

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 11, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on October 11, 2005 at 8:16 p.m. at Borough Hall, 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 4, 2005 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna (who arrived at 9:33 p.m.) Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: Councilman DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Lewis V. Papera, Pastor of Corpus Christi R.C. Church could not attend, but sent a prayer which was read by the Clerk.

PRESENTATION: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Jaquelin Valente for her donation of 14 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love Foundation.

Before awarding Ms. Valente the Certificate, Mayor Jones read a letter he received from John DeRosa who had brought Ms. Valente's thoughtful act to the Mayor's attention.

Mayor Jones asked that the Clerk send a thank you letter to Mr. DeRosa.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Invitation to Mayor and Council to the Annual Children's Ragamuffin Parade Oct. 29, 2005 at 1 p.m.
2. Letter from John H. Schulze, Chairman of the Board of the Masonic Learning Center Announcing Walk to Help Dyslexic Children on Oct. 15, 2005 at 10 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Mayor Jones asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There being none, he asked for a motion to accept the Communications. A motion was made by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (August 23, 2005 Regular Meeting and September 13, 2005 Regular Meeting)

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, with Councilman Link abstaining from the August 23, 2005 Minutes as he was absent, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$1,631,744.91 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 Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: 161. Raffle Licenses for Hasbrouck Heights Jr/Sr H.S. PTSA

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

- RESOLUTIONS:** 162. Payroll
163. Marriage Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
163. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
163. Authorizing Check from Hasbrouck Heights Hurricane Fund to Pascagoula, MI Firemen's Relief Fund

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

163. Authorizing Participation in the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund
163. Authorizing Application to B.C. Open Space Trust Fund for Basketball Court and Roller Hockey Rink
163. Authorizing Mutual Aid Agreement with South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association for 2006
163. Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note

Councilman Link, regarding Resolution No. 167, requested that there be provided some form of soundproof barrier for neighbors on Garrison Avenue. This would be taken under advisement.

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

Councilman Meli with regard to Resolution No. 165, thanked the residents of Hasbrouck Heights for their generosity, which was echoed by Mayor Jones.

Before announcing the following appointment, Mayor Jones noted the importance of this position.

APPOINTMENTS: Nicholas Melfi as New Zoning Enforcement Officer

On a motion by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2106:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2005”** 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 25, 2005.

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2107:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2005”** 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 25, 2005.

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2104 and Ordinance No. 2105.

On Ordinance No. 2105, Councilman Kistner had some concerns with cost factors and requested this ordinance be continued until discussion with the Borough Engineer was possible. He then requested that this ordinance be continued until November 9, 2005.

There being no one wishing to speak on either Ordinance, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE CONTINUED ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2105:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT, A POCKET PARK, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS UPON LOTS 20.01, 20.02 AND 22 IN BLOCK 47 BEING PREMISES ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION FORMED BY CENTRAL AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD TOGETHER WITH IMPROVEMENTS OF A PORTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE IN RELATION THERETO, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE SUM OF**

\$54,000.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$516,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW” was continued on public hearing until Nov. 9, 2005.

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ORDINANCE CONTINUED ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was Continued on Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2104:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE X ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT A SEPARATE POSITION”** 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. On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Janet Kretzdorn, 319 Church Street, was appreciative that her request for cleanup near the Route 46 underpass was done. She questioned the enforcement of leaf pickup and landscapers blowing leaves toward storm drains, in which she was advised that landscapers are required to take their leaves away.

Joseph Audino, 116 Oldfield Avenue, referring to an article in The Shopper that taxes would be increased \$93.00 (Councilwoman Skiba noted that this was the municipal increase, without school and county taxes). His estimated bill showed that his taxes went up \$175, and the completed bill shows a \$1,000 increase. As it was difficult to give him exact figures, it was recommended that he make an appointment with CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak for a personal explanation.

Dorothy Petroulis, 215 Central Avenue, questioned how the Revaluation was progressing and was told that it is still going on.

John Barrata, 269 Walter Avenue, questioned the Revaluation also, and thought that the target date was August which the Appraiser noted when he attended a past council meeting. He asked if this would affect the appeal process,

and was told it would not. It was recommended that an update of progress be made available at the next council meeting.

The borough attorney noted that if the informal appeal process was not done in time, that an extension be requested from the County.

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RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would be recessed for Work Session, to which he invited all present to stay.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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 October 11, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk