

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL
M I N U T E S**

MAY 13, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 8:05 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

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Before the Regular Meeting, Mayor Rose Heck invited the Youth Week Mayor and Council to come forward and conduct the Youth Week Council Meeting. Michael Renna took over as Youth Week Mayor.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Adriana Szabo 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.

Youth Week Mayor Renna requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Szabo conduct a Roll Call:

ROLL CALL: Present: Youth Week Councilmembers: Zach Ketcho(*Councilman DiPisa*), Catrina Valente (*Councilwoman Saccomano*), Vin Romano (*Councilman DiNanno*), Mac Sakchutchowan (*Councilman Altobelli*), Jacquelin Valente(*Councilwoman Buckman*) Joe Olivo (*Councilman Gonzalez*)

Absent: Councilman Altobelli

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

PRESENTATION: Youth Week Mayor Renna and Mayor Heck presented Certificates to the Award Winning Hasbrouck Heights High School Marching Band who included: Paige Botjer, Hannah Botjer, Conor Cafferty, Lee Ciocia, Joseph Daidone, Caitlin Diaz (Color Guard Co-Captain), Connor Dicorcia, Amanda Drozdowski, Julianne Ersfeld, Edward Frischkorn, Peter Gambino, Gavin Gillespie, Roland Gamez, Kenneth Hesse,

PRESENTATION (cont'd): Raymond Hohnecker, Nicole Iappelli, Christopher Jackson; Jakub Kozluk, Harry Maisch, Thomas Nicoletti, Kristina Palermo, Mark Palermo, Janki

Pandya, Aashana Parekh, David Prozl, Kristin Rensch, Gabriella Reynaldo, Samantha Salerno, Kristian Szabo, Adriana Szabo, Jordan Sisco, Alex Sisco, Brandon Spandler, Michael Spangler, Ryan Spangler, Victoria Sciancalepore, Nicholas Sciancalepore, Valentina Tegethoff, Catrina Valente (Drum Major), Jaquelin Valente (Color Guard Co-Captain) Bernardo Valente, Brianna Walsh, Brittini Wipper, Matthew Wipper, Meredith Yorkin, Edgardo Bueser, Frairee De La Fuente, Brian Lee, Kenneth Lee, Alyssa Prush, Jahaira Puma, Jasmine Puma, Sarah Scalero, Band Director Joseph Ascolese, Design & Drill Instructor Michael Coppola and Color Guard Instructor Nicole Mink.

COMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS:

Youth Week Mayor Renna asked each Youth Week Councilperson to present their Commendations and Proposals.

Councilman DiPisa- Zach Ketcho

Commendation- I am a member of the high school football and track team. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the entire town council and officials involved in the renovation of our football field and track. I am so proud to have other teams visit our facility. There was a lot of hour and funds put into this project and I want you all to know that I, along with my fellow team- mates, truly appreciate what was done.

Proposal- I would like to propose repair work on a residential street, Washington St. The residents of that street, as well as other residents, have complained about the condition of Washington St. This is the season for road repairs and this street needs immediate attention. I propose the repair work to begin as soon as possible.

Councilwoman Saccomano- Katrina Valente

Commendation- I would like to thank the town for the food bank. You've done a great job of helping the residents of Hasbrouck Heights. Our economy hasn't been that great and this service has helped those that are in need.

Proposal- I feel my fellow high school students would love to do their part in helping our community. There are several clubs in the high school that would like to participate in building the food bank. I propose that social services meet with the high advisors and students who wish to do their part. Let's have a town wide food drive or anything that the food bank feels is low. The high school student council sponsors a family during Christmas. They receive them from Tomorrow's Children. We are proud of the job all students do. I propose a food drive prior to this summer. I'm sure the food bank gets low during the summer months.

Councilman DiNanno- Vin Romano

Commendation –I would like thank-you all for the bathrooms at Woodland Park. They look great and have been a great addition to this park. Let's hope the residents will help take care of this investment.

Proposal –I would like to suggest that the park, located by route 46 and Pasadena Avenue, be renovated. This park is in bad shape. If we all feel that it is not possible to do this project, I propose that we offer this project to an organization in our tow that would like to adopt this park. The scouts in town might like this as a service project. Some minor gardening would make this park look better. I propose to either renovate it or pass it on to someone who would like to.

Councilwoman Altobelli-Mac Sakchutchawan

Commendation-I would like to commend parking lot renovations completed at the swim club. This is a job well done. It completes the renovations done at Depken field. I'm sure the entire swim club member will appreciate these repairs this summer.

Proposal- I propose a transportation official to remain at the high school during drop off and pick up times. There is an official there at times. This is when everyone is at his or her best behavior. The parents pull into the parking lots and block entranceways during the morning and afternoon times. This is dangerous and we don't want to regret this after something critical happens. There is no reason why a parent must pull into the parking lot or pull up to the entranceway to drop off their child. We encourage more exercise, yet they feel their children must get as close to the door for convenience. Please have someone there more regularly.

Councilwoman Buckman –Jacquelin Valente

Commendation-I would like to thank the recreation program for the many years of summer camp that I myself have participated in. This camp has left me with childhood memories that I will cherish forever. The camp was something that we all looked forward to. The counselors and the activities were all wonderful. Let's keep this tradition going for years to come. The children all appreciate it, especially when you're older and look back on all that summer fun.

Proposal – The recreational sports provided for the younger residents are a highlight in their lives. They provide a foundation for high school sports. Unfortunately, not all children can participate in high school sports. The competition is serious and sometimes the love of the game is lost in the seriousness of it. I propose to continue recreational sports, such as basketball or volleyball, for the high school age residents. This activity can take place on a Friday or Sunday night. The students could coach themselves and we could hire referees that are in training. This is a great way to keep our younger residents off the streets while maintaining a healthy lifestyle. I'm sure the better athletes would love to also participate in an activity that is designed to just have fun.

Councilman Gonzalez-Joe Olivo

Commendation- I would like to commend our volunteer fire department for all the work you do in our community. I am proud to see past students from our high school participating in fighting the fires in our community. Keep up the good work. You make us all proud.

Proposal- I think we could build our volunteer fire department with a little education to our high school students. The students in our high school are required to do community service in order to graduate. Some students do not know where to look to give their hour. I know some fire fighters visit the elementary schools for fire prevention education. I propose a visit to the high school to educate those students on your job. This would enlighten the students on what your job actually consists of. There are students that don't realize that our fire department is on a volunteer basis. Please visit our school and we'll arrange an assembly to inform all of our students.

All of the Commendations and Proposals were unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck congratulated the Youth Week Mayor and Council on a job well done. The Youth Week students were also congratulated for their participation as the following:

Police Chief Michael Colaneri - Pat Cole

Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski - Ryan Spangler

Chief Financial Officer Michael Kronyak - Nick Brunetti

Judge Joseph Jones - Garrett McCurren

Supt. Of Public Works William Spindler - Nick Curci

Tax Collector Conchita Parker - Caitlin Sibley

Building Inspector Nick Melfi - Libardo Torres

Recreation Director Rob Brady - Zach Ketcho and Mac Sakchutchowan

Library Director Mimi Hui - Kryuree Park

Children's Librarian Rosalie Nickles - Raquel Barroso and Joy Sakchutchowan

The Youth Week Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk