payment of Fees to State
  - 137. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State
  - 138. Authorizing Contract with County of Bergen 2013 Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program for Woodland Park Playground Improvements - Grant Award of \$100,000.00

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Lipari, 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 10:27 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 July 8, 2014.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk