

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 27, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, 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 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 (arrived at 8: 15 p.m.), Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: A prayer was read by Councilman Meli

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Letter from Roberto Rodriguez of Dept. of Law and Public Safety announcing grant award of \$5,000 for the You Drink, You Drive, You Lose Year End Crackdown

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$240,531.62 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

BILLS (cont'd):

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link read the following Finance Report: The current fund cash balance as of November 30, 2005 was \$4,731,700.32; on October 31, 2005 was \$869,632.59 which represents an increase of \$869,632.59. The entire balance was invested and is earning 4.11%. Cash receipts for November totaled \$4,068,373.34 of which \$3,654,582.48 was for current taxes, \$21,978.51 was prior year taxes, \$18,374.61 for Prepaid 2006 Taxes, \$256,209.96 was grants and state aid and \$117,227.78 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for November totaled \$3,208,810.60 of which \$1,473,969.42 was local school taxes, \$785,193 was county taxes, \$543,449.05 was salaries, and \$406,199.13 was for other expenses. He reported the Finance Officer is preparing the Annual Debt Statement due January 31, 2006 and Annual Financial Statement due February 10, 2006.

POLICE AND RECREATION: Councilman Kistner deferred his reports to the January 1 Reorganization Meeting.

FIRE AND PARKS: Commissioner Meli deferred his reports to the January 1 Reorganization Meeting. He noted this was Councilman Link's final council meeting, and thanked him for his inspiration.

SANITATION, LAND USE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: There were no reports presented.

STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION: Councilwoman Skiba thanked Councilman Link for his many years of service to the community. Under Transportation, as Commissioner, she gave a brief report that the FAA and U.S. Department of Transportation have released their draft Environmental Impact Statement with regard to New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia air space redesigns. Written comments can be submitted until June 1, 2006 with a post public meeting scheduled for Hasbrouck Heights in April. More information will be provided at the January meeting. A meeting of the Coalition for Public Health and Safety will be held January 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Carlstadt, with meetings resuming there. Under Streets, she reported the DPW received a new John Deere Front End Loader with snow plow attachment and International Tree Truck, that the leaf removal program was delayed due to two early snowstorms. Leaves can no longer be raked into street, but bagged and/or placed in containers and left at curbside. She noticed the department is sweeping the streets and cleaning out storm drains. Residents were reminded to not shovel or blow snow

STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION (cont'd):

into streets. Several streets are scheduled for resurfacing and 40 trees scheduled to be planted in the fall will be added to the spring planting list.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones deferred his report to the Reorganization Meeting on January 1, and thanked Acting Supt. Spindler with regard to the past two snow storms. He reported "progress."

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS:

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| 202. | 2005 Appropriation Transfers |
| 202. | Construction Fees - Payment of Fees to State |
| 202. | Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for 2005 for 100% Veteran |
| 202. | Authorizing Contract with County of Bergen for 2006 Animal Control Contract. |

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinances Nos. 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, and 2118. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

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"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

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"** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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 defeated.

On a motion by Councilwoman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, Ordinance Nos. 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116 and 2117 were approved.

On Ordinance No. 2118, the votes cast were Councilwoman Skiba voting Nay, Councilman Introna passed and then was asked if he wished to vote, and voted Nay; Councilman Link voting Nay, and Councilman Meli and Councilman Kistner voting Aye, causing this ordinance to be defeated.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

Janet Kretzdorn, 393 Church Street, questioned who was responsible for cleaning the sidewalk of leaves under the Route 46 overpass. She also questioned who was responsible for snow removal at the location where the bus shelter was removed. She was advised that theoretically, the owner of the property is responsible, but that the

DPW had been cleaning these areas. She was advised that the Department of Public Works will continue to clean these areas until the Borough Attorney and Acting DPW Supt. discuss this matter further. An area near the Route 46 overpass on Terrace
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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Avenue was also noted regarding pooling of rainwater. A request to clean any graffiti on bridges in Hasbrouck Heights was made by the Mayor.

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

ADJOURN TO SINE DIE:

Mayor Jones asked for an adjournment to the Sine Die on January 1, 2006 at 11:45 a.m.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned to Sine Die at 8:32 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 December 27, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk