

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**March 11, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on March 11, 2014 at 8:12 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, 2014 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2014.

**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 Russell A. Lipari as follows: "We Meet to Serve. We meet to serve our community, to use our resources wisely and well, to represent all members of our community fairly, to make decisions that promote the common good. We recognize our responsibility to the past and the future, and the rights and needs of both individuals and community. As trusted servants, we seek blessings on our deliberations, and on our efforts here today, May we act wisely and well."

**PROCLAMATION:** *Read Across America*

Mayor Heck read the following Proclamation in support of *Read Across America*:

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Hasbrouck Heights has provided significant leadership in the area of

**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, was conducted on March 3, 2014, which would have been the 110th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, calls on its citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult during the month of March; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses *NEA's Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Mayor Heck asked that the Flags be flown at half mast and a moment of silence for former Councilman Ken Mathis who had been a councilman for 12 years.

**PRESENTATION:** Certificates to HH Soccer Association Division 5 Champions and South Bergen Soccer League U14 Girls Champions

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link presented Certificates to the following South Bergen Soccer League U14 Girls Champions:

Dana Bincoletto, Kate Bothe, Tori Buckman, Jacqueline DeLorenzo, Alyssa Demone, Janeth Fermin, Sophia Hein, Kelly Innis, Brianna Kelly, Isabella Iegra, Alexa Marinelli, Olivia Marinelli, Julia Murphy, Emma Nichols, Helen Nigro, Nattasja Singh, Alyssa Volpe and Coaches Rob Bothe, Larry Nigro, Mike Marinelli and Rich Volpe. Coach Bothe commended the team on a fantastic season.

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link then presented Certificates to the following HH Soccer Association Division 5 Champions:

**PRESENTATION (cont'd):**

David Caceres, Jayden Conley, Nour Dolah, Abigail Hernandez, Garrett Kata, Antonio

Mancini, Paige McGuire, James Toscano, Devan Velji, Sahil Voona, Evan Wenckus and Coaches Paul Mancini and Jorge Caceres. Coach Caceres commended the team on a great season.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1) Army Corps of Engineers and DEP Announce Phase I Study of Passaic River Basin Flood Management Options

2) Letter from Glenn Grant Acting Admin. Dir of New Jersey Courts advising of Judiciary’s plan to upgrade and improve information technology systems in municipal courts.

3) Letter from B.C. Historic Preservation Advisory Board announcing cancellation of 2014 Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards Program this May due to construction at the Justice Center.

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 Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semenech, and unanimously carried.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,413,717.46 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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**      *(None)*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**      56.    Payroll

- 57.    Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
- 58.    Authorizing Raffle License for Rutherford Cooperative Day Nursery
- 59.    Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Rosary Society
- 60.    Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. as Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
- 61.    Authorizing a Professional Contract with James Fordham as Zoning Board of Adjustment Engineer Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
- 62.    Authorizing the Award of Bid for a Broom Street Sweeper for the Use of the Department of Public Works
- 63.    Authorizing Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
- 64.    Authorizing Raffle License for Lincoln School PTA
- 65.    Authorizing Raffle License for K OF C #7041 Msgr Robert Fitzpatrick/Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
- 66.    Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note
- 67.    2013 Budget Appropriation Transfers

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay on Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 60 and 61, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2322:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE AND REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2014 RENT LEVELING ORDINANCE”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on March 25, 2014.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2322 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2321:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD WITH APPURTENANCES THERETO AT HITCHCOCK FIELD 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 \$570,000.00”** 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2321 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, was strongly in favor of this, lives across the street from the field, what was there now is a dramatic improvement over the rocks that were there previously, but this field is a touch too short. With this ordinance and BOE doing this, all safety issues will be addressed and extending the field to a regulation size will give another star to Hasbrouck Heights facilities and programs.

Mark Nielsen, 110 Ottawa Avenue, showed his credentials on the installation of fields and corrected to say this field went out to bid in 2002 and was finished in 2003, not 14 years old. He wanted clarification that there was to be special handling on the disposal of the field regarding the lead and that people to be aware of hidden costs, concerns

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):****ORDINANCE NO. 2321 (cont'd):**

and signage for young children and pregnant women. He also made comment that flooding on Ottawa drainage did not meet specs.

Mayor Heck said this ordinance was supporting the bonding for a new field which the Board of Education was putting together, not specifications for construction. She advised him to attend Board of Education meetings, to which he said he would.

Phil Artuso, 9 Austin Place, as president of the HHS and Aviators Club thanked the Mayor and Council. He noted that with all the use the field gets it is more than 18 years wear wise, that children could get hurt and he was glad that the Mayor and Council and Board of Education could get together and make it happen, that it will be a huge help with the lack of playing field space.

Mr. Schuffman, 447 Collins Avenue, questioned the fence around the property if it could be used to sell banner space. Mayor Heck said he would have to approach the Board of Education on that. He also made reference to a program and exhibits the Library would be holding on April 18, 2014 entitled "Paul Revere Rides Again." A banner will be on display at the entrance to the Library announcing this program.

Lillian Romano, Board of Education President and Dina Messery, Board of Education Administrator, thanked the Mayor and Council for working with the Board of Education on this bond ordinance, that this field is in use 24/7 and it would now be safer. When asked, they were very much in support of the ordinance.

Tyler Cappadona, of Hasbrouck Heights, a young man in the audience said he was thinking about getting a new field in Teterboro, that lots of kids get hurt on that field.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2321 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried. Mayor Heck said the ordinance is approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

**RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to recess for five minutes before going into the work session which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 March 11, 2014.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk