

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 9, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 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 5, 2015 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2015.

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: Councilman DiPisa led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman DiPisa as follows:

“A Summer Blessing - May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means...Walking with honesty and with courage, Walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Talking with God means...praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God’s help in all your decisions, expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk with God every day. Amen. Author Unknown”

PRESENTATION: Mayor Heck, Police Commissioner DiPisa, Deputy Police Commissioner Gonzalez and Chief Colaneri presented a Proclamation to Declan T. DeBaun as “Police Chief for a Day”

The Proclamation was read by Commissioner DiPisa as follows:

Honorary Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief for a Day

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2015, the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department participated in the Bergen County “Chief for a Day” initiative; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department play an integral role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement in their community; and

WHEREAS, as an honorary “Chief for a Day,” Declan T. DeBaun learned about the inner-workings of law enforcement and explored the important work that Hasbrouck Heights police officers face on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights along with our community honor Declan T. DeBaun who was Police Chief for a Day for his interest in law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby recognize and congratulate Declan T. DeBaun as Police Chief for a Day.

Dated: June 9, 2015

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Thank you to Mayor and Council from Father Raymond Holmes for acknowledgment of his 50th Anniversary as a Priest
 - 2) Letter from Richard Loveless of NJ DOT to Borough Engineer Ken Job advising of approval to combine Boulevard Streetscape Phases VII and VIII grants into a single contract

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There being none, she then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,644,139.02 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: *(May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 117. Payroll

118. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

119. Authorizing Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights

120. Approving the List of Volunteer Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department who Qualified for Credit Under the LOSAP Program for 2013 and 2014

121. Authorizing Purchase of Steel Square Shelter for Depken Field Phase II Project using State Contract No. A81411

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, with Councilman Semencz abstaining on Resolution No. 120, and otherwise unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS: 122. Authorizing Change Order #4 with regard to Improvements of Veterans Memorial Park

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Resolution which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, 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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, asked the Mayor if she recalled last year he was concerned about votes taken on the Consent Agenda, where all the resolutions are passed at once, but sometimes somebody votes no on a certain resolution without explanation which doesn't give the resolution the proper public hearing. He said it happened it again tonight.

Mayor Heck said we have made it clear that the Consent Agenda is exactly what it is supposed to be and have asked the Council who intend to vote no to let us know beforehand so we can place the resolution separately. Mr. Ellis asked if it was proper for the person who recommends or seconds the Consent Agenda to then say yes for all except... Borough Attorney Chandless in his opinion there are two separate functions, proposing the Consent Agenda is one, choosing to vote no or abstaining is another. The two would not be a conflict. In the case of the agenda this evening, we had the items on Consent done correctly, there were no requests to have any removed. This procedure is in the bylaws. You had an abstention this evening for purely theoretical reasons. If he was on the council, he would state why.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, 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 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, 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 9, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk