

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 9, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 9, 2006 at 8:05 p.m. at Borough Hall, 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 3, 2006 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2006.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner (arrived at 8:18 p.m.), Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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. James P. Whelan, Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi R.C. Church

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Joseph Coppola, Jr., President of the B. C. Education Association, noting that the Hasbrouck Heights school budget was only one of 18 budgets defeated among the 75 districts in Bergen County and urging consideration of the education of the students and the positive impact quality schools have on the welfare of a community when deliberating over the fate of the school budget.
- 1) Letter from James E. Seath, President/CEO of The Arc of Bergen and Passaic Counties, Inc. informing that the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights has been selected as The Arc's "Community of the Year" for 2006.
- 1) Note from Library Director Michele Reutty of her election as Vice President/President Elect of the New Jersey Library Association.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd):

- 1) Letter from Mrs. May Grady of Lincoln Avenue commending Dave (Palmieri) of the DPW
- 1) Letter from NJ Army National Guard regarding NJ Legislature passing a law which provides a tuition-free college education for every member of the NJ Army National Guard at all NJ Public colleges and universities
- 1) Notice from Borough of Wood-Ridge Planning Board Announcing Public Hearing of Re-examination of the Master Plan and adoption of proposed Amendments to the Master Plan on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Mayor Jones requested #2 and #4 be read into the record. Copies are attached.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (March 14, 2006 Regular Meeting)

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

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$2,486,938.15 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 Thomas E. Meli
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: None

- RESOLUTIONS:** 76. Payroll
77. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
77. Authorizing "4Connections" Right of Way
77. Exempting Municipal Clerk from Penalties for OPRA Violations
77. Extension of Moratorium Re B1 Parking Lot Regulations
77. Correcting Typographical Error in Resolution No. 71 Authorizing the Sale of a Portion of Lot 1.05 in Block 168.01 as the Same Appears on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

Councilwoman Skiba questioned Resolution #78 and what they were installing.

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna, with Councilman Meli abstaining from Resolution No. 80, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless Jr. and CFO/Administrator Michael Kronyak to Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Committee

Joseph Benkovic to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ambulance Squad

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2129, No. 2132 and No. 2133. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2129:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SUBSECTION M WHICH PROHIBITS CABARETS AND NIGHTCLUBS IN CERTAIN AREAS AS THE SAME IS CONTAINED IN §275-20 ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN PRINCIPAL USES” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM THAT PROHIBITION CERTAIN LIMITED ENTERTAINMENT BY LIVE PERFORMERS WHEN CONDUCTED AS AN ACCESSORY TO CERTAIN PERMITTED USES IN THE B-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND THE B-2 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT”** 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 Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2133:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN BARRIER FREE IMPROVEMENTS TO WOODLAND PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS INCLUDING NEW RESTROOMS, A BARRIER FREE ACCESS RAMP AND APPURTENANCES THERETO AND TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$170,000.00 CONSISTING OF \$53,200.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND \$116,800.00 PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT”** 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 Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

ORDINANCE ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2132:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF THE BOROUGH OWNED LOT 1.05 IN BLOCK 168.01 WHICH IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AS BEING WITHIN THE R-2 ONE-FAMILY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2132 (cont'd):

RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT" was continued on public hearing and carried to the May 23, 2006 Mayor and Council Meeting.

On a motion by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance No. 2132 was approved to be Continued on Public Hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

Shirley Benson, 14 Garrison Avenue, questioned the re-zoning of the property directly behind her residence, and if the some of the trees might remain for privacy and shade. She was advised that this will be referred to the Planning Board when the subdivision is requested.

John Goehrig, 262 Lawrence Avenue, questioned when there would be a Bulletin Board in front of the Municipal Building. He also requested that a sign announcing a traffic light be installed on Route 17 South at the Williams Avenue approach.

Dorothy Checki, 214 Coolidge Avenue, regarding the tree in front of her house, whether it will be taken down as she has had many problems with it, including the sidewalk rising. PSE&G had come and told her they would be cutting the tree down half way, with the DPW removing the rest of the tree. She also referred to other tree problems on this street. She was invited to remain for the Work Session where more discussion of this would be done.

Edward Sees, 47 Wood St., questioned the governing body as to the allegation that borough employees work shorter hours in the summer.

Councilwoman Saccomano thanked the DPW and Police Academy participants for fixing Terrace Avenue and the handicap ramp to the Veterans Memorial, with the Mayor and Councilman DiPisa concurring. Borough Engineer Ken Job was also thanked.

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

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 8:37 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 9, 2006.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk