

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 24, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 200 Division Avenue, corner of the Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Torre was absent as he attended the High School Graduation. In his place Council President Heeren 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 1, 2003 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 1, 2003.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilman Andrew Link III,
Councilman Herbert D. Heeren, Councilman DiPisa, Councilman
Pepe, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro

Absent: Mayor William J. Torre, Councilman John Wassberg

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner of State Department of Environmental Protection regarding the bear population and procedures for response.
2. 2002 Annual Report of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
3. Letter from Alan Graf and Salvatore Anicito of Teterboro Chrysler Plymouth, Little Ferry with regard to car dealerships on Industrial Avenue.

It was asked if Governing Body wishes to have any particular item read into the record or if there is a motion to waive the reading of any item of correspondence at length into the record and to accept the correspondence and place the same on file.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$137,324.03 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefore.

Signed Herbert D. Heeren
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE, STREETS & TRANSPORTATION, SANITATION AND PARKS:

Under Streets, Councilman Link reported four storm drains have settled lower than the road surface and will be repaired as soon as possible by the DPW. They are also cleaning the sanitary trunk lines throughout the Borough. Completed are lines going north from the Circle to Madison Avenue and all should be completed by the end of the summer. Under Parks, nine brick pavers are to be installed. Applications are still available by calling the Borough Clerk. Under Finance, Deputy Commissioner Link reported that the Current Fund Balance as of May 31, 2003 was \$3,341,166.25 and at April 30, 2003 was \$2,114,062.01, an increase of \$1,227,104.24, with the entire balance invested and earning approximately 1.75%. Cash receipts for the month of May totaled \$3,910,569.93 of which \$3,793,611.59 was for Current Taxes, \$24,425.87 was for Delinquent Taxes, and \$92,532.47 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of May totaled \$2,683,465.69 of which \$1,213,929.17 was Local School Taxes, \$629,581 was County Taxes, \$403,578.52 for Salaries and \$436,377 for other expenses. He continued that the 2003 Budget is still on hold pending Extraordinary Aid application. The Finance Committee is continuing to look at all line items. If needed, estimated tax bills or Tax Anticipation Notes are being investigated.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

Commissioner Heeren reported 15 office interviews held, with one placement in the East Rutherford Senior Housing and one in the Veterans home in Paramus. Referrals

SOCIAL SERVICES (CONT'D):

were made to various County social service departments and Certificates for food and clothing were distributed to needy families. Donations of baby formula from a local physician and Holy Trinity Lutheran donated food items were accepted.

FIRE AND HEALTH:

Under Health, Deputy Commissioner DiPisa gave the following report for May: 14 births recorded, 5 male, 9 female; burial permits 52; certified transcripts 402; marriage 8; funeral directors requests 394; Fees collected: burial permits, \$47; certified transcripts, \$2,010; food licenses and late fees, \$515; marriage licenses, \$112; with total fees collected \$3,919. Dog licenses, \$965, with \$500 of this for late fees. Total deaths recorded 57, residents in town 5, residents out of town 7; non resident 45. Food licenses issued 4, marriage licenses 5, marriages recorded 9; and a total of 78 calls to the office. Under Fire, Commissioner DiPisa gave the Fire report for May: Fire Calls: Hasbrouck Heights, 25 calls, year to date 268; Teterboro 12, year to date 65; mutual aid 1, year to date 12; total for the month 38, year to date 345. Ambulance calls for May: Hasbrouck Heights, 85, year to date 646; Teterboro, 17, year to date 86; mutual aid, 7, year to date 95; total 109, year to date 827. He reported that on June 1 the department had traveled to Middletown for training with active fires.

PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Under the Municipal Complex, Councilman Pepe reported a lot of loose ends are being finished, the outdoor lights are being tested which are necessary for a certificate of occupancy. Sod put down, per the general contractor; sprinkler systems are being investigated, brick pavers along the curb and library plaza to be installed soon. A target date of August 1 is projected. The Public Safety Building has three quarters of structural steel installed. He reminded residents that Central Avenue is no longer a through street.

LAND USE, RECREATION AND POLICE:

Under Land Use, Councilwoman Verrastro reported in May there were 100 permits issued. She reminded residents to obtain permits before starting any construction and to know your contractor. No contractor signs are allowed on lawns Under Recreation, summer camp will run from June 30 to Aug. 8 in Woodland Park. She asked parents to use caution when dropping off their children, to make sure each child is signed in and out. Under Police, she reported 924 calls to the Police Department. She read some thank you letters, one for security for the Senior Prom. Two hundred children participated in the Bicycle Marathon on Memorial Weekend. She commended Lt. DeLorenzo and Patrolman Lange who attended the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. and Patrolman Lange who attended the 7th grade trip. The police department

LAND USE, RECREATION & POLICE:

sponsored a program using the Fatal Vision goggles. The Hasbrouck Heights High School Students Against Drunk Driving sponsored a simulated DWI crash. Over \$18,000 was raised for Special Olympics. She reminded residents that school is out and to be cautious when driving. Regarding Teterboro Airport, she reported Indigo Airlines was banned from charter flights.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Councilman Heeren reported on various activities held during May and June. The anti drug council concert to be held on June 20 was canceled due to weather and was rescheduled for June 27. The dedication of the Veterans Memorial Walkway was held on June 14. The Masonic Temple honored the ten top scholars and class president and guests at a dinner. A Bergen County Cancer Walk was held at the athletic field the weekend of June 14. He also commended those involved with the Bicycle Marathon. The fireworks display will be held July 2 at the athletic field. Upcoming events include a Senior Picnic on July 10 and Town Day on Sept. 27.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 114. Authorizing Contract for 2003 with the County of Bergen Department of Health Services (*This was held until Borough Attorney's review*)
 - 115. Supporting State Assembly Bill A3323 Re:
Acceptance of College Credits for Firefighters
 - 116. Authorizing Change Order #2 for Ottawa Avenue
 - 117. Approving and Adopting the Standard Tort Claim Notice
 - 118. Governing Body's Appointments to Community
 - 119. Renewal of 2003-2004 Liquor License Holders

RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D):

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copy attached).

As authorization a Petition for Relief from the NJ Division of ABC had not been received for the pocket license for The Ground Round, Inc., a motion was made indicating the governing body has no objection to the Ground Round request for Petition for relief for one license term.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Pepe, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 184-3 ENTITLED “PROHIBITED NOISES ENUMERATED” OF CHAPTER 184 ENTITLED “NOISE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** was 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 July 8, 2003.

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Heeren voting Nay (his feeling was that all Federal holidays should be observed), the foregoing Ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

Council President Heeren opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2001.

Gilbert Hunt, 117 Henry Street, noting that when this was brought before the Planning Board several months ago, the majority of that board opposed this ordinance. He asked that a meeting be held with the Planning Board to discuss further. The Borough Attorney explained there seemed to be some communication with that board, that a statutory environmental commission was established in October 2002 and when that board met, they did not want to be an autonomous body, only an advisory board, therefore this amendment was advised which did not place this body under land use.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (CONT'D):

He had prepared a resolution for adoption to this effect. After further discussion, this was held to the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001:

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**” be now continued on public hearing.

On a motion by Councilman Pepe, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Continued Public Hearing was continued.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Charles Lesho, 54 Summit Street, regarding the road project, asked for the borough engineer who is only present at the first meeting of the month. He was concerned about which residents wanted the barrier free corners that the added asphalt was not correcting the ponding. Mr. Lesho was advised that the punch list items were not completed as yet. The engineer would be consulted.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, presented for review the proposed Referendum question for the upcoming election regarding Teterboro Airport and the Coalition. She had not received any further word regarding a noise monitor, was told that this needed clearance from the Airport Manager which had not been received as yet.

Tom Meli, 50 Central Avenue, regarding the Farmer’s Market, that the Bergen County Senior Services would be handing out the \$20 coupons to seniors to spend at the Farmer’s Market. This will be held in August. He has begun work on the Holiday Parade with six bands scheduled and Santa to be housed in the Municipal Building.

Marlene Verrastro made mention that the Planning Board meeting has been changed to July 1.

Chief Colaneri requested use of the bus for the Junior Police Academy trip to the Police and Fire Academy in Mahwah on June 30. A motion was made by Councilman Link and seconded by Councilman Pepe with permission granted.

RECESS:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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 24, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk