

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

August 14, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on August 14, 2012 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, 2012 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2012.

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

Absent: Councilman David Gonzalez

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 which was as follows:

“We gather together here today intent on doing good work. We seek to represent fairly and well those who have given us this task. May our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding and wisdom. We seek to serve respect for all. May our personal faith give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us. Amen.”

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION:

Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Buckman presented Certificates of Commendation presented to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Chiefs and Members, Police Department and Neighboring EMS and Fire Departments who assisted when a truck driver veered off Route 17 and crashed into an office complex at 500 Route 17 on Saturday, July 28, 2012 causing the driver’s untimely death and

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION (cont'd):

the building to be engulfed in flames. Chief Colaneri assisted with the Police Department commendations. The recipients were: Police Department: Captain Joseph Cronin, Sergeant Nicholas Sisto, Detective Alan Baker, Patrolman Scott Adamo, Patrolman Ian Robertson, Patrolman Brian Donohue, Patrolman Joseph Armeli, Patrolman John Behr. Fire Department: Chief Richard Giarratana, 1st Asst Chief Patrick Hayes, 2nd Asst Chief Angelo Roccamo, Fire Dept. members David Cassiere, David Gumbrecht, Chris Halloran, Robert Knobloch, Michael LeSane, Robert Pietz, Steve Pell, Gregory Rubino, Thomas Rubino, Chris Semencz, Kevin Todd, Bernie Valente, Andrew Waring, Mark Waring, Dan Wixon. Ambulance Squad members: Allison Saabye, Elizabeth Waring. Mutual Aid: Carlstadt Fire Department, Hackensack Fire Department, Little Ferry Fire Department, Lodi Fire Department, Moonachie Fire Department, Moonachie EMS, Rochelle Park Fire Department, South Hackensack Fire Department, Wallington Fire Department, Wood-Ridge Fire Department.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of resignation of Truck Company One Member, Mark Waring

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There was none. Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept this resignation of Mark Waring which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(June 26, 2012 Regular Meeting and July 10, 2012 Regular Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,524,301.52 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.

/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:**
- 134. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 135. Authorizing Award of Proposal for Furnishing and Installing a Decorative Fence at Depken Field
 - 136. Authorizing an Extension of Premises Transfer for The Ivy Inn
 - 137. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid for Block 177, Lot 1, Park Terrace Garden
 - 138. Authorizing Contract with Certain Approved State Contract Vendor for Purchase of one 2013 GMC Sierra 3500 4WD Truck with Dump Body for Department of Public Works Utilizing Proceeds from Recycling

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

- APPOINTMENTS:**
- Jeffrey E. Grubb to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 1
 - Jonathan D. Grubb to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 1
 - Kenneth D. Lambert to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Engine Company 1

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

RESIGNATIONS: Jean Reyngoudt as a Crossing Guard

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2288:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2288 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, 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 Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES WITHIN 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 \$95,000.00** 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.

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Susan Sconzo, owner of 217 Boulevard, at the corner of Franklin Avenue, had issues with regard to the new sidewalk in front of her business where two steps were installed making her business non-accessible and the steps extended from the property line which could cause a tripping hazard. Before construction, she had one small step. She also said that during the renovations her property was used for equipment storage which caused breakage of cement sidewalks and curbs on the Franklin Avenue side. Mayor Heck asked Borough Engineer Ken Job to speak. He said there was some damage to the sidewalk and curb which he said was already falling apart but this would be fixed according to the punch list. Regarding the steps, the project was required to be designed by ADA guidelines. If the handicap ramp is not designed properly, the project funding could be retracted. Based on the property's location to the right of way a ramp could not be installed instead of steps to meet ADA requirements. This transition was the only option available. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Job to visit with the owner. Mr. Job suggested a portable ramp which is not ADA compliant, but that the doorway is not wheelchair accessible. Ms. Sconzo provided before and after pictures. Mayor Heck asked if Councilman DiPisa and Mr. Kronyak could accompany her to the site to see it for herself.

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

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked that the meeting go directly into the work session at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Link seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, 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 August 14, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk