

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**November 10, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on November 10, 2009 at 8:01 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:** Mayor Heck led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Before giving the Invocation Mayor Rose Heck noted that Hasbrouck Heights had lost one of its great volunteers on Sunday, Audrey Ascione, who would be very much missed by her church, social organizations, Mayor's Celebrations Committee, Food Pantry and Senior Citizens Committee. She continued that another active community member, Chuck Wipper, who was a businessman in town and past president of the Lions Club had also passed away on Sunday. She asked that prayers be offered for their families. She read the Invocation as follows:

"Dear God, Bless us all. We pray for our loved ones here and far away. We pray for the Homeless who have no where to stay. We pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones.

**INVOCATION (cont'd):**

“We pray for those serving our country both here and in foreign lands. We pray for those who have lost their lives and we pray for their families. We pray for all our veterans, especially those who have been wounded and are in hospitals.

“Dear God, Bless this meeting. As always we seek your guidance and support to help us do the best for our community. We ask that you continue to share your wisdom and compassion with us so that we may serve the people to the best of our ability. We thank you for all of the blessings you have bestowed upon us and ask that you continue to make us worthy of your love.

“God Bless us all and God Bless this great country in which we live. Amen.”

**PROCLAMATION:** Observance of Veteran’s Day

*WHEREAS*, following World War I, in November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”; and

*WHEREAS*, the United State Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 “...that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples;” and

*WHEREAS*, An Act approved May 13, 1938, made the 11<sup>th</sup> of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day” which was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, was amended in 1954 to include World War II veterans and following the Korean War was again amended by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans” on June 1, 1954, November 11<sup>th</sup> became a day to honor American veterans of all wars; and

**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

*WHEREAS*, today Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, State of New Jersey, United States of America, extend our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to those who have fought in the past and to those who are fighting today to maintain our liberty and way of life; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Mayor and Council ask all the residents of Hasbrouck Heights and of these United States of America to take pride in knowing that ours is a legacy that will and must continue to be passed to our children and children's children, and so long as each American makes it a priority to recognize the sacrifices that protect our democratic values and the very ideals upon which this nation was founded, our United States will flourish and continue to be a beacon of freedom.

*Dated: November 11, 2009*

*/s/ Mayor Rose Heck  
and Members of the Council*

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Invitation to Mayor's Celebrations Committee Annual Tree Lighting on Friday night, November 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Councilman Gonzalez requested to read the following under Communications:

2) Results of Fire Department Election of Officers for the year 2010

The letter was from Chief Michael Ratkowski and he read as follows: Fire Chief: Joseph Taylor Jr.; First Assistant Chief, Richard Giarratana; Second Assistant Chief, Patrick Hayes; Secretary, David Gumbrecht; Treasurer, Paul Elenio. Engine Company One: Captain: Bernardo Valente; Lieutenant: Edmund Carter III; Secretary: Justin Watrel; Treasurer: Christian Semencz. Engine Company Two: Captain: Michael Thomasey; Lieutenant: Michael Greco; Secretary: Robert Munoz; Treasurer: David Gumbrecht. Hood and Ladder Company One: Captain: Brian Morrow; Lieutenant: Michael Christiansen; Secretary: Ryan Raney; Treasurer: Mark Waring. Ambulance:

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

Captain: Elizabeth Waring; Lieutenant: John Riordan; Secretary: Patrick Mucha.  
Rescue Company: Captain: Christopher Halloran; Lieutenant: David Gumbrecht;  
Secretary: Daniel Wixon.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the Fire Department Election of Officers for the year 2010 was confirmed.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(October 13, 2009 Regular Meeting and Work Session, October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting)*

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,156,033.21 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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** 182. Raffle License for Concerned Parents Assn of Corpus Christi

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** 183. Payroll

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

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

184. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

185. Authorizing Application for Hasbrouck Heights Municipal Alliance Grant for 2009

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

186. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2009-0002 for Block 12, Lot 48

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**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 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 Councilwoman Link, 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 8:46 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 November 10, 2009.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk