

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 10, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 10, 2005 at 8:05 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 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 Rev. Edward J. Glasser, Minister, Community United Church of Christ

PROCLAMATIONS:

A Proclamation was presented to Dorothy and John Fitzin who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 15. It read as follows:

WHEREAS, Dorothy (nee Goodfriend) and John Fitzin were married on May 15, 1955 at Corpus Christi R.C. Church, Hasbrouck Heights; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and John moved to their home in Hasbrouck Heights in 1961, and are the proud parents of Tom and his wife, Jane; grandparents of Michele, 24 years old and Steven 16 years old; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and John have been respected citizens of this Borough and by their kindness and friendship have endeared themselves to their neighbors and friends, taking a vital role in the community especially in the Leisure Club, where John is President and Dorothy Treasurer, John as a member of the Leaf Committee and Senior Advisory Board; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, both Dorothy and John as members of the Writer's Club were fortunate to meet many personalities in their travels and professions; and both having a passion for collectibles and movies, are the proud owners of anthologies unrivaled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dorothy and John Fitzin on the happy occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary and sincerely wish them good health and happiness always.

Dated: *May 10, 2005*

/s/ Mayor Ronald R. Jones
Members of the Council

PRESENTATION:

Certificates were presented to the 2005 District Wrestling Champions and their coaches: Wrestlers: Marc Mastropietro, Stephen Hodulik, Daniel DalCortivo, Tyler Loughlin, Maurizio Altumura, Darren Iurato, Kenny Partyka, Alex Hodulik, David Bunker, Seven Nielsen, Darryl Albonico, Joe DeQuinzio, Dylan White, Kevin Delcalzo, Sam Galassi, Travis Malave, Joe Lalko, Shawn Zahn; Parent volunteers: Tom DeQuinzio and Michelle Zahn; Coaches: Dan Guido, Andrew Goodman, Gene Hughes, Steve DalCortivo, George Rose, Ian Brady and John Zahn. Councilman Kistner introduced Dan Guido, congratulating him on an excellent season. Dan assisted Councilman Kistner in presenting the certificates to the wrestlers with Mayor Jones extending his congratulations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Frank Lautenberg regarding the long-term funding of the nation's highways and infrastructure.
- 2) Letter from Capt. Bill Sheehan, Hackensack Riverkeeper, regarding the 10th anniversary of the Eco-Cruise Program to be celebrated on May 28 from noon to 1 p.m.
- 2) Letter from NJ DEP of their enforcement initiative to protect the health and safety of New Jersey's school children.
- 2) Letter from Verizon regarding their plan to upgrade network.
- 2) Notice from Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney announcing the historic African American Cemetery named "Gethsemane"

Cemetery" in Little Ferry will be open to the public on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

- 2) Letter from Dennis Bliss, Municipal Court Administration Certification Board Chair Announcing that Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Court Administrator Susan Paul achieved Certification as a C.M.C.A.

Mayor Jones requested Item #6 read into the record, and congratulated Susan Paul on this outstanding achievement (copy of letter enclosed). He then asked for a motion. On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,245,118.56 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 Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 81. Payroll

82. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

82. Authorization Pursuant to Section 275-12F (3) to the Chamber of Commerce to Conduct a Sidewalk Sale in Conjunction with the new Authorized "First" Annual Townwide Garage Sale to be conducted by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee on May 21, 2005

82. Adopting a Flexible Benefits Plan for Eligible Borough Employees
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RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

82. Authorizing an Agreement with the County of Bergen for Solid Waste Service Agreement Extension
82. Authorizing Entry into a Developers Agreement with Elmwood Motors Inc. t/a Elmwood Nissan as to Certain Premises in Blocks 66.01, 70, 71 and 94.01

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

APPOINTMENTS: Daniel Wixon to Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company

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

RESIGNATIONS: Craig Ferdinand as Violations Clerk Effective May 13, 2005

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

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2086, Ordinance No. 2087, Ordinance No. 2088 and Ordinance No. 2089.

ORDINANCE NO. 2086:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §275-8 ENTITLED "ZONING MAP" OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO REFER TO THE LATEST VERSION OF THE MAP WHICH REFLECTS ALL OF THE CURRENT DISTRICT LINES INCLUDING THOSE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY ORDINANCE NO. 1700 FINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 14, 1995"** was continued on Public Hearing pending written Planning Board approval until the next scheduled regular meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was continued on Public Hearing.

Mayor Jones closed the public hearing on the remaining ordinances.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2087:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$125,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FRONT END LOADER FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$117,500.00"** 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2088:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$125,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW ROLLOFF TRUCK FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$117,500.00"** 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2089:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$85,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO NEW 4 WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$80,000.00"** 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 Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Public Hearing were approved.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak:

Christine Tripp, 207 Franklin Avenue, questioned the situation regarding parking in parking lots overnight. She was advised that this body did request by motion at the last meeting that the Zoning Enforcement Officer withhold any action on the strict enforcement of that ordinance until the Zoning Committee can review the ordinance and make possible provision for additional parking on private lots. A meeting is scheduled for May 18.

Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, as chairman of the Environmental and Transportation Commission, was requesting review of recycling promotion with DPW Supt. Heck. They were suggesting once or twice a year pickup of hazardous material preferably before the BCUA collections; renewal of the free mulch program and wood for fireplaces; and a tree planting space with the aid of volunteers. She asked what were the plans for leaf collection for 2005, the status of the cleaning of the East and West Riser Ditches, what plans for parks and sports fields, she was aware of the CD grant requests for Woodland Park. The commission would like input in the Central Avenue Park and ask for a tree, gazebo and bench to be placed there in honor of former deceased DPW Supt. James Cotter. They also recommended a portion be dedicated as a children's reading garden. The Environmental Commission sponsored a poster contest for children K-5, and were requesting formal presentation of awards at the next Council Meeting. A suggestion to apply for a DEP grant was made. On Transportation, the Commission would like to work on several projects including bus and pedestrian safety, establishing the possibility of a railroad station and park and ride, in conjunction with Teterboro at Route 17 and Williams Avenue.

Mayor Jones noted Woodland Park is in the process of clean up. DPW Foreman James Schneider reported the mulch program was stopped as trees were dead and diseased. Mayor Jones asked to look into possibly a spraying program to salvage some of the wood. Regarding hazardous waste collection, Mr. Schneider will check with the county for transportation of hazardous materials. It was suggested that DPW Supt. Heck and Foreman Schneider attend an Environmental Commission meeting. Councilman Kistner reported on grant monies for a basketball/skating rink facility and softball field. Councilwoman Skiba gave an update on Riser Ditch as well as Engineer Job. Mayor Jones invited the commission to be part of the Central Avenue Park. He commended John Stavash for his expertise, and Colleen Jarvis from the Commission.

Anthony Grasso, 215 Hamilton Avenue, who lived next to Carrino's parking lot presented pictures taken at night where cars are coming in and out all night long and he felt he was the only one affected.

The borough attorney asked to refer these pictures to the Zoning Committee.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Christine Tripp, 207 Franklin Avenue, questioned if this was a disagreement among neighbors, would this affect other lots. She was advised that the zoning committee would look at the ordinance borough wide.

Mark Barbe, 192 Boulevard, has lived at this address 15 years, and on Hamilton for 30 years, who lives across the street from the parking lot where he also parks his car. He had no problem with Mr. Carrino and had a totally different experience.

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 9:13 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 May 10, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk