

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

March 15, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2017 at 8:06 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 March 14, 2017 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on March 14, 2017.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Ron Kistner, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilwoman Josephine Ciocia, 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 Mayor DeLorenzo as follows: “St. Patrick’s Prayer: May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us. Against the snares of the evil ones. Against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.”

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Angelo Roccamo advising of resignation of Engine Company 2 member, Elias Perez
 - 2) Invitation to Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2017 at 11 a.m.
 - 3) Invitation to 4th Annual Bergen County Parks EarthFest

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Overpeck on May 20, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4) Borough of Teterboro Adopted Resolution for 2016
Periodic Re-examination of Master Plan & Updated Roster
Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. There being none, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$8,359,897.93, 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 Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(January 10, 2017 Executive Session, January 24, 2017 Executive Session, February 14, 2017 Work Session, February 28, 2017 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Kistner, with Councilman Traina abstaining from the February 14, 2017 Work Session, and otherwise unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 64. Authorizing Bond Anticipation Note
- 65. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
- 66. Authorizing Reappointment of George M. Reggo as Assessor in the Office of Joint Municipal Tax Assessor of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and Township of South Hackensack
- 67. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Rosary Society
- 68. Authorizing Approval of 2017/2018 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
- 69. Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: Elias Perez from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 2

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the foregoing Resignation which was made by Councilman Lipari with regret, seconded by Councilman Traina and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2387:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE AND REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2017 RENT LEVELING ORDINANCE”**” 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 March 28, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2387:

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction which was made by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2381:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**” was continued on public hearing to the meeting of March 28, 2017.

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

Ronald Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, needed an explanation on this ordinance. It was his understanding that if the council takes action, with Mayor DeLorenzo saying they were not taking any action tonight it was to be continued because it was planned to have representatives to answer questions about the program. Mr. Ellis asked if it is passed, does that affect his energy bill in any way. Mayor DeLorenzo said they were only considering is going out to bid to see if there are places we could get energy cheaper. Mr. Ellis said he did not want this, he would do the research himself because he is very happy with the supplier he has. He said let us individually choose our own plans, he did not want to have to opt out of anything.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to continue the Public Hearing on this ordinance to the meeting of March 28, 2017 which was made by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

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

WORK SESSION:

Mayor DeLorenzo announced the meeting would go directly into the Work Session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 March 15, 2017.

Rose Marie Sees