

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 12, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 12, 2010 at 8:00 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 4, 2010 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

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 Councilwoman Buckman as follows:

“Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank you for being our source of guidance today. Amen!”

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Aviator Soccer Club U12-C Flight Boys Soccer Team

Certificates of Achievement were presented to the following Boys U12-C Soccer Team for a successful season by Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzales:

Vincent Baculio, Jason DiGiacinto, Youki Gomez, Andy Martinez, Chris Parodi, Willy Salcedo, Pierce Sukhram, Julian Toledo, Karol Kozielec, Daniel Champignon, Jordan Maldonado, Jorge Salas, Luis Fabian, Joey Strobino, Jarrett Gorman, Kyle O'Connor,

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Furkan Cakir, Head Coach Rich Parodi, Assistant Coach Tony Martinez and Assistant Coach/Trainer Joe Strobino. Coach Parodi was invited to say a few words.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Aviator Soccer Club U14-C Flight Girls Soccer Team

Certificates of Achievement were presented to the Girls U14-C Soccer Team for a successful season by Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez: Tatiana Balugas, Taylor Barth, Kristen Delcalzo, Grace Dequinzio, Jenna DiGiacinto, Victoria Hein, Lily Horna, Simi Jeet Kaur, Lina Orjeula, Jane Park, Tiffany Rodreguiz, Adriano Romero, Casey Sardo, Ashley Sukhram, Diana Torres, Team Manager John Digiacinto and Coach/Trainer Juergen Hofheinz. Coach Hofheinz was invited to say a few words.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Invitation from Lincoln and Euclid School PTAs to participate in National Drug Awareness Week, Jan. 11-15, 2010
 2. Letter from Congressman Steven Rothman Regarding Applications for Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation Requests
 3. Letter and Brochure entitled "State Government and Your Local Property Taxes" from NJLM
 4. NJ Department of Health and Senior Services Announces Increases H1N1 Vaccine Availability

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

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Correspondence was accepted.

REPORT ON BURGLARIES:

Mayor Heck asked to digress from the regular order of business, noting that there were many rumors around town about the burglaries and invited Commissioner DiPisa to invite Chief Colaneri to present and dispel some of the rumors and replace with real facts about recent burglaries and break-ins.

Chief Colaneri along with Captain John DeLorenzo of the Detective Bureau had also heard some of the rumors around town that there were 30 burglaries in the last couple of weeks and that information was being withheld. He said it was quite the opposite that a blotter is compiled of every call received at the Police Desk and distributed to The Observer, Community News as well as Police Commissioner DiPisa and Mayor Heck.

REPORT ON BURGLARIES (cont'd):

The public is made aware to encourage good neighbors to report any unusual activity. He continued that in the year 2009 there were a total of 29 burglaries. He agreed that one is too many. Since December 1, there were eight burglaries. Their concern was that there were four last week on Tuesday and Thursday. When it is above the norm a message will be sent on Nixel advising people to refer to the website for crime prevention tips. This was also sent to The Observer. Mayor Heck said the numbers are announced in the monthly stats report and to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Report. Chief Colaneri continued that this is not unique to Hasbrouck Heights, there has been a spike throughout the County, more so in the northern part of the county. When the economy goes bad, the price of gold becomes more valuable, the weak dollar becomes more valuable, these tend to occur more frequently. He offered a home inspection to residents by the Detective Bureau by calling 201-288-6019. Captain DeLorenzo said there are numerous houses without lights on and homeowners would be notified. All the houses that were burglarized had no lights on. Three arrests were made on burglaries that occurred in the Spring. There were several suspects on two more. Council members suggested leaving a TV or computer on and motion detection lights. Councilman DiPisa who had experienced a robbery in the 1990s said it is an emotional trauma and is much more aware of prevention methods and that lighting is the key.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,208,745.92 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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 15. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

16. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

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

17. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State

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

18. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms Required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

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

19. Authorizing Raffle License for Rotary Club of Hackensack

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

20. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

21. Authorizing Professional Contract with Edward J. Trawinski, Esq. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

22. Authorizing Professional Contract with James Fordham Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

APPOINTMENTS: Emergency Management Council (Local Emergency Planning Committee) - 1 Year:
Rose Heck, Mayor/Chairperson
Michael Colaneri, Police Chief-EM Coord./Co-Chair
Dr. Roger J. Szanto-Deputy EM Coord.
Councilman David Gonzalez, Fire Commissioner
Joseph Taylor, Fire Chief
Arthur Jackson, Fire Official
William Spindler, DPW Superintendent
Laura French, Board of Health Registrar
Nicholas Melfi, Construction Official/Building Inspector
Michael Kronyak, CFO/Administrator
Robert Brady, Recreation Director
Ralph Chandless, Jr., Borough Attorney
Joseph Luongo, Superintendent of Schools
Constance Doheny, Editor, The Observer
Mimi Hui, Library Director

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

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 Dingertopadre, 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 Councilwoman Buckman, 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, this motion was approved.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

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 January 12, 2010.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk