

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

November 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on November 12, 2013 at 8:10 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 2, 2013 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2013.

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

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 Pamela J. Link: "May we come to Understand that blessings are everywhere, that attitude will effect outcomes, that challenges are often gifts in disguise. May we come to Trust that most things can get better, with time, that instincts and gut feelings have value, that a positive attitude makes things go smoother. May we come to See that we have many skills and talents to use, that we are a positive influence on many people, that there are those around us who wish us well. May we come to Value that today is a blessing to be enjoyed, that each person is unique and important, that each moment of our life has meaning."

UPDATE FROM DAVID HOLLENBECK, PSE&G REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER:

David Hollenbeck said this was the third time they have come to a Council meeting, and have visited the pocket area that was in question. He introduced Guy Vogt, Vegetation Manager, and Joseph Valente, Electric Division, who would also be speaking on this.

UPDATE (cont'd):

Mr. Vogt said they went back into the neighborhood and looked further south, reinspected the area and trimmed to the Wood-Ridge border. He met with some of the residents and from the vegetation area felt that end was pretty clear. He had two customers on Cleveland Avenue who would not let them touch their trees, they would hire their own contractor. He spoke with the contractor who was advised of what he could and couldn't do because they were allowed by law to not be near PSEG wires. He did give him an okay. Mr. Valente referring to the meeting of October 26, went out to Mr. O'Donnell's home. He infrared the whole area and did not find any hot spots in the wiring. What he did do was put them back on their original circuit. He explained that circuits are changed all the time when they see a heavy load. He changed some commercial load to another circuit and put Oldfield Ave and Field Ave back to its original circuit which is "Hasbrouck Heights 8004." Mr. O'Donnell said thank you.

Councilman Semenech asked if he checked back three years ago and Mr. Valente said three years ago the circuit was changed.

There were no other questions.

Mayor Heck asked Mr. Hollenbeck to give Mr. Kronyak the Cleveland Avenue addresses. Mr. Hollenbeck said he had sent to Mr. Kronyak the outage page link on the PSEG website which has information on outages, circuits, substations, etc. in the towns PSEG covers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Heck requested a moment of silence to remember the following who had sadly passed this week, Robert Blauvelt, a crossing guard and poll worker and a Veteran, a dear friend formerly of Burton Avenue, Lois Hettel, and Rev. and Mrs. Meiburg. Rev. Meiburg was a former pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Release from NJ Department of Environmental Protection Urging Motorists to be Cautious for Deer on Roads
 - 2) Release from NJ Department of Environmental Protection Urging Safe and Proper Use of Wood Stoves and Fireplaces in Cold Weather Months

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,478,377.35 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/ Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(October 8, 2013 Regular Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session, October 22, 2013 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the afore-mentioned Minutes which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 182. Payroll
 - 183. Dog Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
 - 184. Authorizing Raffle License for Chic Charity Club Inc.
 - 185. Authorizing Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Band Parents Association
 - 186. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2012-0006, Block 107, Lot 3, 469 Franklin Avenue
 - 187. Authorizing United Water New Jersey Inc. To Erect Two Fire Hydrants, one on Veterans Place and one on Third Street

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

188. Authorizing Award of Contract for Boulevard Streetscape Phases V and VI

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Bret A. Benevento to Fire Department Engine Co. 2

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointment which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman and unanimously carried.

Mr. Benevento was invited to come forward with his family and was congratulated by Councilman Gonzalez, Councilwoman Buckman, Fire Chief Giarratana, 1st Assistant Chief Patrick Hayes and 2nd Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo.

Samantha Tripp as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter
Whitney Klos as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter
Marc Nazeh as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter
Gabiella Tucci as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointments which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Frank Hernandez as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept this Resignation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez and Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

REPORT OF RESULTS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION:

Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez reported on the results of Fire Department Election which was held on November 11, 2013:

Fire Chief, Patrick Hayes; First Assistant Chief, Angelo Roccamo; Second Assistant Chief, Richard Giarratana; Secretary, Justin Watrel; Treasurer, David Gumbrecht. Engine Company One: Captain, Robert Pietz; Lieutenant, Bernardo Valente; Secretary, Justin Watrel; Treasurer, Christian Semenez. Engine Company Two: Captain, Robert Knobloch; Lieutenant, David Gumbrecht; Secretary, Patrick Mucha; Treasurer, David Gumbrecht. Hook and Ladder Company One: Captain, Peter Kolodziej; Lieutenant, Jeffrey Rubino; Secretary, Michael LeSane; Treasurer, Gregory Rubino. Ambulance Squad: Captain, John Riordan; Lieutenant, Elizabeth Waring; Ambulance/Rescue Secretary, Rebecca Ratkowski. Rescue Squad: Captain, Joseph Taylor, Jr.; Lieutenant, Michael LeSane.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the Fire Department Election Results which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried. Mayor Heck congratulated all the incoming officers.

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would go right into the 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 9:12 p.m. on a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenez, 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 November 12, 2013.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk