

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 11, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on September 11, 2012 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 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 David Gonzalez, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, 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 Councilwoman Link which was as follows:

“As we meet tonight, we ask for the wisdom to govern amid conflicting issues of our times, for the ability to be able to work together in harmony even where there is honest disagreement, for the confidence in seeing what is good and right, and on this the anniversary of a tragic day let us remember and honor those whose lives were taken and other lives changed forever. By whatever faith we believe in let us come together as a community and as part of an even great community in which we pledge our allegiance, duty and commitment to those ideals which have made us the greatest nation. Let us never forget. God Bless America. Amen”

WELCOME: Mayor Heck welcomed Cub Scout Pack 17 4th Graders who came to observe a Council Meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

Certificates of Accomplishment were presented to the 2012 Hasbrouck Heights Recreation 12U UGALS League Champions and Tournament Champion. This was the first Recreation team to become League Champions. Council President Russell Lipari,

CERTIFICATES OF ACCOMPLISHMENT (cont'd):

Councilwoman Sonya Buckman and Councilman John Dingertopadre presented the certificates to the following:

Kate Palmieri, Rachel Weber, Nicole Blanco, Amanda DeJulia, Courtney Summers, Emma Nichols, Victoria Vizzacchero, Jessica Gasparino, Gabby Cruz, Brianna Blanco, Micah Nollora, Emma Mason, Sarah Bailey, Alexis Blanco, Dana Bincoletto, Tori Buckman. Frank Gasparino – Manager; Coaches: John Bincoletto, Mike Blanco, Lou Vizzacchero, Tony Bonillo, Dave Palmieri, Kevin Cruz. Manager Gasparino was invited to say a few words on the team's behalf.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Mayor Heck to Joseph Min, Director of Development congratulating the Meadowlands Area YMCA on its 92nd Anniversary
- 2) Announcement from NJ DEP re: the Division of Law Recovering more than \$29 million in Environmental Clean-up Costs on behalf of New Jersey
- 3) Announcement from NJ DEP re: "Christie Administration Officials Urge Residents to Take Precautions Against Mosquitoes, to Safeguard Against West Nile Virus"
- 4) Announcement from the Bergen Department of Health Services that September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- 5) Letter to Fire Chief Richard Giarratana with copy to Mayor Heck from Susan Cucciniello of South Bergen Jointure Commission to Fire Chief Richard Giarratana thanking the Fire Department for the exceptional fire fighting skills exhibited when a fatal truck crash into 500 Route 17 South occurred on July 28, and where the Commission is located with no damage to their offices.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

6) Letter to Mayor Heck from Governor Chris Christie on the past two years he has been in office because of shared sacrifice, the State of New Jersey has been returned to fiscal discipline, restrained spending and bold reforms of our government

7) Announcement from B.C. Dept. of Health Services and B.C. OEM that September is National Preparedness Month

8) Announcement from B.C. Div. Of Disability Services of "Access for All" Summit on September 22 at B.C. Law and Public Safety Institute

9) Invitation to Good Neighbor Day on September 20, sponsored by Bill O'Shea's Florist – Donations of food items to be given to HH Food Pantry

10) West Nile Virus Alert from NJLM

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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,772,869.09 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

BILLS (cont'd):

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 143. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 144. Authorizing Approval of 2012/2013 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
 - 145. Payroll

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, 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. 2289:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2289 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 Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$175,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR PHASE V OF THE BOULEVARD STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM IN THE SUM OF \$146,500.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW”** 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 NO. 2289 (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, 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 Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Thomas Capozzi, 230 Henry Street, said he liked the way the Mayor and Council was running the Soccer Association.

Michael Cahill, as Commander of American Legion Post 106, asked about the renovations to the Veterans Park, as he was only hearing about renovations to Polify Park in the media. Mayor Heck explained that the grant for renovations to Veterans Park had already been received and that it was hoped to have the electric and lighting in full force by Memorial Day. Application was now being made for renovations to Polify Park.

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 8:31 p.m. to which all members agreed.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 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 September 11, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk