

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 23, 2003

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Torre 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 September 3, 2003 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on September 3, 2003.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor William J. Torre, Councilman Andrew Link III, Councilman Herbert D. Heeren, Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Pepe, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro, Councilman John Wassberg

Absent: None

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

PETITIONS: None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$124,670.46 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 Councilwoman Verrastro, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

STREETS & TRANSPORTATION AND SANITATION:

Under Streets, Councilman Link reported to correct a flooding condition at the intersection of Franklin and Woodside Avenues, a catch basin and 35 feet of pipe was installed at the southeast corner of the intersection and was connected into the Lodi drainage system. The recent storm Isabel caused two borough trees to be blown down and many limbs broken off a number of trees. Approximately 18 trees were severely damaged and will be removed. Under Sanitation, all equipment was functioning.

FINANCE, HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under Finance, Commissioner Heeren had no formal report. He did report that the bond sale had been held last Thursday with the bid awarded to Roosevelt and Cross with a net average interest rate of 3.815. Under Health, Commissioner Heeren reported the flu shots will be given out on November 4. He gave the following report for August: 7 births recorded, 4 male and 3 female; burial permits 45; certified transcripts 348; marriage 20, death 4; funeral directors requests 324; Fees collected: burial permits, \$45; certified transcripts, \$1,740; food licenses and late fees, \$150; marriage licenses, \$140; with total fees collected \$2,078. Dog licenses, \$112, with \$20 of this for late fees. Total deaths recorded 51, residents in town 2, residents out of town 8; non resident 41. Food licenses issued 2, with one for a sidewalk café; marriage licenses 5, marriages recorded 13; and a total of 64 calls to the office. Under Social Services, Commissioner Heeren reported there were 10 interviews during the month of August, with referrals to various agencies. Food certificates were handed out to those in need.

FIRE:

Under Fire, Councilman DiPisa gave the Fire report for August: Fire Calls: Hasbrouck Heights, 34 calls, year to date 345; Teterboro 18, year to date 97; mutual aid 2, year to date 19; total for the month 54, year to date 461. Ambulance calls for August: Hasbrouck Heights, 99, year to date 893; Teterboro, 16, year to date 119; mutual aid, 12, year to date 121; total 127, year to date 1,133. He noted that the Fire Department will be represented at Town Day. Under Public Facilities, he invited all Hasbrouck Heights organizations to contact the borough clerk to hold meetings in the new Municipal Complex beginning after October 18, 2003, the ribbon cutting.

PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Pepe reported library shelving has been delivered and being installed. A professional company will move books and records, with the library being closed for one week before opening. The senior center is basically set up except for last minute items. The community room has furniture and ready for use. Security and safety access are the only issues. The Public Safety Complex exterior and roof are almost complete. The interior is moving well. A

PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):

juncture has been reached as to whether complete the fire or police first with the lease on the temporary fire headquarters almost ended. The utilities may be the stumbling block in hold ups. The police chief has been in contact with Verizon and that dual services should not be a problem. Some pending problems are soil borings for the antenna. Until this report is received, the footings for the transformer and generator are on hold.

LAND USE & RECREATION:

Under Land Use, Commissioner Verrastro reported that the Planning Board held a special meeting last Wednesday with a very busy meeting scheduled for Oct. 1. She reminded residents to get permits when doing any kind of construction to insure that the contractors are reliable. Under Recreation, she announced some upcoming events including Town Day which is now run by this department and the various programs that have started or will begin very soon. Volunteers are needed and should contact Mr. Brady. She announced that students who must complete community service, can volunteer as coaches, etc. Six north Bergen County towns have joined the Coalition for Public Health and Safety, and this organization will have a table at Town Day.

POLICE AND PARKS:

Under Police, Commissioner Wassberg commended the department for not missing a beat with the previous black out. Portable signs and barriers were placed at all stop light locations. No accidents were caused by the lack of lighting. Statistics for the month of August include 140 9-1-1 calls, 58 traffic accidents resulting in 15 injuries, two DWI related. Summonses were 13, unlicensed drivers 3, no license and registration 4, fictitious plates 3, unregistered vehicles 5, suspended or driving on the revoked list 6, DWI 5, which brings a total of 54 for the year; overnight parking 164 summonses.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Torre began his report by announcing that he will be having office hours in his new office beginning Oct. 14 and every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 p.m. thereafter prior to the council meetings. He attended a very important Freeholder meeting last week regarding Teterboro Airport. Between the Port Authority and the Hackensack Meadowlands Commission, a total of \$450,000 has been given to conduct the airport study. The County has been asked by Freeholder Tedesco's Resolution to give \$500,000 for this effort considering the County represents 72 towns. He also asked the freeholders to pass a resolution to demand a curfew at the airport. Councilwoman Verrastro announced that the borough of Hasbrouck Heights has a referendum for the question on the Nov. 4 ballot regarding the hours and support of the Coalition as do six other Bergen County towns and she asked for support. He was advised by Senator

REPORT OF MAYOR (cont'd):

Coniglio that the borough will be receiving a grant for municipal improvements from Port Authority (not airport related). He announced that the Dedication of the Municipal Complex and Senior Center will be held on October 18 at 2 p.m. The library dedication will be at a later date. He reported that the borough is in receipt of the arbitrator's award with regard to the borough and the police union, which is in favor of the borough. He would be signing the union contract very soon. It was the first time in many years that a third party opted for the borough. He praised the police department and said it was this council's responsibility to insure for long term that salaries and benefits are kept in check as they are a major municipal portion of the budget. He mentioned that the borough offices would welcome community service hours of students.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 158. Raffle Licenses for Concerned Parents Association of Corpus Christi

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 159. Property Tax Reimbursement Program
 - 160. Endorsing CD Application #1 - Elevator in Public Safety Complex
 - 161. Endorsing CD Application #2 - Barrier Free Curbs
 - 162. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 1998 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 28, 2003 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 AND 15 AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF PREMISES KNOWN AS**

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 (cont'd):

LOT 20 IN BLOCK 58 BEING MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY AT 301 DIVISION AVENUE TO THE THIRTY SECOND DEGREE MASONIC LEARNING CENTERS FOR CHILDREN, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THEREON A SPECIALIZED LEARNING CENTER DEVOTED TO DYSLLEXIC CHILDREN' BEING ORDINANCE NO. 1978 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2002," WHICH AMENDED THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF ORDINANCE NO. 1978 IN RESPECT TO A PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS BOROUGH; AND FURTHER TO RE-ADOPT THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 1978 CONTAINING THE REQUIREMENT THAT MOST OF THOSE FOR WHOM THE LEARNING CENTER SHALL BE DEVOTED MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THIS BOROUGH" 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 October 14, 2003.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 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" BEING ORDINANCE NO. 2010 ADOPTED JULY 8, 2003"** 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 October 14, 2003.

On a motion by Councilman Wassberg, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, questioned what the status was to the inquiry to the NJ DOT regarding the work being done on the Riser Ditch. She was advised that a letter was sent asking for more information but a response has not been received as yet. A discussion of the environmental study of the airport ensued that not only is there environmental pollution but noise pollution due to the increase of the size of the planes.

CLOSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution No. 163: For any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation or any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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 September 23, 2003.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk