

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 14, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on June 14, 2005 at 8:18 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 Vincent DeFedele, newly-ordained Deacon of Corpus Christi R.C. Church

PRESENTATIONS:

Certificate of Achievement - Kara Ann Armellino was presented a Certificate of Achievement for the Hasbrouck Heights Community Service Award

The presentation was made by Councilman DiPisa who noted this was the first time this award has been presented. He listed her numerous community service projects.

Allotment Check from Town Wide Garage Sale Receipts to Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Alliance

Councilman Meli, along with Mayor Jones and Councilwoman Skiba, Drug Alliance liaison, presented a check for \$825.00 to Police Chief Colaneri for the Municipal Alliance, with Pat Link, chairman of the Mayor's Celebrations Committee, Eve DeDomenico, chairman of the Townwide Garage Sale, Norma Phillipi, Nancy Wells and Kathleen Dates assisting. He noted 170 homes participated with the Farmer's Market and Library Book and Bake Sale all going on at the same time.

PRESENTATIONS (cont'd):

Allotment Check from Town Wide Garage Sale Receipts to Friends of the Library. Accepting the check were Library Director Michele Reutty and Suzanne Kepsel. The Book and Bake Sale raised \$1,000.00 and Ms. Reutty said the money will entirely cover the children's summer reading program.

Certificate of Commendation to Police Department, HUMC 2005 EMS Excellence Award Program

Certificate of Commendation to Fire Department, HUMC 2005 EMS Excellence Award Program

Certificate of Commendation to FD Emergency Squad, HUMC 2005 EMS Excellence Award Program

The foregoing Certificates of Commendation from Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney were presented to the Police Chief and Fire Chief by Mayor Jones, with Police Commissioner Kistner and Fire Commissioner Meli assisting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Steven R. Rothman, M.C., informing the Borough of designation by the Dept. of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program as one of 119 cities in New Jersey eligible to apply for funding under the Secure Our Schools Act.
2. Letter from Center for Middle Eastern Studies Rutgers University announcing Internet online Persian literacy program for the purpose of serving municipal schools and law enforcement agencies in the post 9/11 period.
3. Letter from Cablevision regarding Verizon's failed attempts to pass legislation that would allow circumventing municipalities by creating statewide cable television franchise for telephone companies.
3. Letter from U.S. Senator Richard Shelby regarding funding for HUD and Community Development Block Grant
3. Letter from Operation Kill-A-Watt requesting a statewide initiative promoting energy conservation by the Borough reducing its electric usage for two hours, between 2 and 4 p.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2005
3. Invitation to sign up for Senior Picnic on Thursday, July 14 in Woodland Park.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (March 8, 2005 Work Session, March 22, 2005 Closed Session, April 12, 2005 Work Session, April 26, 2005, May 10, 2005)

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$1,663,910.84 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 therefor.

Signed Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: 101. Requesting Extension of Time to Award a Contract for Improvement of Oak Grove Avenue, Sec 5 & 6

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTIONS: 102. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

103. Authorizing Tax Collector to Prepare and Issue Estimated Third Quarter Tax Bills

103. Authorizing Check for 2005 Mayor's Scholarship Award

103. Authorizing Check for 2005 Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

- 103. Authorizing Checks for 2005 Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards
- 103. Authorizing Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Bergen
- 103. Payroll
- 103. Authorizing Revised Contract with Motiva for Remediation of Central Avenue Property
- 103. Authorizing Changes to New Jersey Transit Bus Stops
- 103. Authorizing Check from Town Wide Garage Sale Receipts to Municipal Alliance
- 103. Authorizing Check from Town Wide Garage Sale Receipts to Friends of the Library

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, except for Councilman Kistner abstaining from Resolution No. 106, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: Justin Watrel to Fire Department Engine Company One
Linda Foley as Violations Clerk effective June 10, 2005
Dorothy Bernice as Building Dept Secretary effective June 20, 2005
Wendy Spindler as Substitute Bus Driver effective 6/14/05

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Gerard Hackel as Senior Bus Driver effective May 20, 2005
Mary Dugan from the Building Department, effective June 10, 2005

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE (S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2091:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2091 (cont'd):

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARTICLE VIII ENTITLED “NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES AND LOTS” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** 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 June 28, 2005.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2086. There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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”** 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 Link , seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2090. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2090:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:“**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-40 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE X: LANE USE RESERVATIONS” OF**
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ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2090 (cont'd):

CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE RESERVATIONS AS TO CERTAIN LANES AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF BALDWIN AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD AND WILLIAMS AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD” 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.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Nancy Walsh, 51 Hamilton Avenue, asked what the status was of the recommendations of various zoning ordinances. She was advised that the governing body recommended all of the ordinances go before the zoning committee. The borough attorney will meet with the building inspector as well. She questioned if a full time building inspector was warranted.

Salvatore Scaglione, 232 Springfield Avenue, with regard to two homes being constructed at 325 Springfield, questioned their feasibility, as well as maintenance problems during construction. The five foot side yard he thought was a dangerous situation. He was concerned with the proposed Wood-Ridge development and traffic patterns. He questioned Terrace Avenue curbing and was advised this was a county road, asking why Carlstadt and East Rutherford had received new curbing and could Hasbrouck Heights receive same, with problems such as flooding occurring due to low curbs. He also said there were dangerous deep holes at the intersection of Passaic and Terrace. The Police were asked to check out the holes immediately. He questioned replacement of the Franklin and Terrace Avenue traffic light.

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 9:10 p.m.

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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 June 14, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk