

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**February 8, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on February 8, 2011 at 8:06 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 Lipari as follows:

“A prayer for America by Oprah Winfrey. I believe that when you lose a loved one, you gain an angel whose name you know. It is my prayer that they will keep us in their sight with a direct line to our hearts. May we all leave this place and not let one single life have passed in vain. May we leave this place determined to now use every moment that we yet live to turn up the volume in our lives, to create deeper meaning, to know what really matters. What really matters is who you love and how you love.”

**PROCLAMATION: *Read Across America***

Mayor Heck read the following Proclamation in observance of Read Across America Day, March 2, 2011;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Hasbrouck Heights has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 2, 2011, which would have been the 107th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, calls on its citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses *NEA's Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

/s/ Mayor Rose Heck and  
Members of the Council

**PRESENTATION:** Certificates to New Jersey Group I State Relay Boys Track Team Champions

Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Buckman, Deputy Recreation Commissioner DiPisa and Head Coach Rob Brady presented Certificates of Accomplishment to the following State Championship Boys Tract Team Members: Roland Gamez, Luca Sedycias, Alex Quinn, Kevin Condal, Mike Pikowski, Pat Cole, Chris Connors, Mark Monohan, Sven Neilsen, Alex Sisco, Kevin Harris, Anthony Seidel, Rich Davis, Rolondo Mendoza, Connor Gillespie, Kevin Cordova and AJ Traina; and to Coaches Rob Brade, John Valenti, Vin Marchese, Mike Ryan, Kaitlin Gianni, Anthony Pomo, Jeff Seidel, Frank Valente and Chris Onorato.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Letter from Bergen County Freeholder Chairman John Driscoll Jr.
  2. Notice of PSEG petition with NJ Board of Public Utilities requesting an increase in the charges for electric and gas service
  3. Letter from Fire Chief Kevin Todd advising of resignation of Diane Hofmann from Ambulance Squad
  4. Letter from James S. Simpson, Commissioner of NJ DOT Announcing award of \$150,000 for Boulevard Streetscape Phase IV project
  5. Letter from Creamer-Sanzari re: Closure of Summit Avenue Bridge, Hackensack on or about March 4, 2011
  6. Thank you letter from Barbara Bosch for terrific job of clearing up streets of snow
  7. Invitation to Grand Opening of Color With Me Children's Art Studio on February 13, 2011

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were requested to be read into the record. (Copies attached) She then asked for a motion to accept all correspondence which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(January 11, 2011 Regular Meeting and Work Session, January 25, 2011 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman DiPisa abstaining from the Minutes of January 25, 2011 as he was absent, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,410,026.89 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 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:**
- 28. Payroll
  - 29. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 30. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2010-0004 for Block 30, Lot 6
  - 31. Raffle License for Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights
  - 32. Certifying Submission of Expenditure of Taxes Paid Pursuant to P.L.2007, Chapter 311
  - 33. Raffle License for K of C #7041 Msgr Robert Fitzpatrick
  - 34. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** Diane Hofmann from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ambulance Squad

Joy Hein, William Hein, Beverly Masiello and Dean Masiello from Mayor's Committee of Community Celebrations

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

**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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO CLOSE FOR CLOSED SESSION:** 35. Disposition of Real Property

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close for closed session which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

At this time the Governing Body moved into the Caucus Room.

**WORK SESSION:**

At 8:46 p.m., the Governing Body returned and Mayor Heck asked for a motion to go into Work Session which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried. She 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 9:05 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 February 8, 2011.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk