

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**October 13, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on October 13, 2009 at 8:04 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 5, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

Absent: None

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Buckman led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

“May today be all that you need it to be. May the peace of God and the freshness of the Holy Spirit rest in your thoughts, rule in your dreams tonight and conquer all your fears. May God manifest himself today in ways you have never experienced. May your joys be fulfilled, your dreams be closer and your prayers be answered. I pray that faith enters a new height for you and I pray that your territory is enlarged. Amen.”

**PRESENTATION:** The Woman’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights presented a gift of two GPS’ to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

Mayor Heck, noting that this being the last major gift from the Woman’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights, introduced President of the Woman’s Club, Audrey Ascione, and members of the Woman’s Club who were present, including herself as First Vice President, and invited them to come forward along with Fire Commissioner David

**PRESENTATION (cont'd):**

Gonzalez. Presentations included a gift of two GPS to be used in Fire Department ambulances and a framed tablecloth which had engraved in needlepoint the names of all Woman's Club members since its inception in 1922 to the present. The GPS were presented to Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski and Ambulance Squad Captain Elizabeth Waring.

**PROCLAMATION:** Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day® October 10, 2009

WHEREAS, across the nation, traffic crashes caused nearly 40,000 fatalities in 2008, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 3 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, 591 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 26 percent of the State's traffic fatalities; and

WHEREAS, unsafe speed was a factor in more than 22,000 crashes; and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, 78 motorcyclists, 21 bicyclists and 135 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2008; and

WHEREAS, safer driving behaviors such as buckling up every ride; obeying posted speed limits; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never drinking and driving; wearing proper safety gear when riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Rose Heck of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey do hereby proclaim October 10, 2009, *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®*, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

*Dated: October 10, 2009*

*/s/ Mayor Rose Heck*

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Public Notification and Outreach of former BP Station at 426 Boulevard

**COMMUNICATIONS: (cont'd):**

2) Request from Chamber of Commerce to permit Halloween Window Painting Contest on October 21.

3) Invitation to attend Annual Health Fair on October 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Item #3 was requested to be read into the record (copy attached).

Regarding #2, permission was granted to the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Halloween Window Painting Contest.

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

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(May 19, 2009 Youth Week Council Meeting, August 11, 2009 Work Session and Executive Session, August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting & Executive Session, September 8, 2009 Regular Meeting, Work Session & Executive Session, September 22, 2009 Regular Meeting & Executive Session)*

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilman DiPisa abstaining from the Minutes of May 19, 2009 and Councilman Altobelli abstaining from the Minutes of September 8, 2009, as they were absent, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,034,547.27 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  
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

**BILLS (cont'd):**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** 170. Payroll

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

171. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

172. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State

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

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

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

174. Confirming Endorsement of B.C. Community Development Grant for Burton and Collins Avenue Roadway Improvements

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

175. Authorizing Award of Contract for Improvements of Miers Park and Woodland Park to Let It Grow Inc.

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

176. Authorizing Contract with Certain Approved State Contract Vendor for Purchase of Three 2009 Chevy Impala Patrol Cars

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

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

177. Authorizing Contract with Certain Approved State Contract Vendor for Lease of A 16 Channel Voice Recorder

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

178. Granting Permission to AT&T Corp to Install Communications Facilities Along, Under and Over the Public Right-of-Way in Order to Provide Communications Services to the Public

Councilman Altobelli asked if he could have an interpretation of this resolution. Borough Attorney Chandless said he had presented a letter to the Council dated September 24 which details the part that covers the Borough. He was told that as Verizon has the rights to run fiber optic lines throughout the Borough this requires that the Borough also provide it to AT&T before Verizon will allow them to use their lines.

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** John Kosakowski of Bill O'Shea's Florist to Mayor's Business Community Committee  
Ronald Kistner to Rent Leveling Board  
Craig Messery to Recreation Programs Advisory Committee

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2217:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2217 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and

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unanimously carried. There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled:“**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 55-1 ENTITLED “CREATION AND OFFICERS” OF CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO DELETE THEREFROM CERTAIN OFFICES THE CURRENT VACANCIES IN WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTLY INTENDED TO BE FILLED**”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 published and circulated in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

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

Mayor Heck noted there were Boy Scouts in the audience and welcomed them. She was told they were working toward their “Citizenship in the Community” badge.

**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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 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 13, 2009.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk