

## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

### **MINUTES**

**July 12, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on July 12, 2011 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 3, 2011 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2011.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sonya Buckman

**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 which was as follows:

*"Prayer for Patience and Gentleness. Bestow on me, O Lord, a genial spirit and unwearied forbearance; a mild, loving, patient, heart; kindly looks, pleasant cordial speech, and manners in the exchange of daily life; that I may give offence to none, but as much as in lies in charity with all men. Johann Arndt, (1555-1621)."*

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Thank You Letter from Jennifer Nass, Quigg Scholarship Recipient

2) Letter from Timothy Van Orden asking Mayor and Council to not cut back budget where Police and EMS are concerned.

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

3) Letter from County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan that 2011 Community Development Grant Request for Construction of Barrier Free Curb Ramps has been approved for inclusion in Bergen County 2011 Action Plan submitted for HUD approval.

4) Letter from NJ DEP re: BCUA request for improvements to five existing anaerobic sludge digesters and 2 new biogas storage tanks

5) Letter from State of NJ Dept. Of Transportation permitting Boulevard Streetscape Phases III and IV to be combined

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any items read into the record. Item #'s 2 and 5 were requested to be read (copies attached).

Mayor Heck 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 \$2,486,900.62 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.

/s/ 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:** 121. Payroll

**CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

122. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
123. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
124. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State
125. Authorizing a Raffle License for Hackensack Riverkeeper Inc.
126. Authorizing Contract with Port Authority of NY/NJ for WTC Steel Artifact

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS:** John Baratta as a Free Public Library Trustee

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Thomas Meli as a Free Public Library Trustee

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2267:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE VII ENTITLED “OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING” IN CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO ALLOW OWNERS OF CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO RENT UNUSED PARKING PLACES TO RESIDENTS OF THIS BOROUGH TO PARK CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6 P.M. AND 8 A.M.”** 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 July 26, 2011.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2267 (cont'd):**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2268:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT §133-30 ENTITLED “FEES UNDER CHAPTER 275, ZONING” OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS TO PROVIDE THE FEES FOR THE APPLICATION AND PERMIT FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO ALLOW THE RENTAL TO BOROUGH RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN PARKING FACILITIES PURSUANT TO §275-27 OF THIS CODE”** 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 July 26, 2011.

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2262:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2262 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN DAMAGED PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$70,000.00”** 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.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2262 (cont'd):**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2263:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2263 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

John Fargo, 59 Franklin Avenue, asked to hear more details on the improvements. CFO/Admin. Kronyak explained that an application was put in to the B.C. Open Space Program for repair and refurbishing of three parks, Polifly Park, the Memorial Park on Terrace Avenue and the Firemen's Memorial. Funding was cut by roughly 60 or 70%, so the application was modified and restricted to the Firemen's Memorial. An irrigation system, install electricity, erecting steel artifacts in the 9-11 Memorial, landscaping and redoing the sidewalk from Springfield to Passaic Avenues, repoint the bricks on the Firemen's Memorial and add some benches are proposed. The grant was for \$18,000 and the borough will match that up to \$20,000. He asked what the memorial will look like, and Mayor Heck explained that two 8 foot pieces of a WTC beam is being received, it will be planted in concrete with lighting and a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque will be placed at the site. He asked if there was money available for a water fountain and was answered no as past experience with fountains has not been good.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL PARK LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WITH APPURTENANCES THERETO AND TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$38,000.00 CONSISTING OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND \$18,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT"** 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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2264:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2264 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102"** 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 Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2265:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2265 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2011 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102"** 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2266:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2266 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2010 and 2011"** 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, questioned what was being done with the Bartlett Farms truck that makes a U-turn on Field Avenue. She was advised that it was placed in the hands of the Police Department. Chief Colaneri said he instructed the police to keep an eye out and asked residents to help by calling when they saw it. He asked Ms. Skiba when they were coming and this week seemed to be an hour earlier. He asked her to call the Police Desk immediately.

John Fargo, 59 Franklin Avenue, had a question on an item on the Work Session agenda and was asked to stay for that portion of the meeting.

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:**

Mayor Heck asked if no one objected, the meeting would go right into Work Session. There were no objections.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 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 July 12, 2011.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk