

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**October 11, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 8:08 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor DeLorenzo 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 4, 2016 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2016.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: None

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor DeLorenzo led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Traina. He began by saying that yesterday was Columbus Day, and also Mental Health Day. He read the following: "To the anxious give rest, to the depressed give light, to the lonely give companionship, to the darkened soul bring laughter, to the damaged mind give hope, even in the chaos of not knowing, O God, you freshen the mind and speak to us from the depth of the soul. To all who support those with mental health problems, give wisdom and compassion and to each of us the courage to go beyond our fear, to meet the person behind the diagnosis."

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter from Brenda L. Colaneri asking for support of "The Thin Blue Line"
  - 2) Invitation to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Salute to Champions" Breakfast on Friday, October 28 at Bergen Community College
  - 3) NJ DEP scheduling public hearing concerning degraded

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

water supply conditions on October 20, 2016 at 10 a.m.

4)NJ DEP urging motorists to use caution while driving as deer breeding season approaches

5) Invitation to Mayor's Celebrations Committee Ragamuffin Parade and Munchkin Mash on October 29 beginning at 1 p.m.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1, #2 and #5 were requested (copies attached). Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo thanked Mrs. Colaneri for the letter and asked Mr. Spindler when they would begin painting the blue line, he said they would be starting that night. The Mayor was very happy that many residents have asked and shown their support for our Police Department and Law Enforcement in general. With the Ragamuffin Parade coming up, he hoped for a lot of participation, the Celebrations Committee has been doing a great job. He also recognized Ro Sees on the nice job of the 9-1-1 Service and looks forward to seeing a Borough Newsletter coming out shortly that she put together.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,035,927.34 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  
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**      None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 169. Payroll
  - 170. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 171. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 172. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State
  - 173. Construction - Payment of Fees to State
  - 174. Confirming Endorsement of B.C. Community Development Grant for Improvements to Charlton and Pasadena Avenues
  - 175. Raffle Licenses for The Rotary Club Mid-Bergen County NJ

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 176. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien No. 2015-0004, 469 Franklin Avenue

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Open Space Grant Application – Poured-in-Place Resilient surface  
- Woodland Park Playground

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak gave a brief summary, noting that every year about this time we put an application to the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund to improve our parks. Over the last couple of years they changed the application so that we have to advertise the project we are doing and have a public hearing for any public comment on the application. That is what tonight is for. This application is being submitted to install resilient surface at the Woodland Park Playground. We are redoing the park and will put in mulch. The application is in the amount of \$180,000, we're requesting \$70,000 from Open Space with the other \$110,000 to come from the Borough. This is a 50/50 match and only covers the construction portion. We couldn't do this when we did the park due

**PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

to limited funds in Open Space. The better way was to split it in two application periods and combine together. If anyone in the public had any questions, he would be happy to answer them. Mayor DeLorenzo asked if anyone had any questions. There being none, the hearing was closed.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Alex Lovatis and Lois Scheck, 20 Terrace Avenue, residents of the apartment complex for over 20 years, were concerned that the complex was now allowing pets. New neighbors had moved in with a pit bull and they were worried and wanted to avoid any problems. They were advised to contact the apartment complex with their concerns, and it would be checked out to see if the dog was up to date with a license and shots.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the public portion, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor DeLorenzo announced the meeting would continue to the Work Session and requested a motion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, 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 11, 2016.

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Rose Marie Sees