

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

August 23, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at 8:14 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 Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

Absent: Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Andrew Link III

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 presented by Rev. Karyn L. Wiseman, Pastor of First United Methodist Church

PRESENTATION: Senator Joseph Coniglio, Assemblywoman Joan Voss and Assemblyman Robert Gordon presented the Mayor and Council with a check for \$150,000 for extraordinary aid.

PROCLAMATION: Supporting the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Enforcement Project*. This proclamation was read by Captain Joseph Cronin.

WHEREAS, impaired drivers on our nation's roads kill someone every 30 minutes, 50 people per day, and almost 18,000 people each year; and

WHEREAS, 39% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, a national enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the summer season is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Enforcement Project*; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 19 - September 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, declares its support for the *You Drink and Drive, You Lose 2005 Enforcement Project* from August 19 - September 5, 2005 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Invitation letter from B.C. Executive Dennis McNerney for POW/MIA Recognition Day on Friday, Sept. 15, 2005.

Invitation letter from B.C. Executive Dennis McNerney for Commemorative Service for 9-11 on Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

Letter from David A. Kuhn NJ DOT with thanks for Borough's resolution supporting renewal of Transportation Trust Fund

Notice from NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection with final modifications to Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

Approval of the minutes of June 28, 2005 Special Work Session and July 9, 2005 Regular Meeting was carried to the following Council meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$261,083.10 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

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE , HEALTH AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link gave the Finance Report for the month of July. The current fund cash balance as of July 31, 2005 was \$375,049.01; on June 30 was \$1,435,746.96 which represents an decrease of \$1,060,697.95. The entire balance was invested and is earning 3.25%. Cash receipts for July totaled \$2,375,608.19 of which \$2,186,255.24 was for current taxes, \$9,053.84 was prior year taxes, \$46,119.00 was grants and state aid and \$134,180.11 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for July totaled \$3,031,255.21 of which \$1,497,009.41 was local school taxes,\$805,433.60 was salaries, and \$728,812.20 was for other expenses. He continued that the 2005 budget was amended and adopted at the Council Meeting of August 9, 2005, the budget was approved by Trenton and the County total tax rate is \$3.52 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Final tax bills will be printed and mailed soon. Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa digressed from reading the health report. He announced the Health Expo Fair on September 30. As Senior liaison for the council, he announced an Open Forum for Senior Housing on September 6. Under Public Facilities, Commissioner DiPisa announced the former Shell Service Station soil cleanup was completed by Sovereign Consulting Inc., for Motiva, a division of Shell Oil Products, Inc. who were responsible for all costs. The Borough Engineer inspected the site and approved the backfill and compaction of soil. The contractor graded the site and removed the fence. The engineer is completing the survey in preparation for completion of the parking lot, cul-de-sac and park. Permits were issued to Appel Woodworking for facade repairs on Borough Hall (cost of this repair will be a charge back against the balance due the original contractor) and Reidel Sign for exterior lettering on Borough Hall and the Public Safety Building.

POLICE, RECREATION AND LAND USE: Under Recreation, Commissioner Kistner reported the summer camp program has ended and was very successful. The third summer concert was held the past Thursday and was very successful. The first

concert, Ron Gartner, will come back to play at Town Day. Fall programs are moving ahead. Volunteers for the Recreation center have increased. Under Police, he
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POLICE, RECREATION AND LAND USE (cont'd): requested motorists to be cautious with schools open and parents reminded to use designated drop off zones and to follow rules. The DARE program is ready to begin. Chief Colaneri and Deputy Chief Kroncke were trained in Incident Command as ordered by Governor Codey. The entire police department will also be trained. Capt. DeLorenzo and Sgt. Rinke will conduct mandatory security inspections of schools. Under Land Use, as Deputy Commissioner, he reported 10 calls covered by Property Maintenance Official Ed Carter which ranged from abandoned oil tanks and maintenance issues which were resolved.

FIRE AND PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner Meli reported parks are continuing to be maintained and active. He reminded residents of the Farmer's Market and announced senior coupons will be distributed to qualified Bergen County residents on September 6. He announced the Memorial Service for September 11 will be held on that day, with focus on the good that came from that day. Paul Carris will be guest speaker. Under Fire, he reported the department responded at least five times a day and the ambulance out at least four times a day, and he commended the volunteers. He again appealed for new volunteers, and that a recruitment drive is planned. There are presently 55 volunteers for both departments, down from 100.

SOCIAL SERVICES, STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION AND SANITATION: Under Social Services, Deputy Commissioner Skiba reported the Food Pantry would be open Tuesday, September 6 as Monday is Labor Day, she read off a list of items needed; that a request has been received for boys clothes size 6 and voiced sincere appreciation to loyal volunteers and to those who donated items recently. Under Streets and Transportation, the DPW cleaned 90% of the stormwater catch basins, with the balance in September. Special markers which were required by Bergen County have been installed. Curbing is presently being painted yellow in all designated areas and should be completed by the first week in September. Removal of 28 trees should be accomplished by October, with 40 new trees scheduled for planting.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones reported former Governor Whitman will be at the Library on November 22 for a book signing at 1 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: David Gumbrecht as Ambulance Mechanic

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

RESIGNATIONS: Peter J. Gallo III from the Ambulance Auxiliary
Joseph J. Benkovic from the Ambulance Auxiliary

RESIGNATIONS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

At this time Mayor Jones also stressed the importance of new volunteers for the Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 138. Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for Barrier Free Improvements to Woodland Park
 - 139. Authorizing Conditional Approval of NJ DOT Road Opening Permit for Sanitary Sewer in Connection with New Service Station at 404 Route 17
 - 139. Asking President George W. Bush to Intervene with the FAA and Teterboro Airport

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2102:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER DESIGNATE AS A CONDITIONAL USE THE "B-2" COMMERCIAL AND "I" INDUSTRIAL ZONES COMMUNICATION TOWER OR ANTENNA FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN SPECIFIED RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS AS THE SAME WAS HITHERTO AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2073 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 22, 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 September 13, 2005.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS IN RESPECT TO THE USE OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE FLOOD HAZARD AREA WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL OF A PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF,” BEING ORDINANCE NO. 1354 ADOPTED ON APRIL 28, 1986, AS THE SAME WAS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1404 ADOPTED ON MARCH 9, 1987 AND BY ORDINANCE NO. 1722 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1995”** 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 September 13, 2005.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

Terry Call, 231 Paterson Avenue, noting that the Call Family has been coming for 70 years with the same problem of flooding which she felt was the lack of sufficient storm drainage. She believed the streets should be cleaned more thoroughly or else property owners should not blow debris into the streets. She asked for consideration of a grant to improve the storm drainage, with the increased building of houses. She questioned Councilman DiPisa regarding a recent ad on the Senior Housing Forum in The Observer. She also made reference to the Senior Housing Building on Hamilton Avenue, that she had been a member of the Board of Education at that time when Franklin School was given to the borough for senior housing for Hasbrouck Heights residents, but it became housing for Bergen County. She questioned would this forum be for housing for Hasbrouck Heights residents. He advised that this would be a listening session only.

Councilman Meli reminded residents that when the stormwater regulations were discussed last year, leaves could only be put into the streets in the Fall during leaf-pickup season.

Janet Kretzdorn, 393 Church Street, was concerned with the cleaning of the area between Charlton and Baldwin Avenues under the overpass, and also the Route 46

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

East ramp. She was advised that although this was State roadways, the borough did clean it on occasion and would try to clean that area more frequently.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE FOR CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution No. 141: Litigation and Personnel

A motion to Close for Closed Session was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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 August 23, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk