

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**September 14, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on September 14, 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 Councilman Gonzalez as follows:

“On Thankfulness by Ralph Waldo Emerson. For each new day with this light for the rest and the shelter of the night. For health and food. For love and friends. For everything thy goodness sends, let us be thankful now, Amen.”

**PRESENTATION:** Dr. G. Jeremiah Ryan, President of Bergen Community College

Mayor Heck introduced Dr. Ryan who thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak. He introduced his assistant, Sharon Goldstein, Director of Government Relations. He talked about Bergen Community College noting that it is the largest and fastest growing in New Jersey with over 17,000 students (202 from Hasbrouck Heights). The college was now a graduating institution with students with bachelor's degrees coming for a one year degree programs. The largest increase in the numbers of students are coming from the unemployed, State law offers them college credits for

**PRESENTATION BY DR. RYAN (cont'd):**

free. There is also a large number of GI's from Iraq and Afghanistan. There are three campuses, one in Paramus, in Hackensack (which is primarily an intake center for immigrants and welfare clients training), and the newest in the Meadowlands, with this fall enrolling 4,000 students. The Main Campus is building a new student center, following a new science building last year, and West Hall which houses communication arts, broadcasting and graphic arts. Construction is 50/50 between the State and the County. Tuition is relatively low with full time fees at \$3,500 per year. Expansion in the Meadowlands facility include environmental science and sports management. New programs of interest are internship programs for government employees, shared services where students can do 30 hours of volunteer work in the Borough and get college credit, and co-ops. A question and answer period followed. There is a free program for seniors who can attend courses and a special program called Institute for Learning and Retirement designed by seniors with 1,000 seniors participating. There are over 150 courses on line.

**PROCLAMATION:** October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Heck invited Councilwoman Buckman to read the proclamation. Supporters of this Proclamation included Contemporary Club members Helen O'Shea, Patricia Link and Lynn Taylor who were also invited to come forward.

“WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month; and

WHEREAS, Gilda Radner, who after receiving care while she had cancer, called for the establishment of centers which would be available at no cost to support people with cancer and their families and friends; and

*WHEREAS*, Gilda's Clubs were established in honor of Gilda Radner, and;

WHEREAS, The Wellness Communities have joined Gilda's Clubs in support of its work; and

*WHEREAS*, Gilda's spirit lives on at every Gilda's Club and The Wellness Communities, where members join with other “experts” living with cancer to both give and receive the benefits of love and laughter through the unique Gilda's Club and Wellness Community programs; *and*

*WHEREAS*, thousands of members now attest to the fact that Gilda's Clubs and Wellness Communities have helped change their lives by restoring control and enabling them to plan their own emotional and social support, thus strengthening and enriching their entire family; *and*

**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

*WHEREAS*, The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC is partnering with Gilda's Clubs and The Wellness Communities to provide volunteer and financial support to further the programs of Gilda's Clubs and The Wellness Communities.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey does hereby proclaim that the month of October honors the memory of Gilda Radner and to recognize her tremendous concerns for those individuals in their fight against cancer, and the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC in their support of this worthy organization."

**PROCLAMATION:** Gilbert A. Hunt for his Community Service to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

Mayor Heck and Councilman DiPisa invited Mr. Hunt to come forward, with Councilman DiPisa reading the following proclamation, and thanking Mr. Hunt for his assistance in allowing the council meetings to be held at the Masonic Lodge following the fire in 1999 and until the new borough hall was completed.

*"WHEREAS*, Gilbert A. Hunt was born in New York, NY on September 30, 1926; grew up in Buffalo, NY and proudly served in the U.S. Navy in 1945 and 1946; and

*WHEREAS*, on May 18, 1957 he married Arlene L. Hull in the Lafayette Reformed Church in Jersey City, NJ and they moved to Hasbrouck Heights in February 1963; and

*WHEREAS*, the Hunts raised one daughter Susan, who attended Hasbrouck Heights public schools from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

*WHEREAS*, Mrs. Hunt sadly passed away on January 28, 2004 leaving behind not only Gilbert and daughter Susan, but two grandchildren, Matthew Hunt Kennedy and Emma Hunt Kennedy; and

*WHEREAS*, during Mr. Hunt's many years in Hasbrouck Heights he has become a friend, leader, mentor and supporter of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and its people by serving as a member of the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education from 1975 through 1990, serving twice as president; member of the Hasbrouck Heights Planning Board from 1985 through 2010; Chairman of the Hasbrouck Heights Centennial Committee in 1994; Member and Finance Officer of the

**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

American Legion Post 106; Volunteer Driver of Operation REACH from 1994 to 2010; Confessing Member of the First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights, serving as Deacon, Elder, and Vice President of Consistory; Member and Past Master of Euclid Lodge No. 136, Free & Accepted Masons, Hasbrouck Heights, serving as Lodge Secretary from 1988 to 2004 and Chair of Board of Governors of the Hasbrouck Heights 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children from 2007 through 2010; *and*

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Hunt chose to relocate to Elmwood Park , NJ in April of this year and will be sorely missed;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to Gilbert A. Hunt for his commitment and dedication to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and its residents, and declares the month of September 2010 as "Gilbert A. Hunt Month" in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights."

Mr. Hunt thanked the Mayor and Council, noting that he knew Mayor Heck for many years and that education is very important.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Thank You Letter from Louise Davenport with regard to her being honored on Women's Equality Day
- 2) Thank You Letter from Imken Family
- 3) E-mail from NJ Government Records Council re: changes to OPRA Fees

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record, Item #1 was requested to be read into record (copy attached). She then asked for a motion to accept all correspondence which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**BILLS:**

*WHEREAS*, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,194,937.35 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

**BILLS (cont'd):**

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 Councilwoman Pamela J. Link  
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:**
- 167. Raffle Licenses for K of C Council for Athletes
  - 168. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached)

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 169. Payroll

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

- 170. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

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

- 171. Authorizing Entry into a Grant Agreement with County of Bergen for Construction of ADA ramps, curbs and sidewalk improvements on the Boulevard - Phase II

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

- 172. Authorizing Change Order #3 with regard to Improvement of Miers & Woodland Parks

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

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

173. Authorizing Entry into a Grant Agreement with County of Bergen for Burton Avenue and Collins Avenue Road Improvements Utilizing Community Development Funds

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

174. Authorizing Rehiring of Civilian Parking Enforcement Officer/Dispatcher to Fill Vacancy

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilwoman Buckman, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Dingertopadre voting Nay, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Link and Councilman Lipari voting Yes, with Mayor Heck breaking the tie by voting Yes, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

175. Authorizing Award of 2009 Road Improvement Program

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

176. Authorizing Entry into a Federal Aid Agreement with the N.J. Department of Transportation for Safe Routes to Schools - 2008

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

177. Authorizing a Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Lodi for the Shared Use of Certain Sewerage Disposal Facilities

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Michael Ratkowski as Mechanic of Engine Company 2

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Robert Thomasey from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 2 due to Retirement

Danny Byun from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 1

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2246:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BARRIER FREE CURB AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BOULEVARD AND PASSAIC AVENUE AS THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BERGEN COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$55,000.00 THEREFOR OF WHICH \$45,000.00 BEING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF LOCAL AID FUNDS, GRANTED THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND THE REMAINING \$10,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on September 28, 2010.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2245:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2245 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

Anthony Bernice, 232 Passaic Avenue, again expressed his displeasure with this ordinance, as he believed it would not be enforceable and sees problems with it.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2245 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 84 ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC**

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2245 (cont'd):**

**BEVERAGES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO MAKE THE SAME CONSISTENT WITH THE OTHER LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CODE IN RESPECT TO PERMITTED “SIDEWALK CAFES”** 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Dingertopadre abstaining, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Anthony Bernice, 232 Passaic Avenue, asked with regard to Resolution No. 174, “rehiring” was it the same person, and was told no, a new person. He also asked the status of the Teterboro dissolution and if it was a dead issue. Mayor Heck has kept in touch with Trenton and the Republican Minority office to keep her apprised of anything on the agendas, there is a September 20 meeting of the Senate and a September 30 meeting of the Assembly, but nothing is on the agenda as yet. Rumors were that they were to make some changes. She has not heard from Senator Gordon regarding her request of a meeting with all the mayors involved.

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

**WORK SESSION:**

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she invited all present to stay.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on a motion by Councilman DiPisa, 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 September 14, 2010.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk