

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 10, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on December 10, 2013 at 8:08 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 Councilman Christian Semenez as follows: "Christmas Grows Closer. Lord Jesus, Light of the world, John told the people to prepare for you when you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen."

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Graduates of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Course

Maor Heck, Chief Colaneri, Barry Leventhal, Councilman DiPisa and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates and offered congratulations to the following for completing the CERT Basic Training Course: Faith Armonaitis, William Castiglione, John DeLorenzo, Ronald DiBisceglie, Brian Donohue, Elizabeth Fass, Councilman David Gonzalez, Maria Hayes, Mayor Rose Heck, Harry Johnson, Michael Kronyak, Robert Kubler, Councilwoman Pamela Link, Cathy Lindquist, Jean Lindquist, Councilman Russell Lipari, Matthew Maginley, Dan Maikisch, Dennis Nuzzo, David Porfido, Joseph Rinke, Dr Michael Sanzari, Jeffrey Schwartz, John Walsh and Maria Wojciechowski

PRESENTATION: Certificates of Recognition to several members of the Police Department

Mayor Heck, Chief Colaneri, Councilman DiPisa and Councilman Gonzalez presented Certificates of Recognition to the following members of the Police Department for outstanding performance:

Unit Citation - Rinke, Colaneri, Baker, Adamo - 3/22/2007 arrest suspect for possession of cds with intent to distribute one ounce of cocaine (28 grams and poss of paraphernalia)

Meritorious Police Service Medal - Rinke - 02/11/2009 off duty entered house fire rescued occupants in house and 2 dogs

Excellent Police Service Medal - Behr - 03/28/2009 arrested suspect of strong arm robbery

Unit Citation - Colaneri, Adamo, DeLorenzo - March 2008 - Aug 2009 -Investigation (Gemp Auto) starting march 2008 - August 2009 - 31 arrests made, \$750,000 and 28 luxury cars seized

Excellent Police Service Medal - Armeli - 06/08/2010 conducted MV stop arrested 3 burglary suspects w/ possible weapon, suspect committed multiple burglaries including one in Hasbrouck Heights

Meritorious Police Service Medal - Colaneri, Werner - 09/10/2011 arrested one suspect for armed robbery 1st degree

Outstanding Police Service Medal - Colaneri, Baker, Behr - 09/22/2011 arrested suspect for possession of crack cocaine (140 bags) and intent to distribute

Meritorious Police Service Medal - Rinke, Colaneri - 10/06/2011 - arrested two suspects for robbery, possession of firearm for unlawful purpose, possession of firearm without permit

Meritorious Police Service Medal - Kroncke, D'Amico - 10/15/2011 - arrested suspect for possession of handgun, possession of cds with intent to distribute

Unit Citation - Rinke, Colaneri, Baker, Werner, Behr - 08/01/2012 - arrested 2 for possession of cds with intent to distribute - 13 pounds of marijuana

Lifesaving Medal - D'Amico, Dussault - 08/27/2012 - cpr save life

Meritorious Police Service Medal - Robertson, Kroncke, Werner - 02/09/2013 -

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

located one suspect, placed under arrest for stabbing victim 12 times due to a dispute over snow removal

Excellent Police Service Medal - Rinke, Colaneri, Behr - 03/14/2013 - arrested 2 suspects for robbery 1st degree, aggravated assault, theft, resisting arrest, terroristic threats

Unit Citation - Corbliss, Sisto, Colaneri, D'Amico - 04/20/2013 - arrested 3 suspects for robbery 1st degree, aggravated assault, theft possession of stolen property

Excellent Police Service Medal - Colaneri, Werner, Behr, Armeli - 08/14/2013 - arrested suspect for 1st degree robbery and possession of a weapon

100TH BIRTHDAY CERTIFICATE: Mayor Heck read a Certificate of Recognition for Rose DePaola on the celebration of her 100th Birthday on November 29, 2013, with best wishes for good health and happiness.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Notice of Public Hearing Re Proposed Amendments to the Rules and Regulations Re User Charge System from the BCUA

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 \$2,594,444.11 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: *(August 14, 2013 Executive Session, November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the afore-mentioned Minutes which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, with Councilman DiPisa and Councilman Gonzalez abstaining from November 26, 2013 minutes as they were absent, Councilwoman Link abstaining from the August 24, 2013 minutes as she was absent, and otherwise unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 195. Payroll
 - 196. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2013-0003 for Block 44, Lot 19.02
 - 197. Authorizing Multi-Year Mutual Aid Agreement with South Bergen Fire Chiefs Aid Association
 - 198. Authorizing Cancellation of Old Outstanding Checks
 - 199. Authorizing Payment to Former Firemen for 25 Years of Service
 - 200. Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

APPOINTMENTS: Robert J. Salerno to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Truck Company 1

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

Timothy C. Moots to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 1

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

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Adriana Szaboova to Hasbrouck Heights Ambulance
Auxiliary

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2315:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2315 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2315 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT §74-3. F OF §74-3. ENTITLED “ETHICAL STANDARDS” OF CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED “CODE OF ETHICS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTION OF FALSE AND/OR MISLEADING INFORMATION BY ANY EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY”** 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2315 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2316:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2316 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2316 (cont'd):

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2316 which was made by Councilman Semenech, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF \$3,734,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$3,900,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,900,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OF SAID BOROUGH TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION.”** 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2316 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2317:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2317 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2317 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 2014 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2317 which was made

ORDINANCE NO. 2317 (cont'd):

by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semenezc voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2318:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2318 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2318 which was made by Councilman Semenezc, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 2014"** 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2318 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semenezc voting No and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2319:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2319 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenezc, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2319 which was made by Councilman Semenezc, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2014"** 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. 2319 (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2319 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2320:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2320 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2320 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: ***“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$165,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BARRIER FREE CURB RAMPS INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE BOROUGH, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$140,400.00 PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,600.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND 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 \$20,000.00” BEING ORDINANCE # 2304 ADOPTED ON MAY 28, 2013 SO AS TO APPLY THERETO A FURTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT IN THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$37,180.00 AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL SUM APPROPRIATED TO \$202,180.00”*** 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2320 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance 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 Councilwan Lipari, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to recess for two minutes before the Work Session, which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, 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 December 10, 2013.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk