

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 9, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on December 9, 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, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez

Absent: Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman David Gonzalez as follows:

*“Wage peace with your breath.
Breathe in firemen and rubble,
breathe out whole buildings and flocks of red wing blackbirds.
Breathe in terrorists
and breathe out sleeping children and freshly mown fields.
Breathe in confusion and breathe out maple trees.
Breathe in the fallen and breathe out lifelong friendships intact.
Wage peace with your listening: hearing sirens, pray loud.
Remember your tools: flower seeds, clothes pins, clean rivers.
Make soup.
Play music, memorize the words for thank you in three languages.
Learn to knit, and make a hat.
Think of chaos as dancing raspberries,
imagine grief as the outbreak of beauty or the gesture of fish.*

INVOCATION (cont'd):

*Swim for the other side.
Wage peace.
Never has the world seemed so fresh and precious:
Have a cup of tea and rejoice.
Act as if armistice has already arrived.
Celebrate today."*

Judyth Hill, September 12, 2001

PRESENTATION: 2008 Cross Country Undefeated B.C.S.L. National Champions

Certificates of Achievement were presented to the following participants who were the 2008 Cross County Undefeated B.C.S.L. National Champions: Jesse Bunone, Cadea Robinson, Alexis Nasciemento, Brittney Giuffre, Jenn Nass, Naomi Robinson, Sam Guerra, Christina D'Costa, Brianna Walsh and Head Coach Mike Ryan. The presentation was made by Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Recreation Director Robert Brady who offered their congratulations. Mr. Brady announced that Head Coach Ryan was voted B.C. Head Coach of the Year.

PRESENTATION: 2008 State Sectional Soccer Champions

Certificates of Achievement were presented to the following participants who were the 2008 State Sectional Soccer Champions: Captains Juliana Romano, Chelsea Spethman, Rosa Holowen, Jo Jo Pisani, Angela Cristofolo, Amanda Spethman; Players Alexa McAvoy, Kasia Gawryluk, Julia Weingartner, Megan Gwozdecke, Macie Collazo, Melissa Spethman, Marissa Romano, Sam Bunone, Michele Gianni, Noelle Paredes, Jodee Giarratana, Rebecca Fortoul, Jennifer White, Jordyn Anderson, Johnna Trottier, Julie Sheridan and Kiersten Larson; Head Coach Ollie Pimm who was inducted into the New Jersey Girl's Soccer Hall of Fame; Assistant Coach Charlie McCarthy and Assistant Coach Joseph Mastropietro. The presentation was made by Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Recreation Director Robert Brady who offered their congratulations. It was also noted by Mr. Brady that Head Coach Pimm was retiring as Soccer Coach.

Mayor Heck announced there would be a brief recess to allow time for those wishing to leave.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Letter from Michael Russo, Dir., NJ Div. Of Local Aid and Economic Development, that they were unable to provide a Municipal Aid Grant for Division Avenue (*this was second of two applications submitted*).

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

2) Thank You letter to Mayor and Council from Mayor's Celebrations Committee for their support and help at this year's successful Annual Tree Lighting.

3) Thank You letter to Mayor Heck for judging the Library's Leggo My Lego Building Contest

4) Follow-up Letter from Borough Engineer regarding Boulevard Streetscape from Washington Place to Kipp Avenue

5) Proposed 2009 Budget of the Bergen County Utilities Authority

Items #1 and #4 were read into the record. (Copies attached).

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$1,929,853.54 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 Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 204. Raffle License for Concerned Parents Assn of Corpus Christi

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

RESOLUTIONS: 205. 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. (Copy attached)

206. Authorizing Payment to Former Firemen for 25 Years of Service

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

207. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2008-0002 for Block 7, Lot 38

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

208. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2007-0002 for Block 87, Lot 41

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

At this point the Borough Clerk noted that regarding Resolution No. 209, the personnel involved did not timely elect that this matter be discussed in public and as a consequence the matter should be carried until the Executive Session at the conclusion of the Work Session agenda. Action if any will take place in public following that Session.

210. Accepting Rejection of Bid Received for New Garbage Truck

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

211. Authorizing Fire Department Percentages

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

212. Authorizing Ambulance Squad Percentages

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: Joseph DiPrete as School Crossing Guard

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2197:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2008 ”** 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 December 23, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2198:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §275-21E(1)(f) WHICH IS ONE OF SEVERAL EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL REGULATIONS IMPOSED UPON SIGNS IN THE ZONING CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** 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 December 23, 2008.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2199:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** 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 December 23, 2008.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2193:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2193, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, 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. 2193 which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2009”** 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance No. 2193 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2194:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2194, which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2194 (cont'd):

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2194 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2009 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102**

” 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 DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance No. 2194 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2195:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2195, which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, asked what percentage of increase is made by this ordinance, and was told 4%. She asked if both individuals receive a longevity bonus, and was told yes, that it is calculated separately. She felt that in these economic times, this was irresponsible.

Mayor Heck asked CFO/Admin. Kronyak to give an explanation, who said this was concurrent with PBA contract negotiations.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2195 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2009”** 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.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

ORDINANCE NO. 2195 (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance No. 2195 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2196:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2196, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, 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. 2196 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-43 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XIII: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES" OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH SIDE OF HAMILTON AVENUE BETWEEN BURTON AND TERRACE AVENUES UPON THE SCHEDULE OF LOCATIONS AT WHICH NO PERSON SHALL PARK A VEHICLE AT ANY TIME”** 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance No. 2196 was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Kelly Ruroede, 6 Louis Street, Lodi, regarding Resolution No. 209, said he did respond in time. Mayor Heck said this would be addressed in the Work Session.

Robert Call, 231 Paterson Avenue, expressed his gratitude to the Police and Ambulance Squad when he needed to call them recently after falling and sustaining injuries.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

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 DiPisa, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:51 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 December 9, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk