

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 27, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 27, 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 Leonard Introna, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, 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: A prayer was given by Councilman Justin DiPisa. Mayor Jones requested a moment of silence in memory of former Councilman William Cavalier who passed away this week.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (July 26, 2005 Regular Meeting and Closed Session)

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

None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$187,637.88 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

FIRE AND PARKS: Fire Commissioner Meli requested to give his report first. He announced that the fire truck (1977 Pumper) had been delivered to Pascagoula, Mississippi (at no expense to the taxpayers) and thanked the people of Hasbrouck Heights, the Mayor, the Police and Fire Departments, Chief Colaneri and Capt. DeLorenzo, Chief Taylor and Firefighter Tom Rubino. He had spoken with the Pascagoula Fire Chief and learned of their devastation. The Chief had sent him a letter which listed the names of three most needy firefighter families. To this effect, he announced the Pascagoula Firemen's Relief Fund has been started and the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department would be seeking donations and holding various fund raisers.

Mayor Jones expressed his pride in the individuals who went to Mississippi and expressed his thanks to these volunteers also. He asked them if they wished to speak, and they all expressed astonishment at the devastation and the people's gratefulness. The Mayor also thanked Joseph Sanzari for donating the flatbed truck and his two employees who delivered the truck. A ceremonial flag is being donated by Bergen Commercial Bank which will be flown from the Hook and Ladder Truck.

Councilman Meli said meetings are continuing with the Port Authority for Teterboro Airport and that volunteers for the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department are needed.

Under Parks, Corby Associates made several recommendations to repair park equipment upon inspection which the DPW will address.

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link gave the Finance Report for the month of August. The current fund cash balance as of August 31, 2005 was \$3,895,167.81; on July 31 was \$375,049.01 which represents an increase of \$3,520,118.80. The entire balance was invested and is earning 3.44%. Cash receipts for August totaled \$6,518,699.59 of which \$5,745,811.13 was for current taxes, \$8,303.89 was prior year taxes, \$611,128.80 was grants and state aid and \$153,444.77 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for August totaled \$3,408,452.47 of which \$1,725,442.41 was local school taxes, \$785,196.63 was county taxes, \$518,063.64 was salaries, and \$379,749.79 was for other expenses. Under Social Services, he reported there were now 18 volunteers to man the Food Pantry, and thanked the Friendly Neighbors, Girl Scout Troop 524, Corpus Christi Church and St. John's Episcopal Church for their donations.

HEALTH AND PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Health, Councilman DiPisa announced the third Health Fair Expo will be held on September 30 in the Senior Center with a wide assortment of doctors and medical affiliations. In addition flu shot registration will be held. He thanked Marilyn deRussy, Pam Link, Lou Castellito, Linda and John Brandle. He talked about Medicare Part B, prescription drug coverage for Medicare recipients, beginning Jan. 1, 2006, at which time he will hold an information night for seniors on this new program. Under Public Facilities, plans for the Central Avenue parking lot are underway. He talked about the buffer zones, parks and cul de sac. He complimented Town Day on September 24 as the best ever and congratulated Rob Brady. He reported on the Senior Housing Forum of September 6.

POLICE AND RECREATION: Under Police, Commissioner Kistner thanked Chief Colaneri and Captain DeLorenzo for escorting the fire truck to Pascagoula. He announced the Police baseball card program will be held again. Under Recreation he also reported that Town Day was very successful with over 1,100 hot dogs being distributed by himself, Councilwoman Skiba along with many volunteers. He also congratulated Rob Brady. He announced Halloween in the Park will be held October 20 with plans well underway. Recreation basketball registration will be held soon.

SANITATION AND LAND USE: Under Sanitation, Commissioner Introna had no report, but commended the donation of the fire truck to Pascagoula. He had attended Town Day and also complimented the event. He reminded residents that bagging of leaves is voluntary, which would assist during heavy removal, but raking into street is allowed.

STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION: Under Streets and Transportation, Commissioner Skiba also thanked the Police and Fire Departments. Under Transportation, the Coalition for Public Health and Safety held a candlelight vigil on Route 46 across from Teterboro Airport. Regarding the Environmental Impact Study at Teterboro, it is in the final phase of installation and the balance of the fencing installed within the next two weeks. They are awaiting FAA approval for cranes and relocation of the meteorological tower. A release had been received that funding is in place for the arrestor beds at either end of the runway. She attended a NJ DEP initiation nonroad meeting regarding diesel emissions.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones thanked the DPW for preparation and cleanup of the Park. He commended the retired fire chiefs when the Pumper was being prepared for delivery to Pascagoula.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:** 150. Raffle License for Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights
151. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Music Parents Assn
152. Authorizing Renewal of Membership in the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
153. Authorizing Contract with Bergen County Department of Health Services for 2005 Flu Vaccine Program

On a motion by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTIONS:

154. Authorizing and Directing the Planning Board Attorney to Represent the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights in the Proceedings before the Wood-Ridge Planning Board in Respect to Proposed Development of the Curtis-Wright and Grand Union Properties and to Further Authorize the Borough Engineer to Assist Him in that Representation
154. Authorizing Contract with the County of Bergen Open Space Trust Municipal Program for a Basketball Court/Skating Rink
154. Requesting Approval from the NJ Division of Local Government Services for Budget Amendment - Body Armor Fund
154. Endorsing CD Application #1 - Barrier Free Improvements to Comfort Station in Woodland Park
158. Endorsing CD Application #2 - Senior Citizens Bus
159. Requesting Approval from the NJ Division of Local Government Services for Budget Amendment - Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Funding

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Councilwoman Skiba on Resolution No. 154, was appreciative that this had been placed on the agenda, following her request and letter to the Borough Attorney. When she inquired about a report from the first Wood-Ridge Planning Board meeting, Mayor Jones invited her to report as she had attended. She continued that it concerned civil engineering, the main entrance to the complex on Passaic Street, the streets and roads throughout, and another exit on Highland Avenue. The next meeting will be a traffic study. The concentration of 110 rental units and town square with the main and three other entrances and exits onto Passaic Avenue were a concern to traffic and Euclid School, as well as the transversed road along Burma Road. Also discussed was drainage and a parking summary providing for 2,300 parking spots without the train station and athletic complex fully developed. Construction vehicles were proposed to only go up and down Passaic Street.

Regarding Resolution No. 157 by Councilman DiPisa, he questioned the status of the handicap ramp to the Pavilion. An estimate from the engineer encompassing all handicap ramps in the park was around \$16,000, however, this would be looked into and did not affect the resolution up for approval.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2105:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT, A POCKET PARK, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS UPON LOTS 20.01, 20.01 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 \$516,000.00 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 October 11, 2005.

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

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, with Councilman Introna voting no, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCES ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2104.

Ann Marie Risquet, 257 Walter Avenue, asked for an explanation of this ordinance. She was advised that this ordinance would allow for increased coverage of the construction official and zoning officer departments.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2104.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE X ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO MAKE THE OFFICE OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT A SEPARATE POSITION”** be continued on public hearing until the Planning Board approval is received.

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

Christian Semenech, 415 Jefferson Avenue, had still not received a report on 418 Jefferson Avenue. He was looking for a building plan. He was advised that the property had been sold, that the home is unoccupied, and new surveys were received by the Building Inspector and he was investigating. He questioned why Councilman Introna voted against the cell tower ordinance, and his answer was that he thought it should be more defined as to locations. When questioned what recommendations he would make, he said he would rather see it at a municipal facility where the town could benefit. He questioned what knowledge he had of the Wood-Ridge project.

Joseph LiVecchi, 304 Division Avenue, questioned the PSE&G project on Burton Avenue, when could the residents expect to have Burton Avenue paved. He was

advised that when the project was completed, PSE&G would come with an infrared heater and smooth the asphalt surface.

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ISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Ann Marie Risquet, 257 Walter Avenue, regarding Resolution #155, he questioned where the Basketball and Skating Rink would be located. She was advised that a possible location was next to the Little League Field, however a committee would be formed to discuss various options.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE FOR CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution No. 160: Personnel

A motion to Close for Closed Session was made by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 9:36 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 September 27, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk