

## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

### **MINUTES**

**December 13, 2005**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on December 13, 2005 at 8:02 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, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Reverend Katherine Ellison.

**PRESENTATION:** Joseph M. Sanzari, Robert Brown, Joe Rymarez and Julio Felix Transport of 1977 Fire Pumper to Pascagoula, MI

Mayor Jones presented plaques to Mr. Sanzari (who could not be present due to a death in the family) and members of his company who assisted in transporting the 1977 Fire Pumper to Pascagoula, MI and thanked them for their time and consideration. The plaques read as follows:

"With Sincere Appreciation to Joseph M. Sanzari For Providing Transportation of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights 1977 Pumper to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi Following Hurricane Katrina September 2005"

"With Sincere Appreciation to Robert Brown As Coordinator of Transportation of Borough of Hasbrouck Heights 1977 Pumper to Pascagoula, Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina September 2005"

"With Sincere Appreciation to Joe Rymarez For Transportation of Borough of Hasbrouck Heights 1977 Pumper to Pascagoula, Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina September 2005"

**PRESENTATION (cont'd):**

"With Sincere Appreciation to Julio Felix For Transportation of Borough of Hasbrouck Heights 1977 Pumper to Pascagoula, Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina September 2005"

Councilman Kistner and Councilman Meli assisted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Thank you from Terry Eiland, Local 1469, Pascagoula Fire Department
- 2) Thank you from Beverly K. Miller of South Colonie Central Schools of Albany, New York
- 3) Thank you from Mayor's Celebrations Committee on Tree Lighting
- 4) Proposed 2006 Budget of the Bergen County Utilities Authority
- 5) Thank You Letter from Robert E. Brown, President of Brown Coach

Councilman Meli read Items 1, 2, and 5 into the record. Copies attached.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to accept the Communications. A motion was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (November 9, 2005 Regular Meeting and November 22, 2005 Regular Meeting)

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

**BILLS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the claims and accounts amounting to \$1,856,200.65 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

**BILLS (cont'd):**

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 188. Payroll
  - 189. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 189. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2005-01
  - 189. Authorizing Transfer of Tax to Tax Title Lien
  - 189. Authorizing Cancellation of 2005 Taxes on Certain Properties
  - 189. Authorizing Contract with Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey for 2006
  - 189. Authorizing Contract with Bollinger Fowler Insurance Company for Prescription Drug Program for 2006
  - 189. Authorizing Fire Department Percentages
  - 189. Authorizing Ambulance Squad Percentages
  - 189. Authorizing Payment to Former Firemen for 25 Years of Service
  - 189. Referring the Proposed Stormwater Management Element of the Master Plan to the Planning Board for its Consideration and Possible Adoption
  - 189. 2005 Budget Appropriation Transfers
  - 189. In Support of a Moratorium on Eminent Domain Use by Governments in the State of New Jersey

Councilwoman Skiba questioned Resolution No. 199. She asked why were transfers being made. The CFO explained that in the months of November and December,

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

money can be taken from one account and move it to another account. She was asked if this would affect the following year's budget and was told it would depend. On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** Matthew Morales from Ambulance Squad

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2113:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that 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 2006"** 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 December 27, 2005.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2114:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2006 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102"** 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 December 27, 2005.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2115:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2006"** was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2115 (cont'd):**

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 December 27, 2005.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2116:**

**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 2006"** 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 December 27, 2005.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2117:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that 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 2006"** 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 December 27, 2005.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2118:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000.00 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 \$326,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW"** 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 December 27, 2005.

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

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and carried, with Councilman Link voting Nay on Ordinance No. 2118, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2111 and Ordinance No. 2112.

Dorothy Petroulis, 215 Central Avenue, questioned Ordinance No. 2111 with regard to residency requirements, recommending that a resident be considered first.

There being no one else wishing to speak the Public Hearing on these ordinances was closed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2111:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTION 45-22 ENTITLED “EXEMPT OFFICERS” OF ARTICLE IV ENTITLED “RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS” OF CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO UPDATE AND MAKE CURRENT THE LIST OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF THIS BOROUGH WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESIDENCY IN THIS BOROUGH PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:60-6b(3)”** 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 published and circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2112:**

**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”** 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 published and circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Portion was closed.

**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 8:44 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 December 13, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC  
Borough Clerk