

Borough of Hasbrouck Heights – 12/27/2012

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 27, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2012 at 8:05 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Acting Borough Clerk Michael Kronyak 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 November 14, 2012 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on November 14, 2012.

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

Absent: Councilman John Dingertopadre

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Heck led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Link gave the Invocation as follows:

“As we meet here tonight let us be ever mindful of opportunities to provide our service to our community, remembering always to continuing values of life, applying our efforts on those values upon future generations build with confidence. May we prayerfully remember those who sleep and wake to danger so that we may sleep in peace and may we keep ever forefront the vision of faith, the inspiration of hope and the blessings of charity, continuing to strive to make this a better world. Peace be with you.”

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Memo from Fire Official Arthur L. Jackson listing Names for Consideration for Fire Inspector Appointments
- 2) Receipt of a Local Finance Board Application submitted by Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission in connection with NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust program financing in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000.
- 3) Letter to Mayor and Council from County Executive Donovan re: BCDHS shared service EAP Program

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

4) Copy of Proposed 2013 BCUA Budget

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Item #1 was requested (copy attached), Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$122,064.20 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 Pamela J. Link
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa read a report submitted by Chief Colaneri: Ptl. Woodbridge graduated from Bergen County Police Academy on 12/21/2012. He will begin departmental training with a field training officer and will be complete with training in several weeks. The Police Committee interviewed several top scorers of the Police Exam. A new Chevrolet Caprice unmarked car was received from Davidson Chevrolet in Connecticut. This will replace the old 619 which will be taken out of service. This vehicle was paid for with funds charged to private contractors for use of police vehicles at traffic safety posts at no cost to the tax payer. In response to the tragedy in Newton Connecticut, Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Rinke met with Dr. Porto on that day to discuss some local concerns. Dr. Porto, Sgt. Rinke and the Chief walked through all borough schools meeting with Administrative Staff. Numerous ideas were discussed, some for immediate action and

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POLICE (cont'd):

others for long term. Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Rinke also met with Mrs. Murillo of Corpus Christi School and Mimi Hui of the Hasbrouck Heights Library and discussed safety procedures. The November monthly report of total summonses issued are: Parking 2012, 161 compared to 309 in 2011; moving violations 82 compared to 124 last year .Total year to date parking 2312 compared to 3545, moving 1631 compared to 1285 in 2011 and total year to date 3943 compared to 4830 in 2011.

RECREATION: Commissioner Buckman gave the following report as submitted by Director of Recreation Robert Brady. Recreation youth basketball- grades 3rd – 8th boys and girls, have been practicing once a week since the beginning of December and will begin to play their recreation games after the holiday break. The rec league will last until the first week of March and this is the largest groups of boys and girls ever in the recreation basketball program. Recreation Travel Basketball- this year we offer a 5th grade, a 6th grade, a 7th grade and a 8th grade boys travel teams, as well as a 5th & 6th grade, and a 7th & 8th grade girls travel teams. So the department is offering 6 total teams, two more than ever before! Recreation wrestling- Our recreation department will be hosting 2 major tournaments this season. The Hasbrouck Heights Invitational scheduled for Sunday February 3rd, and the Andy Feintuch District 15 Championship scheduled for Sunday February 17th. Both will be held in the Hasbrouck Heights High School New Gym. Wrestlastics- is a program we started for 1st grade boys to introduce them into the wrestling program. Their practices will begin on Monday 1/7/13 at 6:15pm at the Franklin Fitness Center. The recreation center is open on most Friday and Saturday evenings 7pm-10pm. The cost is \$40 for the school year, and the center will be available for children in 6th, 7th, & 8th grades. To register your child, just come to the center when it is open. The recreation department also has a list of senior activities, such as line dancing; fun bingo, aerobics, yoga, Mah Jon, assorted table games, Zumba Gold, and more are offered on a monthly senior activities calendar. Recreation adult basketball and adult coed volleyball continue to meet at the high school new gym. Basketball will continue to play on Monday nights 8:15pm-9:30pm and adult coed volleyball will continue to play on Wednesday nights 8:15pm-9:30pm in the new gym. For more information on current or upcoming recreation programs feel free to email the Recreation Office hhrec@aol.com, or you can find us on Face book at “Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department” and follow us on Twitter @HHrecreation. As liaison to the Library, she reported on the Stats for November are: Circulated items 8,840; circulation materials shows an increase of 4% from last year; 8,407 people walked through the doors, 7,903 items were discharged, 22 new library cards issued.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez thanked the people of Pascagoula, MI for their donation of supplies for Little Ferry and Moonachie residents. The 18 wheeler arrived on November 18 loaded with supplies and took hours to unload. Thank you letters were sent to the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Affairs Division. The Fire Department held a fundraiser earlier in the

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd):

month for Little Ferry and Moonachie and people came from Pennsylvania and New York State to bring supplies. The Fire Department brought Santa around town on the fire truck on December 23, a long time tradition. They also marched in the Holiday Parade and provided lights and sound system for the Tree Lighting at the Circle. Under Streets & Sanitation, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works has completed leaf removal from the entire town as leaf season has ended. The Borough has also been cleared of all debris as a result of Superstorm Sandy. All the tree stumps have been removed and top soil was place at all areas where the trees were uprooted. Some stumps still remain on the DPW list where the stump grinder must be used for removal. A sanitary sewer problem was discovered in the NJDOT's right-of-way located at the Exxon Station on Rt.17 just south of Williams Avenue. At that location, there is an active pumping station in need of maintenance. Investigating this matter has involved several departments to determine who is responsible for the maintenance of this line. Bill Spindler, Ken Job, and Nick Melfi are reviewing numerous documents. They have also been consulting with former DPW Superintendent Bob Heck, DPW Liaison Garrett Pepe, and a representative from the NJDOT. As Recycling liaison, the container will be at Central Avenue the first Saturday of January from 7 a.m. to noon.

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE: Under Social Services, Commissioner Link reported that once again the residents of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights were extremely generous in providing groceries and gifts for the Food Pantry during this holiday season. There were 134 visitors to the Food Pantry from November 26 through December 26. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry: Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Peg Walter, Vivian Leidenfrost, Nancy Nimmo, Dolores Jones, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, , Ethel Ball, Elaine Ruroede, Joyce Belbo, Andy Rastocky, Maria Wojchiechowski, Al Kinsley, and Jeff Leidenfrost and to the following, we can't say thank you enough for providing an enormous amount of gifts for the children, groceries, turkeys, gift cards and monetary donations, you made the holidays brighter for so many: Cub Scout Pack 17 and Boy Scout Troop 17 Annual Food Drive, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, First Reformed Church, Bible Baptist Church, Euclid School Glove and Hat Drive, Lincoln School Toy Drive, Hasbrouck Heights Elks, Euclid Masonic Lodge, Michael & Victoria Avila, Dorothy Petroulas, Henry's Deli, Kiwanis Club, Chris Bonelli, Kathy Bietl, Mrs. Rista, Linda Labattagia, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Lynn Petronella, Ann DeSclafani, Donna Boyd, Sia Bawa, Carmela French, Bob Weiner Family, Doug and Joanne Rozum, Barbara Juliano, Josephine McClean, Thora, Martha, Nora Abraham, Connie Margagliano, Winke Family, Doheny Family, Phylis Burman, Brian Bruton, Jarocki Family, Jennifer & Shane Ashline, John Rizzo, Louise Davenport, Jessica, Gerald LeConte, Karen McDowell, Mrs. Juliano, Berta Spada, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Walter Englehart, Colleen, Kathy VanJura and Pat Quinn. The food pantry is open on Monday mornings from

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FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE (cont'd):

9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need.

Under Finance, Commissioner Link read the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at November 30, 2012 was \$4,806,058.82 and at October 31, 2012 was \$2,628,545.97 which represents an increase of \$2,177,512.85. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of November totaled \$6,555,544.19 of which \$6,230,395.13 was for Current Taxes, \$6,605.64 was for Delinquent Taxes, \$5,359.84 was for Pre-paid 2013 Taxes, \$163,238.71 was for State Aid and \$149,944.87 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of November totaled \$4,365,590.57 of which \$2,012,876.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$865,000.00 was for County Taxes, \$968,831.99 was for Salaries and \$518,882.58 was for Other Expenses. The formulation of the 2013 budget continues. The CFO attended a budget update meeting on December 7th which was moderated by the Division of Local Government Services. The Budget and Levy Caps were discussed and both CAPs are at 2% for 2013. The Chief Financial Officer will complete and submit the Annual Debt Statement which is due by January 31, 2013 and the Annual Financial Statement which is due by February 10, 2013. All departments have accumulating costs associated with Hurricane Sandy and we anticipate meeting with FEMA the first week of January. The level of reimbursement has not yet to be determined but 75% has been used for the last few FEMA events.

PARKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION: Deputy Commissioner Lipari gave the following report: At Woodland Park, the Comfort Station has been winterized and will be closed for the winter as the facility is not equipped with heat. The irrigation system at the park along with all other Borough properties was also winterized. Currently, leaves are being collected and removed as the mild weather has allowed the DPW to complete the clean up from Superstorm Sandy. Schedule of Meetings: Community Room, 18; Caucus Room 13; Council Chambers, 7; Senior Center, 6 (not including Senior Activities).

HEALTH & LAND USE: As Senior Citizen liaison, he reported that the Senior Center is offering Zumba Gold, a fun way to exercise to Latin dance music. The class is open to all seniors and held on Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. The Senior Lounge is open on a daily basis and a great place to watch TV with your friends. The Recreation Department thanked all Seniors who attended the Line Dancing Christmas Party, refreshments were supplied by Recreation. The goal is to have as many town seniors attend the daily programs. Under Health, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Lori French: Dog Licenses: The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2012 dog license will expire on January 31st, 2013 and must be renewed during the month of January. A 2013 dog license for an altered dog is \$12 and \$15 for a non-altered dog. Proof of valid rabies immunization must be submitted with payment. Dogs with immunizations, which will expire during the **HEALTH & LAND USE**

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year of 2013, will require a vaccine prior to obtaining a license. Please call (201) 288-1636 to advise the Health Department if you no longer have your pet. The Teterboro Animal Shelter will be offering free rabies vaccines and low cost microchips to the pets of Bergen County residents on Wednesday, January 3rd, 17th and 31st between the hours of 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Residents must bring your pet's current rabies certificate that shows the expiration date of the rabies vaccine. AARP: The Health Dept. will be sponsoring an AARP Safe Driver Program on February 27th and March 1st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Room located at 320 Boulevard. This program is open to drivers of all ages. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two point reduction from your driver's license and a five percent deduction on car insurance. The cost of the program is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members of AARP. For further information please call the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636. Under Land Use, he had no report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Heck began her report by asking for condolences to the families of Former Councilman Rico Pagliei and The Observer's Patricia Godfrey who died this month.

Dec. 1, Saturday, I had a very informative meeting with Rose Marie Casale on my regular Library visit with residents day. She has been very helpful in giving us advice in several areas and I wanted to publicly thank her.

Dec. 3, Monday, 9:30 am, Met with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak on several matters now pending, including the P.B.A. and D.P.W. Contract negotiations.

Noon, I attended the Leisure Club Christmas Party Luncheon at The Fiesta. I had the honor of swearing in new Officers for 2013 President Peter Gallo, Vice President Kathleen Murray; Treasurer Dorothy Fitzen and Secretary Marilyn de Russy.

Dec. 5, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. I attended the final 2012 Planning Board Meeting.

Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Friday, I attended the Borough Employees Christmas Dinner at The Ivy Inn.

Dec.10, Monday: 6:30 p.m. I attended the Police Committee meeting with Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. Several matters of importance were discussed including the new procedures to be used for Police Promotions and the establishment of a meeting to interview final 14 Police Candidates.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. Tuesday: I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities Breakfast Meeting held at The Arena Diner. Guest speakers included representatives of the Red Cross who discussed their role in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and Bergen County Tax Board Chairman Gerald Calabrese Jr. Elections were held and the slate of officers were re-elected for 2013. Alpine Mayor Paul Tomasko, President; Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Rose Heck, First Vice President; Tenafly Mayor Peter Rustin, Second Vice President and Haworth Mayor John Di Rienzo, Treasurer.

7 p.m. Special Superstorm Sandy meeting. Special reports were given by Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler and Recreation/Senior Director Robert Brady. The meeting was open to residents for questions and suggestions and it was a very informative meeting.

8:15 p.m. Regular Council Meeting.

Dec. 14, Friday: A day of national shock and sadness at the massacre of 20 children all young students between ages of 5 and 6 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut along with seven adults a number of whom were teachers.

Hasbrouck Heights residents join in prayer and support of all those families impacted by this terrible tragedy and in the hope that a resolution of these types of inhumanity can be averted in the future.

Our Borough joins with the Hasbrouck Heights School District in seeking optimum security measures to insure the safety of our children.

Dec. 17, 11 a.m., Monday: I called for a Special meeting with Finance Chair, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. Time and day of Finance Meetings were discussed for 2013 and as well as matters to be completed by the end of 2012.

Dec. 20, Thursday a.m.: Met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and then met with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak. After which I attended a special luncheon held in the building. The Borough Clerk and I went over 2013 appointments lists and the final reports coming from each department so that I might complete the editing of the 2012 Annual Report. The month of December was filled with a variety of Borough business matters along with days of personal shopping and plans for the Christmas Holiday Celebration.

My best wishes to all as we complete those celebrations with family and friends and as we look forward to another new year and in the words of Dickens "And God Bless Us Every one."

MAYOR’S REPORT (cont’d):

I again invite the public to attend our January 1, 2013 Reorganization meeting. It begins at 11:45 a.m. Councilman Russell Lipari will be sworn in by County Executive Kathleen Donovan and Christian Semenez will be sworn in by Congressman Bill Pascrell after which appointments will be made and the annual report given. All of this will be followed by a light lunch in the Senior Center.

This concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 184. Authorizing Renewal of 2013 Hotel Licenses
 - 185. Authorizing Change Order #2 with regard to State Aid Improvement of Boulevard Streetscape Phases III & IV
 - 186. Authorizing Contract with Bollinger Fowler Insurance Company for Prescription Drug Program for 2013
 - 187. Authorizing Contract with Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey for 2013
 - 188. Authorizing Entry into the 2013-2014 Contract with PBA
 - 189. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid for the year 2011 for Block 168.01, Lot 1.02, 474 Ottawa Avenue
 - 190. Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2292:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2292 (cont'd):

SUM OF \$55,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND UPGRADE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS OF 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 \$52,000.00” 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 Record, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2292 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 Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2292 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried. Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

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 Link, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 191. Personnel

Mayor Heck requested a motion to go into Executive Session which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN TO SINE DIE:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:59 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn to Sine Die which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman and unanimously carried.

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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 Regular Meeting held on December 27, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk