

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 14, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on October 14, 2008 at 8:05 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor Heck declared the meeting in Session and 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, 2008 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez

Absent: None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Heck led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano

Councilwoman Saccomano recited the following prayer which was written by pir-o-murshid inayat khan in 1921:

Send Thy peace O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting, that our souls may radiate peace.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that we may think, act and speak harmoniously.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that we may be contented and thankful for Thy bountiful gifts

Send Thy peace O Lord, that amidst our worldly strife, we may enjoy thy bliss.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that we may endure all, tolerate all, in the thought of Thy grace and mercy.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that our lives may become a Divine vision and in Thy light, all darkness may vanish.

Send Thy peace O Lord, our Father and Mother, that we Thy children on Earth may all unite in one family.

PROCLAMATION: November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Declaring November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey;

WHEREAS over 37,680 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 34,290 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States;

WHEREAS approximately 1,060 deaths will occur in New Jersey;

WHEREAS there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 25 years;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only three to six months;

WHEREAS incidence of pancreatic cancer is 20 to 30 percent higher in men than in women and 40 to 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in New Jersey support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; therefore be it RESOLVED that the Mayor's Office designate the Month of November 2008 "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

/s/Mayor Rose Heck
and Council Members

PROCLAMATION: October 19-25, 2008 as NJSFWC Membership Week

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC) was organized November 16, 1894 to provide opportunities for women in education, leadership training and community service, and continues to be one of the oldest and largest non-denominational, non-partisan service organizations of volunteer women in the State of New Jersey, with more than 10,000 members in 275 local clubs; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, throughout its 114-year history, NJSFWC members have worked in their communities to assist in a variety of activities, such as founding the New Jersey College for Women (Douglass College); preserving the Palisades of the Hudson; saving the New Jersey Highlands; supporting the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, statewide Domestic Violence Shelters, Special Olympics, Operation Smile, CARE and UNICEF, while contributing to many other charities, academic scholarships, community libraries, and beautification of local areas; and

WHEREAS, the GFWC Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights and the Hasbrouck Heights Woman's Club are members of NJSFWC celebrating 64 years of service to this community, have provided a variety of assistance projects such as low exit signs in all the schools of Hasbrouck Heights, worked with Rebuilding together to spruce up property of borough residents who were unable to do so, took part in renovations to Woodland Park, and many other local beautification projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights does hereby proclaim the week of October 19-25, 2008 as NJSFWC Membership Week on this 14th day of October, 2008 in recognition of the many hours of service members of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC have provided to this community and others.

/s/Rose Heck, Mayor

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Release from N.J. State League of Municipalities regarding two important ballot questions

 - 2) Release from N.J. State League of Municipalities announcing dedication of N.J. World War II Memorial at 2:30 p.m. at the Statehouse Plaza, Trenton, on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008

 - 3) 2007 Annual Report - Bergen County Utilities Authority

Items #1 and #2 were requested to be read into the record. (Copies attached)

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$4,256,311.09 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the accounts listed for payment of the claims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims be paid and checks be issued on the funds and accounts indicated on the attached schedule.

Signed Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 170. Raffle License for Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro
 - 171. Raffle License for Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights
 - 172. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football League

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved.
(Copies attached)

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 173. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

- 174. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

- 175. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

176. Confirming Endorsement of B.C. Community Development Grant for Jefferson Avenue Roadway Improvements

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

177. Authorizing Sale of Bond Anticipation Note #2-08

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

178. Authorizing Permission to Conduct Sidewalk Sale in Conjunction with Outdoor Mall October 25, 2008

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

179. Payroll

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2192:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2192, which was made by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2192 which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2192:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING §198-2N OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WHICH PROHIBITS THE APPEARANCE OF ANY PERSON UPON ANY STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICATING LIQUOR SINCE THE SAME CONDUCT IS CURRENTLY GOVERNED BY N.J.S.A. 26:2B-1, ET SEQ., THE NEW JERSEY ALCOHOL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION ACT**” 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 DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

Christian Semenez, 415 Jefferson Avenue, stated that maybe it was time that this council take the \$1.2 million in surplus and give it back to the taxpayers. Mayor Heck requested the Borough Administrator to answer, and invited Mr. Semenez to the October 21 Property Tax Forum. Mr. Kronyak answered that 2007 ended with approximately \$1.38 million, used \$1.2 million as a revenue in the 2008 budget which is essentially going back to the taxpayers to reduce the amount that had to be raised by taxation. This left approximately \$200,000 or less in surplus, some of it restricted and cannot be used unless permission is received from the Division of Local Government Services. He then gave a summary explaining what surplus is.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, referring to an ethics complaint she had delivered in May 2008 for the Ethical Standards Board and if they planned to not hear her complaint. The clerk noted she had contacted the Board and never received any reply or a request to call a meeting. Mayor Heck said that if Ms. Skiba was interested in receiving a response that a request should be made to the Ethics Board to send her a letter.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she invited all present to stay. On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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 Mayor and Council Meeting held on October 14, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk