

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 13, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 13, 2004 at 8:03 p.m. at the new Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

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 5, 2004 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2004.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Andrew Link III, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Garrett R. Pepe, Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Thomas E. Meli

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Rev. Lewis Papera, Pastor, Corpus Christi R.C. Church

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from B.C. Utilities Authority advising Mayor and Council of 2004 sewer service charges will be \$756,230.05.
1. Letter from Barbara Christianson, Race director of Hasbrouck Heights Education Assn requesting permission for sixth annual Rau-Fitzgerald Run on April 24.
1. Fax from the New Jersey League of Municipalities regarding the new law for the hand held cell phone ban which is awaiting the Governor to sign into law which pre-empts and supercedes all municipal ordinances.

On a motion by Councilman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Correspondence was accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (November 11, 2003)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont'd):

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,897,654.37 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 therefor.

Signed Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Finance

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

CONSENT AGENDA: None

- RESOLUTIONS:**
16. Payroll
 17. Marriage Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 18. Construction Fees - Payment of Fees to State
 19. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes
 20. Authorizing Change Order No. 1-6 and 1-7 in Connection with the General Construction Work for the Public Safety Complex
 21. Authorizing Change Order No. 3-1 in Connection with the Electrical Work for the Public Safety Complex
 22. Authorizing Contracts with Engineer, Auditor, Attorney, Real Estate Appraiser, Planning Board Attorney, Labor Attorney, and Special Construction Contracts Attorney for the Year 2004

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Kenneth E. Kolodziej to OEM Operations Staff
Joseph E. Christman to OEM Operations Staff
Kathy Halpin to Committee of Community Celebrations
Kathleen Dates to Committee of Community Celebrations
Frances Sanzo as School Crossing Guard

Emergency Management Council (Local Emergency Planning Committee) - 1 Year:
Dr. Roger J. Szanto-Chairperson
Ronald R. Jones, Mayor
Andrew Link III, Councilman
Michael Colaneri, Police Chief
Robert Thomasey, Fire Chief
Robert Heck, DPW Superintendent
Marilyn deRussy, Board of Health Registrar
Nicholas Melfi, Construction Official/Building Inspector
Michael Kronyak, CFO/Administrator
Robert Brady, Recreation Director
Ralph W. Chandless, Jr., Borough Attorney
Joseph Luongo, Superintendent of Schools
Catherine M. Brunetti, Editor, The Observer
Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk
Michele Reutty, Library Director

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Carolyn Rose, 121 Paterson Avenue, was concerned that the Board of Education had installed a slab of cement directly across from her home upon which she said the Soccer Association intends to build a shed, and she had heard that they might be putting bathrooms at this location (possibly with entrances from Paterson Avenue) and was upset and asked for help from the Mayor and Council. She presented a letter to this effect signed by surrounding neighbors. She had discovered there were no permits and had contacted the Building Department who is withholding any permits until State

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

approval is received. The borough attorney noted school construction is not subject to site plan approval. He also advised that the Zoning Commissioner attend the Board of Education meeting. She said they would be going to the Board of Education meeting on January 29 also. It was also noted that if right of way is affected, the council might have some say.

Ann McGill, 139 Field Avenue, noticed that the Ground Round is doing interior work and hoped that Field Avenue would not be an extension of their parking lot.

Gilbert Hunt, 117 Henry Street, as past member of the Board of Education advised good communication between the Mayor and Council and the Board. He said that the 110th anniversary of the Borough was coming soon and if a celebration was planned.

Robert Schwab, 167 Field Avenue, asked about the new wide turns to go onto Route 17 and was advised by Mayor Jones that Route 17 is a State highway and this is the State regulation for intersections. He questioned the markings, and the engineer advised that thermoplastic can't be put over paint so he would check if new markings would be done when the weather is warmer.

He also asked what could be done about the continual flooding of Field Avenue. He had investigated the ditch across Route 17 and how there is no outlet due to clogging and whose responsibility it is to clean. The DPW Superintendent has written a number of letters to clean. He said last year they cleaned up logs and debris but didn't dredge it. Once it is clean, then the State DOT is responsible to clean the pipes under Route 17. It has been learned that you cannot encroach on railroad property. Also the borough engineer explained that the ditch in question eventually goes into the Riser Ditch, that Hasbrouck Heights has received permits to clean however the towns that go to Berry's Creek do not obtain permits because if they hit contaminated soil, then they are responsible for clean up. Mr. Schwab questioned who authorized the clean up north of Williams Avenue and was told the NJ DOT. Any work on the ditches needs State approval or Teterboro with regard to the East Riser Ditch.

Mayor Jones asked if the borough had any rights to clean Riser Ditch and the borough engineer said only if permission is granted from the Department of Transportation.

Gerry McGill, 139 Field Avenue, could this be declared a Superfund site and was told by the engineer the area where the soil is contaminated doesn't rise to the level of Superfund.

Ann McGill, 139 Field Avenue, informed the new members of the Mayor and Council of an incident one and one half years ago where Field Avenue was flooded and someone

almost had a tragedy. If it had happened, she wonders how great the expense would be.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would be recessed for Work Session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 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 Mayor and Council Meeting held on January 13, 2004.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk