

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

April 14, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on April 14, 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 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: The Invocation was given by Councilman Justin A. DiPisa as follows:

“Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

PROCLAMATION: National Library Week

Mayor Heck asked Councilwoman Buckman to read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, our nation’s schools, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever;

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work;

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream - places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend;

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it;

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the "digital divide;"

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 12-18, 2009. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors.

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

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Proclamation which was made by Councilman Altobelli who said with pleasure, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried. Mayor Heck asked that a copy be sent to the Library after it is signed.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS:

Mayor Heck asked to divert from the agenda for the following appointments. She invited Fire Chief Ratkowski, Commissioner Gonzalez and Deputy Commissioner Altobelli to join her and invited the appointees to come forward to be sworn in by the Mayor.

APPOINTMENTS: Allison R. Saabye to Fire Department Ambulance Auxiliary
David Sagittas to Fire Department Engine Company 1

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Lucy Vandenberg, Exec. Dir., Council on Affordable Housing of approval of Borough's proposed development fee ordinance
- 2) Letter from Governor Corzine regarding DOT applications for *Municipal Aid, Bikeway, Centers of Place, Transit Village, and Safe Streets to Transit Programs*
- 3) Letter from BCUA and 2008 Sewer Connection Fee Rebate Check

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

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 10, 2009 Work Session and Executive Session
February 24, 2009 Executive Session
March 10, 2009 Work Session and Executive Session
March 24, 2009 Regular Meeting
March 31, 2009 Special Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,376,443.74 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

80. Authorizing the Approval of Licenses for Commercial Enterprises: Al Auto Service and Sales LLC, JMR Auto Group LLC, Regency Auto Wholesaler, Lenox Group Inc.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the remaining members of the governing body voting Yes, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

81. Authorizing Compliance with the Provisions of Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Applicable to Exclusion from Gross Income for Federal Income Tax Purposes of Interest on Obligations with regard to Bond Anticipation Note Dated April 3, 2009

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

82. Honoring Our Troops and "Support Our Troops Day"

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

83. Raffle License for Knights of Columbus Council #7041

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

APPOINTMENTS: Allison R. Saabye to Fire Department Ambulance Auxiliary

David Sagitas to Fire Department Engine Company 1

Kathy Iappelli to Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2206:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2206 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE AND REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2009 RENT LEVELING ORDINANCE”** 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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2207:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2207 which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT FEES AND PROVIDE FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO CONFORM WITH THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING’S RECENTLY ADOPTED THIRD ROUND REGULATIONS”** 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 Record, a newspaper circulated in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, 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 DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, 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 8:30 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 April 14, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk