

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**August 11, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 8: 09 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, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Christian Semenez

Absent: Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

**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 Lipari as follows:

‘Prayer to Come to an Agreement” Dear God, we seek your help with our affairs today. Bless this meeting with your divine intelligence, and help us to make the best use of our own. We are of diverse opinion here. Yet we wish to mend our differences and reach agreement satisfactory to all.

Please share a little of your wisdom with us to help us do right by all concerned. Thank you for your Heavenly blessing. Amen!”.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Thank you letter from James Thebery

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,992,777.37 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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**       *(July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2015 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Gonzalez abstaining from the July 14,2015 Minutes, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 145. Payroll
  - 146. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 147. Authorizing Approval of 2015/2016 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
  - 148. Authorizing Raffle License for BPOE #1962 Hasbrouck Heights

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**               None

**APPOINTMENTS:** Gabriella Tucci to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ambulance Squad

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

Beth Pribula-Ruff as Associate Member of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2349:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO INCREASE, DECREASE OR ADD CERTAIN FEES AS RECOMMENDED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OFFICIALS OF THIS BOROUGH”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on August 25, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction Ordinance No. 2349 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2347:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2015”** be continued on public hearing until August 25, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was amde by Councilman DiPisa, seconded, by Councilman Semencz, and

**ORDINANCE NO. 2347:**

unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenech, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to continue the foregoing Ordinance until the next meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2348:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 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 continued on public hearing until August 25, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded, by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to continue the foregoing Ordinance until the next meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE No. 2346:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$65,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$32,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2346:**

**ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$31,000.00" BEING ORDINANCE # 2303 ADOPTED ON MAY 28, 2013 SO AS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION TO \$77,000.00 BY APPLYING AN ADDITIONAL \$12,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND** 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 open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2346 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, 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 Semenech, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 2346 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenech, and unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Michael Palkowitz, 101 Terrace Avenue, addressed the Mayor, Council and Police Captain, Hasbrouck Heights Chief along with everybody else with numerous e-mails regarding the illegal parking on Passaic Street, with nothing being done. He asked if anyone is ever going to address these issues.

Mayor Heck said the complaints are sent to the Chief, that the council would not respond. She would ask the Chief to give a report on his investigation of the alleged complaints.

Councilman Semenech said he had never received anything from this man. Mr. Palkowitz asked the clerk if she had seen them, who responded she sends them to the Police Department, rather than sending them to the council knowing they cannot answer them. Borough Attorney Chandless asked to make it clear that the council knows they have no authority over traffic or anything of that nature, it is appropriate they be directed to the Police Department.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

Chris Moore, 236 Roosevelt Avenue, wanted to bring to the governing body's attention the condition of Roosevelt Avenue between Boulevard to Terrace. He had spoken to Bill Spindler about this. Mayor Heck responded they do receive recommendations from Mr. Spindler and the Borough Engineer and we determine the streets to be done through the process of elimination. Mr. Job said this year we have a unique situation in that they have been trying for five years to get state funding to pave Franklin Avenue to no avail. This street now requires constructive repair which is taking up a large portion of funding. Mayor Heck will find out where on the list is Roosevelt Avenue, to which Mr. Spindler said it is on top of the list. Mr. Moore said there is an area in front of his home that is very bad. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Spindler to look at it. She also noted there were two lists of streets to be done. One is all of Franklin Avenue due to its bad condition. The other is our usual annual allotment that covers another group of recommended streets.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Lipari, 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 9:23 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 August 11, 2015.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk