

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

August 24, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 8:18 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 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 5, 2004 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2004.

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

Absent: Councilman Andrew Link, Councilman
Garrett R. Pepe

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

INVOCATION: As Reverend Karyn Wiseman of United Methodist Church could not attend, she sent a prayer which was read by Councilman DiPisa.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of denial from Albert Maiocchi, Manager of State of NJ DOT, with regard to the Hasbrouck Heights Streetscape Improvement Program Phase One.
2. Letter from Rudy Steinthal, Noise Abatement Office, Teterboro Airport regarding next TANAAC meeting notice and including Minutes of July 28 meeting which includes the Advisory Committee Half Year 2004 Report.

On a motion by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (July 27, 2004, August 10, 2004)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$545,436.84 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 Andrew Link, III
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Verrastro, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

FINANCE, FIRE AND SANITATION:

Under Finance, Deputy Commissioner Meli noted that the Tax Collector's office would be open on Saturday. Under Sanitation, he commended the department for their hard work. Under Fire, he read the statistics: Fire Calls: Hasbrouck Heights 23, year to date (ytd) 171; Teterboro 7, ytd, 49; Mutual Aid 2, ytd 20. Ambulance Calls: Hasbrouck Heights 84, ytd 740; Teterboro 16, ytd 8; Mutual Aid 11, ytd 54. He had attended a decontamination exercise held behind the Sheraton on Sunday. He reported the fire department had toured the new U.S. Postal facility and were shown the new anthrax detection machine and were showed procedures on response.

HEALTH AND RECREATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa dispensed with the reading of statistics which are available in the Board of Health office. A second Health Fair Expo has been scheduled for October 22, 2004 in the Senior Center and new programs will be available. Three applicants took the short health food course. Twenty five families had participated in the Heights Camp Night and the participants and various departments were thanked as well as Lori French and Jurgen Hofheinz. Robert Brady was commended on the very successful summer camp. On September 18 there will be a Harvest Festival and Flower Show. On August 10 the Community Access to All Committee had met and were preparing a directory. Under Public Facilities, he reported the Public Safety Building Fire Department floors were being installed, and furniture would be phased in orderly fashion. 9-1-1 training is continuing. The punch list items are being worked on. Inspections have been scheduled and parking spaces have been allocated.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND LAND USE: Under Social Services, Commissioner Verrastro reported that Social Services Director Lee Kulakowski was retiring after 46 years and wished her well. With regard to Teterboro Airport, the Coalition meetings will restart in September. Under Land Use (both Commissioner Link and Deputy Commissioner Pepe were absent), she read a report from Property Maintenance Official Ed Carter.

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Eight violations for not cutting lawn were issued, and various violations regarding construction. She reminded people who are doing work on their homes to see check they need a permit to avoid any delays and to abide by construction hours.

POLICE, STREETS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS:

Under Police, Deputy Commissioner Kistner had no formal report but complimented the police on helping the residents. Under Streets, he referred to a resident who had come to the last meeting regarding Longworth Avenue and large potholes. He requested the DPW to look into patching there and on Hamilton between Oak Grove and Woodside. He had received questions on the street between the Little League and Athletic fields and would look into repairing it. Under Parks, he reported the grass at Woodland Park is doing well and asked that the field be treated once before soccer season starts. He also would be asking for some small general maintenance issues. Under Recreation, a meeting had been held to bring back the Haunted Hay Ride and he thanked those who had attended. A new date is being looked into.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones reported that on September 11, the library would be reading the Bergen County names at 9 a.m. and at 7 p.m. there would be a Candlelight Vigil at the Firemen=s Circle.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 135. Award of Contract for Security System for Public Safety Building

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

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ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2056:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN PROVISIONS RESTRICTING CERTAIN PARKING PLACES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PARKING OF VEHICLES BEARING A VALID SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARD, A VALID WHEELCHAIR PLACARD OR VALID WHEELCHAIR SYMBOL LICENSE PLATES ANY OF WHICH HAVING BEEN DULY ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR A VEHICLE OWNED BY A HANDICAPPED PERSON OR OWNED BY ANOTHER OCCUPANT OF THE RESIDENCE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A HANDICAPPED PERSON** 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 September 14, 2004.

ORDINANCE NO. 2057:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000 TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON THE BOULEVARD [AND THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ON HAMILTON AVENUE]* AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$375,000.00** 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 September 14, 2004.

*Borough Attorney Chandless asked that the motion include a motion to amend the title to include **AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING ON HAMILTON AVENUE** which was inadvertently left out.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones invited anyone wishing to speak to please come forward.

John Thessen, 469 Franklin Avenue, referred to a summons he had received for placing a political sign on his front lawn, which summons was dropped by Prosecutor Jones. He stated that Borough Attorney Chandless had been in correspondence with the New Jersey American Civil Liberties Union about the problems with the ordinance and wanted to know if the ladies and gentlemen were aware of the situation and what was being done about it and the enforcement of the ordinance.

Mayor Jones said yes they were aware of it, and asked the borough attorney to bring this matter up to date. Mr. Chandless said as he understood it he has been authorized by the mayor and council to consult with the planner and planning board attorney on a revision to the ordinance and that the police department be made aware of the position of this ordinance.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public portion was closed.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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 August 24, 2004.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk