

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 28, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:13 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

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 April 15, 2016 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on April 15, 2016.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Traina gave the Invocation as follows: “As we gather here today as members of this community we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities, to render our services as fellow citizens, and to our community, keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things on which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.”

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(June 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

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

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BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$93,319.35 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.

Signed Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

FINANCE: Deputy Commissioner Buckman gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at May 31st was \$4,597,556.76 and at April 30th was \$1,556,910.77 which represents an increase of \$3,040,645.99. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of May totaled \$7,575,473.73 of which \$7,378,927.68 was for Current Taxes, \$24,595.44 was for Delinquent 2015 taxes and 171,950.61 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of May totaled \$4,534,827.74 of which \$2,258,448.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$1,053,000.00 was for County Taxes, \$630,461.92 was for Salaries and \$592,917.82 was for Other Expenses

As of today, we have not received the certification of the total tax rate meaning that the Borough can not issue final tax bills.

As Library liaison, Councilwoman Buckman reported that at a recent board meeting, the Library Summer Reading Program has started for both children and adults. The Adults program is called "I Am Going to Walk the Hasbrouck Heights Library". Anyone who registers is encouraged to walk 50,000 steps by the end of August and will be given a free pedometer. Patrons are asked to visit the library each week to have their readings recorded. The patron with the most steps by August 26 will win a free month gym membership and the two runners-up will win \$25 gift cards to a sporting goods

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Library: store. On Friday, August 5 from 6:30 p.m. to Saturday at 9 a.m. is the Annual Library Summer Bash. The theme this year is camping. Suggested donation is \$5 for children under 12, \$10 for 12 years and older. Registration is ahead of time, no tickets will be sold at the door. Councilwoman Buckman said Mimi Hui, Library Director, spoke about the NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center which has free home delivery services for the visually impaired residents. For more information, please contact Mimi at the Library.

LAND USE: Commissioner Buckman gave the following report: The Building Department wants to warn homeowners that contractors offering services are not often giving them all the details. For example there are contractors ringing doorbells and offering to resurface driveways and saying they will get a permit. Driveway permits are not issued on demand so unless they hand you a yellow card with a current permit number, be aware that no permit exists.

During the month this department issued 72 permits with income totaling \$12,259. This also included 21 Continued Certificates of Occupancy for Resold homes. The Building Inspector continues to work with the Police Department on the Industrial Zone Parking Sites which have been in need of re-stripping.

64 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 89.06.

The property maintenance inspector made 25 inspections and one summons was issued followed by a court appearance. Property maintenance complaints soar in the warmer weather when people begin to use their yard. Please keep shrubs trimmed and debris in receptacles so everyone can enjoy our beautiful town.

SOCIAL SERVICES: This report was held to the next meeting.

FIRE: Commissioner Gonzalez reported: from May 16 through June 15, 2016 there were 33 Fire Calls and 99 EMS Calls. The HHFD was present for the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the VFW and then Roll Call for our department members at the Firemen's Memorial. On June 25, they responded to a mutual aid call to stand by in Elmwood Park for a four alarm fire at Marcal Paper.

Update on the Quint: the first inspection has been completed and now the body will go on the chassis with the lader to follow. Estimated time for arrival is Mid-September. The Ambulance Committee has put in many hours of research for a new ambulance to replace #604.

The HHFD will be on standby at the 4th of July Fireworks Show at Depken Field.

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FIRE (cont'd): He asked residents to read the Safety Tips offered by the HHFD in The Gazette Newspaper.

He also advised residents to not refuel any gasoline-powered equipment while the engine is hot. Fumes can ignite and start a flash fire. Allow the equipment to cool down first.

PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION: Deputy Commissioner Gonzalez reported: At 2 AM Memorial Day morning, an electrical power surge caused the Public Safety Building emergency generator to engage. The unit would not cycle through its program and transferred its switches back to the off position. The DPW attempted to troubleshoot the error unsuccessfully and had to call upon our service provider. An emergency crew responded along with an electrician to resolve the issue. Following an inspection of the emergency generators, batteries and belts were replaced at the Public Safety Bldg. and the Borough Hall. Both are operational.

At the Masonic Learning Center (old Library) repairs to rotted soffits, fascia board, and gutters have been authorized.

Repairs and maintenance completed during the month to the following facilities:

Borough Hall/Library:

- All fire extinguishers were serviced.
- Fire suppression system was inspected.
- Provided First Aid Kits to Community Room and Senior Center.
- Repaired interior automatic door @ Library. Wireless transmitter receiver and push plate was replaced.
- Repaired Flag pole._

Public Safety Building:

- Stripped and waxed floors in Radio Room.
- Replaced ballast in rear east hallway in Fire Dept.
- Repaired Flag pole._
- Replaced broken and salt eroded concrete pad with concrete steps at the Police Dept. employee entrance along with new asphalt in the surrounding area.

The schedule of meetings was as follows:

Community Room	14
Caucus Room	13
Council Chambers	7
Senior Center	10 (not including senior activities)
Lobby	2

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STREETS & SANITATION: Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: All the trees were trim by the Department of Public Works and barricades and cones were set in place as directed by the Police Traffic Division for our annual Memorial Day Parade. The Department of Public Works proudly placed out Flags at Veterans Park, 911/Fireman's Memorial Park, and along the business district honoring our fallen heroes. The sound system, podium and tents - in anticipation of the rainfall - were set up at Veterans Park. However, the parade and ceremony was cancelled at Veterans Park and held at the VFW. The DPW returned all the equipment that was on stand-by.

On June 5, strong winds and heavy rain caused several branches to fall from trees and one large limb fell across a high voltage power line. PSE & G was called in to remove it.

The DPW performed sanitary sewer maintenance on the entire east side of the Boulevard. The west side is also scheduled for maintenance.

On Route 17 South the DPW sewer crew responded to a blockage in the vicinity of Holiday Inn and the White Castle. After assistance from our Police Dept. to close down the highway lanes, the DPW cleared the blockage.

Fourteen Arborvitaes were planted along Route 17 southbound and Hasbrouck Avenue at the location of where a tractor-trailer crashed into a Route 17 office building just north of Williams Avenue. The fence was also demolished and replaced by NJ Department of Transportation.

Pump #2 at the Franklin Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station was rebuilt.

Our DPW employees will be finishing with their series of Hepatitis B shots so as to protect them while handling solid waste (garbage & trash) and when working on sanitary sewers.

As liaison to the Environmental Committee, he noted that the Recycling Center will be open on Saturday, July 2, 2016 in the Central Avenue Parking Lot.

POLICE: Commissioner Lipari gave the following Police Report: Sgt. Alan Baker was assigned to the 8th Grade camping trip as a chaperone to provide added security.

Chief Michael Colaneri attended the HHHS Top Ten Dinner held at the Graycliff on June 2. June 3 was the Sixth Annual B.C. Chief for a Day. HHPD Chief was Jack Oettinger who had a great day with Chief Colaneri. We would like to thank Chief Oettinger for his service and wish him well in his retirement.

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POLICE (cont'd): June 5, Chief Colaneri attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony of Troop 17 held at Woodland Park.

June 6, Capt. Joseph Rinke spoke to the 4th Grade at Lincoln School's Career Day.

June 10 was the Annual Torch Run for Special Olympics . The HHPD raised \$29,000, the most ever! Nearly 300 children from Euclid and Lincoln Schools ran portions of the Run with 14 members of the HHPD. The HHPD Honor Guard along with Chief Colaneri attended the Opening Ceremonies for the Summer Games and the HHPD Honor Guard was selected to be on the Main Stage.

June 13, Chief Colaneri and Capt. Rinke attended the HHHS Awards Ceremony and presented six scholarships to graduates who will be going to school for a career in Criminal Justice.

June 15, the 8th Grade Swim BBQ/Party was held at the HH Swim Club, the kids had a great night of swimming, listening to the DJ and enjoyed burgers, hot dogs and snacks. Chief Colaneri, Capt. Rinke, Lt. Michael Colaneri Jr., Sgt. Baker, Det. Brad Dussault and Ptl. John Cambridge were the chefs and chaperones. We would like to thank the Swim Club and Lodi Shop Rite for their donations.

June 16, Chief Colaneri and Capt. Rinke attended the Bergen County Police Academy Graduation of Ptl. Cambridge, who completed his 21 weeks of training and is now working on his department training.

Parking Violations May: 369 in 2016, 389 in 2015 Moving Violations: 205 in 2016, 227 in 2015.

HEALTH: Commissioner Lipari gave the following Health report:

Annual Food Licenses: All annual licenses for food establishments will be expiring June 30, 2016. Renewal applications were mailed the last week in May and must be returned by June 30. This includes all Retail Food Establishments, Schools, Milk Trucks, Mobiles, Seasonal, Fraternal, Massage Therapy, Barber Shops, Beauty and Nail Salons and Public Pools.

As the warm weather approaches the Board of Health would like to remind all Food Establishments it is prohibited to leave any door or window open for ventilation purposes without the protection of screening. All openings to the outside must be effectively protected against the entrance of insects and rodents.

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Annual Dog Census: The Annual Dog Census began on June 27. Crossing Guards will be making a door-to-door visit to verify that every dog owner received a current 2016 dog license. Dogs seven months of age and over must have a valid rabies vaccination and current dog license for 2016. The Health Dept. asks residents who may not be home to please leave a copy of their current 2016 dog license in a visible place for the crossing guards to see. The guards will be wearing their uniforms and have Borough identification. The census will be conducted between the hours of 4:30 to 8 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions or doubts about the person visiting your home, please contact the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636 or Police Dept. At 201-288-1000.

He continued that the Board of Health gave out doorhangers with information about insects to each home. This was supported by the Mayor and Council. Mayor DeLorenzo noted that the doorhangers contain information on mosquito control, important. He said you brought up about the rabies vaccine, we especially know how important it is to keep up with this, to make sure animals are receiving their vaccine. He noted Mrs. Heck is doing well, but it is important.

No Summer Board of Health Meetings: Just a reminder, there are no scheduled meetings in July and August unless it is necessary. The Board of Health will continue their monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 14.

PARKS: Commissioner Traina gave the following report: The DPW designed and built an area in the southwestern quadrant of the Circle to hang banners for our local organizations displaying their events. Since there are no other approved areas to hang the banners across the Boulevard, this was the most appropriate viewing place. When PSEG forbid us from hanging banners from utility poles, our town trees were then used however over the years the trees have deteriorated and were seen as a liability. Also at the Circle, ornamental Sawgrass was planted inside the five oval beds. The picnic tables at Central Avenue Park playground were painted.

At Woodland Park, a broken irrigation sprinkler head was replaced and the horseshoe pits that were in total disrepair have been completely rebuilt by Steve Daus, DPW mechanic. The asphalt area next to the comfort station was extended as a section had erosion exposing the irrigation system.

Recreation Summer Camp has started and the DPW has placed barricades at the entrances to close off the road to the park while camp is in session. All bathrooms are cleaned and trash is picked up daily prior to start of each day. The Sanitation Department was advised to alter their collection route as to not interfere with the drop off times.

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RECREATION: Commissioner Traina reported the Summer Recreation Program started yesterday and is very successful. Adult Volleyball and Basketball are off for the summer. All Summer Trips are sold out with the exception of Bronx Zoo, Wild West City and Hurricane Harbor.

If you have any questions please call Robert Brady, Director of Recreation at 201-288-4143 or e-mail at hhrec@aol.com

You can also follow the recreation department on Twitter @hhrecreation and Facebook by liking our Facebook page - Hasbrouck Heights Recreation.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor DeLorenzo began his report by thanking Laura Baker and the Community Celebrations Committee for their efforts this past Sunday, he had attended. They had the Patriotic Parade and Celebration for the kickoff for Summer. There was a sno-cone machine and bounce houses. There was a pretty good turnout. He appointed himself to the B.C. Community Development Committee and Sonya Buckman will remain as alternate. He attended the 8th Grade and High School graduations. They did a great job, the staff at the school did a great job. He also attended the Scholarship Ceremony which was nice to see the great achievements that our students have accomplished. The Boulevard Stroll which will continue throughout the Summer was well attended. They will meet with the Chamber over the summer, Councilwoman Buckman s liaison. They will see how we can support that. The DPW did a great job on the parks and getting things together. He wished Officer John Cambridge the best of luck and he asked Capt. Rinke (who was at this meeting) to tell him to stay safe. That concluded his report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
127. Authorizing the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department to Apply and Continue to Participate in the Dept. Of Defense-Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office/1033 Program
 128. Authorizing Renewal of 2016-2017 Liquor License Holders
 129. Authorizing Entry into an Agreement with the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain

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CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd): Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Grant Award for Playground Resilient Surfaces

130. Authorizing Award of Bid for Replacement of Hitchcock Field Perimeter Fence.

131. Authorizing Award of Quote for Radio Maintenance Contract

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried. (Copies attached)

RESOLUTIONS: 132. Authorizing Appointment of Justin A. DiPisa as Municipal Representative and Michael J. Kronyak as Alternate Representative to the Community Development Regional Committee

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 132 which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

133. Authorizing Appointment of Robert Brady as Representative to the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 133 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2359:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTION 234-3 ENTITLED “APPLICABILITY” OF CHAPTER 234 ENTITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO EXTEND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2359 (cont'd):

PROVISIONS OF THAT CHAPTER TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY” 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 Record, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2359 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Former Mayor and Assemblywoman Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, thanked Police Officer Jarett Cooke for coming to her aid last Friday when she and her 5 ½ lb. Toy Yorkie were attacked by an over three foot racoon with Zoey’s head in its mouth. She lifted the animal which she thought was a big dog and pounded it against the pole until it dropped on her foot knocking off her shoe. Her neighbors were alerted by the noise. She saw the huge racoon running down the side of her yard. Since then, two racoons have been captured. Zoey required medical attention and was given a booster shot. Mrs. Heck was taken to HUMC to be treated with rabies vaccine. She thanked the neighbors and friends who have showed her kindness. She said it was a nightmare. She said Eric from the Board of Health was very solicitous and gave her much information. She will write a letter to the editor, (re appointments to Community Development) since 1970 she has been involved with the Community Development Committee, has been chairman for many years and thinks historically she has the most information and experience. She was deeply disappointed, this was not political.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Mayor DeLorenzo was glad to hear she and Zoey are doing well and wished her the best.

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, regarding Resolution No. 130, replacement of the fence around Hitchcock Field. He was a big supporter to the improvements of the field. He was under the impression that the Borough was providing a good financing vehicle for the Board of Education. He has spoken with Ken Job, first if they were improving the fence. Currently many soccer balls come flying over the fence on his side. Mayor DeLorenzo said at the last work session he brought that up, as a window was damaged in a home. Mr. Ellis had asked if they were raising the base, and if not, could they at least put an extension on the Paterson side. Mayor DeLorenzo said he had asked Mr. Job to look into that. Mr. Ellis did not think the fence needed replacing, it was servicable, he asked at the BOE meeting last Thursday what was the cost. He said they had no idea. They did say they were putting an extension behind the goal posts on Paterson Avenue. Mayor DeLorenzo said he agrees to the raising of the fence and adjustment of the height. Regarding price, Mr. Ellis said the BOE is spending money like crazy, and elaborated on that. Mayor DeLorenzo asked Mr. Kronyak to respond, which he said the ordinance was \$600,000 which was replacement of the turf, and fencing. This is a capital ordinance which the Borough does and the project becomes the Borough's. The BOE will reimburse us over a 10 year period, roughly \$59,000 a year. They also paid the \$30,000 down payment. The fencing is the last portion and the resolution on tonight's agenda is for \$57,329.80. Mr. Ellis thought it was the borough lending its good credit rating to the BOE so they could get the financing at a lower cost and they would simply repay the Borough for the note. He did not understand the Borough was assuming the project responsibility.

Josephine Ciocia, 140 Springfield Avenue, in coming through the front doors noticed the railing on the right was out of the cement. Mr. Kronyak said he would check it out.

There being no one else coming forward, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 134. Personnel

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to go into Executive Session which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 8:25 p.m., Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Traina, 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 Regular Meeting held on June 28, 2016.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk