

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

March 28, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 8:06 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 January 4, 2017 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2017.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Ron Kistner, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilwoman Josephine Ciocia, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, 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: Councilwoman Link gave the Invocation as follows: “Spring, a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and others we question why. Some changes we plan and other arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective for expectation, hope, and revival.

“May the sunlight and the rain be reminders of Your work renewing this earth and our lives together. Opening our eyes an awakening us to new life and surroundings.

“In gathering here tonight, may our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding an Your wisdom. We seek to serve with respect for all. May our personal faiths give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us. Help us to engage in meaningful discussions and guide us with Your wisdom in making decisions that are best for all in our community. We ask these things in your name, Amen.”

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PROCLAMATION:

Mayor DeLorenzo read the following proclamation recognizing March 2017 as American Red Cross Month:

WHEREAS, each President of the United States since Harry S. Truman has proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month – a special time to recognize our heroes – those who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses, or provide financial donations to support an organization whose mission is to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, Red Cross volunteers – our Country’s Everyday Heroes – help families find shelter after a home fire; they give blood to trauma victims and cancer patients; they deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital; they use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking; and they enable children round the globe to be vaccinated against measles and Rubella; and

WHEREAS, across the country, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters big and small a year (about one response every eight minutes); it collects and distributes about 40 percent of the Nation’s blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans, and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission and despite these challenging economic times, the American Red Cross continues to offer help and comfort to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, New Jersey do hereby proclaim March 2017 as “American Red Cross Month” in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and encourages all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Dated: March 28, 2017

*s/Mayor John DeLorenzo
and Members of the Council*

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Sean O’Malley and Michael O’Malley as New Jersey State Wrestling Champions

Mayor DeLorenzo, Recreation Commissioner DiPisa, Deputy Recreation Commissioner Ciocia, H.S. Wrestling Coach Craig Messery and Assistant Wrestling Coach Bill Spindler presented the following certificates:

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PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Sean O'Malley: 2016 New Jersey State Wrestling Championship - 6th Place
2017 New Jersey State Wrestling Championship - 6th Place

Michael O'Malley: 2015 New Jersey State Wrestling Championship - 5th Place
2016 New Jersey State Wrestling Championship - 2nd Place
2017 New Jersey State Wrestling Championship - 3rd Place

Councilman Kistner commended Sean and Michael on their championships and good sportsmanship.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting and March 15, 2017 Work Session)*

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilwoman Ciocia abstaining as she was absent, and otherwise unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$1,438,057.21 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Commissioner Kistner began his report by noting that on March 13, a Monday night, the Corpus Christi DARE Graduation was held. Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Baker and Mayor DeLorenzo attended. He was unable to due to the pending snowstorm. He

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reported Pt. Rossilo checking a suspicious person early in the mornings who was going into cars, he contacted the Detectives who arrested the individual. He congratulated him and the department. The Department has been recertified in CPR. He noted that a few weeks ago his aunt was visiting who experienced a heart issue and the police who responded did a great job in helping her. Pt. Donohue as the SRO attended the Hasbrouck Heights Junior Formal the other night which was a great success. Capt. Joe Rinke was honored as Deputy SWAT Commander for the Bergen County Regional SWAT Team. Two other officers, Lt. Colaneri Jr. and Det. John Behr are SWAT members and trained last week.

PUBLIC WORKS: Commissioner Kistner gave excerpts of the following report from the Department of Public Works. He has received numerous compliments from residents on the great snow removal and congratulated the Department:

March 13, the DPW applied salt brine to the Borough roads in anticipation of Nor'easter Stella.

March 14, at approximately 2AM, four of our salt spreader trucks were dispatched to salt the roadways. At 4AM the entire plow fleet was sent out to clear the roads (push of the snow). The DPW plowed the roads for 13 hours. A total of 10-inches of snow fell on our town.

March 15/16/17 the DPW then switched to snow removal mode clearing piles from Lincoln and Euclid Schools and salting all High School Parking Lots. Then all snow was cleared from the Boulevard Business District followed by snow removal from the Church areas. Snow was also removed from the Borough's Parking lots. As a courtesy to residents and to allow safe passage for the students that walk to school, Burton and Oak Grove Avenues corners were cleared of snow.

The following activities were performed by the Department of Public Works:

Employees of DPW Tree Division were sent to Rutgers University for training on pruning techniques and hazardous identification. Public Service Forestry Division is in town trimming limbs from the high voltage wires. Stormwater Information Flyers were sent to all residents via The Gazette as required by the NJDEP State Law. Six tons of cold patch winter mix was used to repair potholes. Hot asphalt plants are planning to be operational the 2nd week in April.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Annual inspection of fire extinguishers in all Borough facilities.

Replaced roller bearings on main gate @ DPW.

Replaced toilet bowl @ DPW.

All toilet paper dispensers were replaced in all Borough facilities by our vendor at no cost to our Borough. The upgrade is more cost effective.

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PARKS

At Woodland Park leaves were removed by the DPW. The contractors had taken out the leaves and placed them outside of the playground area.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Community Room – 18
Caucus Room -- 15
Council Chambers -- 9
Senior Center -- 8 (not including Senior activities)

TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Link reported the Senior Bus activity in March took seniors to Shop Rite every Wednesday and every Friday to StopnShop. There were 118 individual rides given. They also took on the mid-month Tuesday to Saddle Brook Walmart and mid-month Thursday to Bergen Towne Center. April calendars include again Wednesdays to Shop Rite and Fridays to StopnShop can be found in the Senior Center or contact the Borough Clerk.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Councilwoman Ciocia reported there were 104 visitors to the Food Pantry from February 27, 2017 through March 20, 2017. The pantry is operational only because of the generous donations received on a continuing basis from the local churches, civic organizations, Scout troops, School and PTA food drives and the many, many generous residents.

Donations are being dropped off at the Borough Clerk's office every day. Thank you to Corpus Christi Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, First Reformed Church, Boy Scouts Food Drive, Mary Carney, John Rizzo, George, the DeNigris Family, Josephine McClean, Lyda, Elenor Langevin, Rosemary Smith, Lynn Petronella, Trippodo Family and Euclid Masonic Lodge.

We appreciate the following volunteers who supervise the food pantry on a rotating basis. They are Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Warren Nelson, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Madeline deVelasco, Janice Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Audrey Gall, Dorothy Petroulas and Kathy Kammerer. Thank you all for your time and support. We have also been most fortunate to have children who volunteer their time each week from the Felician School and do a wonderful job of stocking the shelves. All donations are very much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As **Library** liaison, Councilwoman Ciocia reported the Library Board of Trustees met on March 21st. The Library circulated a total of 10,675 items, 7,517 people walked through the doors, 1,596 packages were forwarded to other libraries, total library card holders to

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Library (cont'd):

date is 6,037. The Library was awarded the 2017 Hall of Frogs Most Loved Library in South Bergen, this is a national network of local community guides for parents. The Library asks that you mark your calendar for the Centennial Club Kickoff which will be held Saturday, May 6 at 10 a.m.

As **Environmental Commission** liaison, she reported that the 13th Annual Environmental Poster Contest open to students in Grades K thru 3rd Grade. You must be a Hasbrouck Heights student public or private. There will be four winners in each grade level. Deadline for all entries is April 13. Winners will be recognized at the May 9th Mayor and Council meeting and will receive a flowering plant from Bill O'Shea's Florist. She also announced that this Saturday, April 1st, a Shredding Event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Central Avenue parking lot.

FINANCE: Finance Commissioner DiPisa read the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at February 28th was \$6,833,147.36 and at January 31st was \$3,927,401.72 which represents an increase of \$2,905,745.64. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of February totaled \$8,062,062.74 of which \$7,835,368.25 was for Current Taxes, \$62,788.75 was for Delinquent Taxes and \$163,905.74 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of February totaled \$5,156,317.10 of which \$2,599,728.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$1,114,051.83 was for County Taxes, \$606,812.69 was for Salaries and \$835,724.58 was for Other Expenses.

The 2017 budget is being introduced tonight with the public hearing scheduled for April 25, 2017, at 8:00 pm in the council chambers. The budget as introduced is within all "Caps" and will result in an increase in the Local Purpose Tax from \$14,275,719.58 in 2016 to \$14,309,946.54 in 2017, an increase of \$34,226.96. This represents a 0.24 % increase in the Amount to be Raised for the Municipal Budget. A detailed memo was sent to all members of the council regarding the budget and a copy will be posted on the Borough's website. The CFO will be ready to answer any questions at the public hearing in April. We do not have final numbers on the School and County tax requirements so an accurate estimate of their impact cannot be made at this time.

The agenda also includes an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank." This ordinance does not automatically increase the amount of spending allowed but it does allow for the amount of the "Cap" increase not appropriated to be retained for the next two succeeding years, this is commonly known as the "Cap Bank."

Report on Bond Anticipation Note Sale

The Borough accepted bids on short term borrowing known as a Bond Anticipation Note on March 15th. The amount of the note borrowed is \$5,707,000.00. Six bids were received with the most favorable net interest rate of 1.19% submitted by TD Bank. The note will mature on March 24, 2018, at which time the principal and net interest in the amount of \$67,724.65 will be due.

RECREATION: Commissioner DiPisa did not have a report but noted Recreation Director Rob Brady was attending the All County Track dinner this evening.

FIRE: Commissioner Lipari reported from a report submitted by Liz Waring that from February 16 through March 15 there were 73 EMS calls, with 313 personnel. There were 29 fire incidents, with 279 personnel.

HEALTH: Commissioner Lipari gave the following report prepared by Board of Health (BOH) Secretary Laura French:

AARP Driving Course: The BOH has scheduled another AARP Safe Driving Court on Monday, March 27 in Borough Hall. Because of the large turnout from previous classes, AARP agreed to come back for another class. The cost is \$15 for AARP Members and \$20 for non members. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two-point reduction from your driver's license and a five percent deduction on car insurance premiums.

Blood Screening Program: The BOH will be hosting their Annual Blood Screening Program on Thursday, April 20 in the senior center from 9-11 a.m. The program is an excellent opportunity to check on your bod's internal wellness. Cost is \$26 in cash only for a Blood Chemistry Profile, which will consist of a Chem. 23, Lipid Profile, CBC and T4 (Thyroid). A copy of the results will be sent directly to your private medical doctor and another mailed to the participant. Additional screenings will be available.

The program is available to everyone. Registration and payment must be made in advance at the BOH from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A 12-hour fasting period is require.

Annual 5K Run and Fun Walk: The BOH is planning its 5th Annual 5K Run and Fun Walk on Sunday, April 23. The 5K Run is to help raise scholarship funds for town residents. The Race will begin at 9 a.m. at Borough Hall on Central Ave., To register please go to www.runsignup.com.

If you or someone you know would like to donate supplies and gifts to the participating

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runners please contact the BOH . Our goal is to donate 100% of race proceeds to the various programs.

Health Consultation Program: The BOH provides a monthly Health Consultation Program on the second Wednesday of each month in the Senior Center. Services include health history evaluation, blood pressure screening, height and weight measurements, individualized counseling and education about community and health resources with a public health nurse. If you have any questions please contact the H.A.R.P. Nurses at 551-996-2038.

Prohibiting of Feeding Wild or Stray Animals: The BOH would like to remind residents that is prohibited to feed any wild or stray animal on any property, public or private in Hasbrouck Heights. Animals such as feral cats, raccoons, possums and groundhogs have fleas and ticks and could carry rabies. By feeding wild or stray animals you are attracting these animals into your neighborhood and making it unsafe for your family, neighbors and their pets. Wild animals have a natural instinct that can be dangerous. They may bite or scratch without warning. If you should see someone feeding wild or stray animals please contact the BOH at 201-288-1636.

LAND USE: Commissioner Lipari gave a report prepared by Dorothy Bernice, Building Department Secretary: Total fees collected which also include local permits us UC Code permits totaled \$13,797. 140 UCC inspections were done during the past month with a 90.7% passing rate on the first inspection. There were three plan reviews for commercial renovations completed, two Zoning Compliance Applications for new businesses were submitted with one approval and one denial and eight certificates of occupancy (CO) inspections were completed for the sale of existing homes.

The Property Maintenance Inspector received 24 complaint notices and issued four warnings after conducting 12 conversations with residents on how to comply with borough ordinances regarding maintaining their property.

The Zoning Board met on March 23 and heard the application of Charles and Victoria Viola who recently purchased the undeveloped lot at 202 Terrace Avenue. They requested relief from the driveway ordinance which prohibits circular driveways and two curb cuts on a lot. The board granted the application because Terrace Avenue is a busy street and the Hamilton Avenue intersection is almost directly in front of the house. Also taken into account was the fact that the driveways will be 49 feet apart which is a lot size for most houses. The Board deemed it would be safer to be driving out of the driveway than to back out into traffic

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LAND USE (cont'd):

Just a reminder! As noted on the Borough Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar Trash may not be put at the curbside before sunset or 7 pm whichever occurs earlier on the day prior to your scheduled collection day. A summons will be issued in accordance with Ordinance 152-5-B Article 6 Resolution 51. The summons may be issued by the Police Department or the Property Maintenance Inspector.

Councilman Lipari said with the closing of The Observer after 91 years, no longer will we receive notice of existing events such as Council Meeting reports, death notices, etc. He wished them, but will miss not receiving it every Thursday. Farewell and thank you to a good newspaper.

TECHNOLOGY: Commissioner Traina reported the backup update was successfully completed. This past month they purchased a new website name and borough e-mails and plan on updating to make more user friendly. They are looking into a wi-fi extender for Borough Hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor DeLorenzo reported he attended the DARE ceremony at Corpus Christi with the Police Department and members of Corpus Christi. He also congratulated Capt. Rinke on his new position at the County SWAT Team. He mentioned he also was sorry to see The Observer go. He enjoyed seeing what everyone was up to around town. He remembered in 1970s his great grandmother's rice pudding was put in there. He also liked to see birthdays, his kids and their friends pictures. He also said thank you to everyone who put the effort over the years and for their many years of service to the people of Hasbrouck Heights.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 72. Self Examination of Budget
 - 73. Authorizing Compliance with IRS Code with Regard to Bond Anticipation Note of March 24, 2017
 - 74. Authorizing Tax Reimbursement Certification with regard to Tonnage Grants
 - 75. Authorizing the Immediate Correction of Certain Property Maintenance Code Violations upon Premises known and designated as Lot 11 in Block 112 Commonly Known as 436 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ and owned by George and

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

Cecile Mayfield

76. Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers
77. Authorizing Return of Performance Guarantee for Home2 Suites by Hilton, 377 Route 17 South
78. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2388:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE YEAR 2017 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 April 11, 2017.

CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak gave a brief overview of the budget introduced this evening. He said as was mentioned this is not the night for questions or public hearing on the budget, just introduction. He gave some statistical analysis. The ordinance we just introduced is giving us the ability to exceed the CAP as established by law. We are under the CAP. Doing the ordinance only has the effect of establishing a Bank that may be used in the future if needed. The 2% Levy Cap may be tough to get under, but we are probably about \$385,000 under that CAP. The total levy this year is up by \$34,000 a quarter of 1 percent. It amounts to roughly \$7.50 on the average house assessed at \$374,900 established by the new rolling reassessment. One of the goals was to get a 100% ratio, we just got yesterday a preliminary equalization, we are at 100%. The local tax on the average house last year was \$3,182.90. It is estimated to be \$3,190.40. From a revenue standpoint roughly \$120,000 in decreased revenues equates to one tax point. The hearing is scheduled for April 25, anyone can come in to ask questions. Within the next couple of days the budget will be transmitted to Trenton, as well as another document the User Friendly Budget that makes a comparison with other towns. We wait for approval from the Division of Local Government Services to adopt. What we will be

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waiting for ultimately will be confirmation of State Aid, the County of Bergen will have to

Budget (cont'd):

certify the rates for school, county and local which gives one big tax rate and gives the ability to generate tax bills.

RESOLUTIONS: 79. Introduction of 2017 Budget

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

APPOINTMENTS: Paul Rizzo as Hasbrouck Heights Substitute Crossing Guard

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the following appointment which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilwoman Ciocia, 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**” 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo invited Lisa Hibbs from Commercial Utility Consultants to give some information on the program.

Mark LoGrippe, who works for the Board of Public Utilities, was present to support Ms. Hibbs, noting that the program is sanctioned by the State, that the industry was deregulated in 1999 and over the past years he has seen progression in third party energy suppliers.

Lisa Hibbs, said they brought this program to the Borough for consideration for savings

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for residents. As an aggregate body, they get lower pricing than through an

ORDINANCE NO. 2381 (cont'd):

independent third party contract and there is consumer protection, one being a fixed flat rate for the entire length of the term. There is also the ability to make a decision to move forward with the program or not. By adopting the ordinance tonight it does not mandate you to move forward with an energy aggregation program, it just allows you to do that in the future which is by statute. Mayor DeLorenzo wanted to be clear that all we are doing tonight is authorizing CUC to go out and seek bids so we can determine the percentage. We would have to again move forward at a later date to actually enter the program. Ms. Hibbs said you don't even have to give her permission to go out to bid until we were ready. The State goes out to auction every February, they select the State suppliers for all programs, so unless you opted out to onto a third party contractor on your own, everyone is still involved, prices are set, chosen, all takes effect in June. CUC competes against that by taking a smaller aggregate population out to auction. Mayor DeLorenzo said then depending on the rate that is when we determine whether we want to go in and if we did choose to, how long. Ms. Hibbs said going out to auction does not mean you have to agree, you can reject everything and go out to auction at a later date, receive greater savings, as many times as need to until you are satisfied with the savings that would be obtained for your residents. She noted a municipality cannot profit from this nor participate in the program, it is purely for residents and also designed to not cost the municipality any money.

Councilman Lipari said he had asked many questions previously. He asked how they were going to try to obtain the lower prices on electric from PSEG. Ms. Hibbs explained that on second reading of the ordinance, it allows the Mayor and Clerk to authorize them to obtain summary usage data from PSEG for your residents which includes number of households, number of kilowatt hours, for the past 12 months, aggregate data. That information is shared with interested party suppliers who want to participate in the auction. At the time of the blind auction, the information is brought back to council who decides if they want to move forward or not. At that point a letter of agreement is entered with the supplier which are signed, and a 30-day opt out period begins, public outreach begins, there is a six-page mailer that goes out to residents which includes an opt out for those who do not want to participate, public outreach meetings are held where they can also opt out as well, there is a website and 800 number in Butler, NJ which is strictly for opt out only. There is also an 800 number for questions. Video recordings of the public outreach meetings for posting on municipality's website and there is also a link of their which would have a specific page to your program for residents to see. There is also a savings tool that once the program gets rolling, a resident could log in and see their savings by month and savings to date with the program. They offer a guarantee, so if the default rate drops below the program rate, tell the third party they have to beat that rate. Mayor DeLorenzo said basically if the rate

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goes below the rate we have, we can go back to the bottom rate, it cannot go up.

ORDINANCE NO. 2381 (cont'd):

Councilman Lipari asked Ms. Hibbs to explain to the public how they were going to obtain the electric kw from the homeowners. She said once you decide to move forward and sign a contract, PSEG will forward the information to the third party supplier. There are confidentiality contingencies in the agreement which is not discoverable through an OPRA request.

Councilman Lipari asked how they would address the residents who have a third party at the present time who will not change their utility company. Ms. Hibbs said the statute prohibits them from pulling into the program to avoid any penalties for them.

Councilman Kistner asked that any individual can do this on their own, she said yes.

Councilman DiPisa said many of the towns involved in the program, from what he saw are very similar to our town in terms of population, size. Ms. Hibbs said the opt out process is as simple as possible, in the initial mailing there is a post card which includes the resident's name and coded to that resident. They only have to sign, date and mail, or call the 800 number, or at any outreach program. Other points brought out there is savings in numbers and there is also budget billing.

Councilwoman Ciocia asked if they would give rates based on everyone's home, even if only a quarter lock in. Ms. Hibbs said yes once you are locked into that contract the rate stays. Councilwoman Ciocia asked that a yes vote on this ordinance is a yes only to do the study, which was answered yes.

Councilwoman Link asked how they get paid. Ms. Hibbs said that once you sign a contract with a third party supplier, that rate is built in that per killowatt hour. All of that information will be in the RFP and supplier services agreement which must be approved by the BPU and Division of Rate Council.

Ronald Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, was not in favor of it. He said when the ordinance is passed and you begin the process of what the rates are, the Mayor and Council can then sign a contract and lock this in. Mayor DeLorenzo said that is not true, basically it is a two stage process, they need our permission to get a rate. Once we have the rate then we decide if we go forward with a new ordinance to move forward. Mr. Ellis asked how cumbersome is the process with her company to opt out as opposed to other third party companies. Ms. Hibbs said the statute requires them to offer one of three, they offer all three. Mr. Ellis also asked if the municipality cannot participate, he was told yes, it is purely residential. Mayor DeLorenzo said with this ordinance we are not committed, we can still go either way.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2381 (cont'd):

Councilwoman Ciocia said if we vote yes tonight, asked if the outreach programs will begin quickly, she would like to see the pulse of the community. Mayor DeLorenzo said we first have to get the numbers, if they are not good, we will not go forward.

Councilman DiPisa said this is really fact finding, if the residents say they don't want it, we will not do it.

Ron DiBisceglie, 101 Paterson Avenue, asked if they were going to come back to us. Mayor DeLorenzo said we will have the community outreach programs and take that under consideration. Ms. Hibbs said the State Statute said a contract cannot be for longer than two years.

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

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa with the council making the following statements before voting:

Councilman Kistner appreciated the efforts of the Mayor and Council, and feels it is the purpose to save residents money, but in regards to this it is not something he wanted to do, he did not feel it the responsibility of this board and voted No.

Councilwoman Link said she understands it is factfinding, she feels it is not government's position to make a decision for all without hearing from all, she would love it if it was an opt in and people could do their homework and decide, she has no problem for voting for fact finding, but would not go for the next one. She voted Yes.

Councilwoman Ciocia based on that it is a fact finding procedure, she voted Yes, but no guarantees on anything else. She looks forward to the outreach for the community.

Councilman DiPisa said he is interested in what the savings will be, so he said Yes, noting this was just a step, not the conclusion.

Councilman Lipari said what sold him was that the rates will go down and not stuck with a fixed rate for two years and they can opt out. He voted Yes.

Councilman Traina said our role is to get information, he voted Yes. The ordinance was

approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

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”**” 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.

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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.

Mike Cappadonna, 156 Franklin Avenue, a member of the Hasbrouck Heights Little League Board announced that Little League will be holding Opening Day on April 8, 2017 and requested permission for the Little League participants in the Opening Day Parade to be able to line up in the Central Avenue Parking Lot. He also invited the Mayor and Council to the Little League Field Complex for Opening Day festivities and to the Little League Breakfast on Sunday, April 9 at the VFW.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the request for the Central Avenue Parking Lot which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

Yvonne Hassett, member of Mid-Bergen Rotary, commended what Councilman Kistner said to the young men. She was here to invite everyone to take part in the “CPR

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Anytime” a free presentation on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hasbrouck Heights Library. She enumerated the many activities and donations they have made to the community.
MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont’d):

Ronald Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, commended the DPW on doing a fantastic job in snow removal.

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 Traina, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:39 p.m., Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Regular Meeting held on March 28, 2017.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk