

## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

### **MINUTES**

**April 10, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on April 10, 2007 at 8:09 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 2, 2007 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2007.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli

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 provided by The Rev. Dr. Karyn L. Wiseman, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, was read by Councilman DiPisa.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE:** A Certificate and a Key to the City was presented to Josephine Zangl on her retirement as a Library employee after 21 ½ years of service. She was presented this certificate by Mayor Jones and Library Liaison Stephen Altobelli, with Library Director Mimi Hui and Friends of the Library Suzanne Kepsel assisting.

### **PROCLAMATIONS: APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

The following Proclamation was endorsed by the Mayor and Council:

“WHEREAS, all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free of physical or emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a significant social problem that damages the lives of children physically, mentally and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm to our society as a whole; and

**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights is committed to building a continuum of child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered, with a strong emphasis on primary child abuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights promotes and supports community-based programs designed to prevent injury, abuse or neglect of children, achieve positive outcomes for parenting behavior and family functioning and relationships, and empower and increase safety for domestic violence victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts the media and private and public agencies have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in prevention during the month of April and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2007 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, and urge all our fellow residents to become involved in efforts aimed at preventing our children from being abused and neglected.

GIVEN, under my hand and the authority of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year two thousand seven, the two hundred and thirty-first year of the Independence of the United States.”

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

**PROCLAMATION: SAFE KIDS WEEK - APRIL 28-MAY 6, 2007:**

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- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Thank You Letter from Family of William Bischoff
  - 2) Letter of Resignation from Donna Villacampa
  - 3) Letter from the Environmental/Transportation Commission regarding the Annual Poster Contest

Mayor Jones asked the clerk to read Item #1 into the record and Councilman DiPisa read Item #3 (Copies attached).

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

**PETITIONS:** From Rita Castro on behalf of tenants of 101 Terrace Avenue Regarding Parking Situation.

A petition was presented with 28 signatures which read as follows:

“To Whom It May Concern:

**PETITIONS (cont'd):**

My name is Maria Rita Castro and I am writing this letter on behalf of the tenants of 101 Terrace Avenue in Hasbrouck Hts. At the end of April we will not be able to use the parking lot belonging to American Legion as they are selling the property. This situation poses a serious problem for us as we will no longer have a place to park our cars. We would like to know if we may be granted to park in the street beginning May 2007.

The following signatures are of all the tenants that live at 101 Terrace Ave, all of whom support my request on their behalf for a parking permit.

We hope you will be able to help us.”

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the Petition was accepted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (January 30, 2007 Regular Meeting, February 13, 2007 Regular Meeting and March 13, 2007 Regular Meeting)

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

**BILLS:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the claims and accounts amounting to \$1,804,946.65 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 Leonard Introna  
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** 60. Payroll

61. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

- 61. Marriage and Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
- 61. Authorizing Liquor License Transfer from Bhulaku LLC, d/b/a Lucky Discount Liquor & Convenience Store to B. E. Princess Liquors Inc.
- 61. Construction - Payment of Fees to State
- 61. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
- 61. Ratifying and Confirming Sale of Bond Anticipation Note

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Introna, with Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Skiba voting Nay on Resolution No. 65 and Yes to all others, the foregoing Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** Donna Villacampa from Mayor's Committee of Community Celebrations

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2155.

Christian Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, thought that taxpayers shouldn't incur any more debt.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2155:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BAND (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2007"** be now passed on second and final  
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**ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Continued Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2156:**

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2156. There being no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE AND REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2007 RENT LEVELLING ORDINANCE”** 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Introna, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Gail Handy, 319 Division Avenue, a homeowner in Hasbrouck Heights, regarding the real estate open house sign permit ordinance, was concerned as nothing was mentioned of the amount of liability insurance of \$1,000,000 required, and requested that the ordinance be modified for homeowners. She was advised that this would be discussed further at the Work Session.

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

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Jones announced that the meeting would continue to 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 8:43 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 April 10, 2007.

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Rose Marie Sees, RMC  
Borough Clerk