

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 13, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on May 13, 2014 at 8:03 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 Councilwoman Buckman as follows: "Prayer for Humanity"

May I be a guard for those who need protection
A guide for those on the path
A boat, a raft, a bridge for those who wish to cross the flood
May I be a lamp in the darkness
A resting place for the weary
A healing medicine for all who are sick
A vase of plenty, a tree of miracles
And for the boundless multitudes of living beings
May I bring sustenance and awakening
Enduring like the earth and sky
Until all beings are freed from sorrow
And all are awakened.
– *Shantideva, Indian Buddhist sage 700 A.D.*

PRESENTATION: Certificates to 2014 Environmental Poster Contest Winners

Mayor Heck and Environmental Commission Liaison Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following students. Councilman Gonzalez noted that Environmental Commission Chair Chris Niekrewicz had assisted himself and Mayor Heck and it was a very tough decision as there were over 150 posters submitted. He thanked the parents and teachers for their help. Pictures were taken of each of the school groups.

CORPUS CHRISTI:**Kindergarten**

1 st Place	Justin Valentin – Mrs. Torebka
1 st Place	Gabriella Hunt – Mrs. Rocha
2 nd Place	Jayden Vasi – Mrs. Rocha
2 nd Place	Matthew Alvarez – Mrs. Torebka
3 rd Place	Luca Davis – Mrs. Torebka
3 rd Place	Ivan Cheng – Mrs. Torebka
Honorable Mention	Anthony Pussilano – Mrs. Rocha
Honorable Mention	Johnson Okorie – Mrs. Torebka

First Grade

1 st Place	Taylor Daves – Mrs. Carris
2 nd Place	Ava Anzenberger – Mrs. Carris
3 rd Place	Neil Patrick Donnelly Jr. – Mrs. Carris
Honorable Mention	Isabella Perillo – Mrs. Donovan
Honorable Mention	Ryan Daves – Mrs. Donovan

Second Grade

1 st Place	Isabella Hernandez – Mrs. Deppert
Honorable Mention	Mia Scarvaglionone – Mrs. Clem

Third Grade

1 st Place	Sahil Voona – Mrs. Lemaire
2 nd Place	Ellie Cipollone – Mrs. Lemaire

EUCLID SCHOOL**Kindergarten**

2 nd Place	Mina Kavrakis – Ms. Tomesco
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First Grade

1 st Place	Alfonsus Agapinan – Mrs. Tenberge
2 nd Place	Mae Veliky – Mrs. Vanni
3 rd Place	Victoria Morales – Mrs. Tenberge
3 rd Place	Brandon A. Gomez – Mrs. Tenberge
Honorable Mention	Hailey Cinquino – Mrs. Vanni
Honorable Mention	Adam C. DeNichilo – Mrs. Tenberge

Second Grade

1 st Place	Giuliana Riccobono – Mrs. Mansfield
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PRESENTATION (cont'd):

1 st Place	Sia Bawa – Mrs. Mansfield
3 rd Place	Eric Newman – Mrs. Sabin
Honorable Mention	Rylie Kearns – Mrs. Sabin
Third Grade	
1 st Place	Param Malik – Mrs. Gant
1 st Place	Lea Mendelson – Mrs. Lambe
2 nd Place	Claudia DeGennaro – Mrs. Gant
Honorable Mention	Annabelle Swalsky – Mrs. Lambe
Honorable Mention	Maddalena Grano – Miss DeMaria

LINCOLN SCHOOL**Kindergarten**

1 st Place	Grace McGuire – Mrs. Kroncke
2 nd Place	Lilyanna Potts – Ms. Unglert
3 rd Place	Pavitra Patel – Ms. Unglert
Honorable Mention	Gavin Pereira – Mrs. Dussault
Honorable Mention	Jillian Smith – Mrs. Dussault

First Grade

1 st Place	Brook Xu – Mrs. Jarosiewicz
2 nd Place	Aidan Morrow – Mrs. Jarosiewicz
3 rd Place	Mackenzie Riordan – Mrs. Jarosiewicz
Honorable Mention	Arlinda Sokoli – Mrs. Jarosiewicz
Honorable Mention	Julianna Lohrmann – Mrs. Jarosiewicz

Second Grade

1 st Place	Arvin Ackattupathil – Mrs. Rogers
2 nd Place	Daniella LeConte – Mrs. DePalma
3 rd Place	Evan DeCicco – Mrs. DePalma
Honorable Mention	Brianna Molina – Mrs. DePalma
Honorable Mention	Courtney Neumuller – Mrs. Siconolfi

Third Grade

1 st Place	Dea Jera – Mrs. Lutz
2 nd Place	Marisa Ackattupathil – Mrs. Martello
3 rd Place	Elisha Santos – Mrs. Rucci
3 rd Place	Grace Oettinger – Mrs. Lutz
Honorable Mention	Christian Melgar – Mrs. Marino
Honorable Mention	Emily Eckert – Mrs. Marino

Mayor Heck noted that the winning posters have been on display in the Library and would now be distributed to the respective schools for display there.

PROCLAMATION: Raising Awareness of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva

Mayor Heck requested that Borough Clerk read this Proclamation (copy attached).

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Thank you letter to Mayor Heck from Governor Chris Christie re: support of bipartisan 2% interest arbitration cap.
 - 2) Advisory from NJLM re: U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Prayer at Council Meetings
 - 3) Advertisement for 2014 Annual Street Fair
 - 4) Flyer Announcing Town Wide Garage Sale May 31 and June 1, 2014 dates and dates for registration
 - 5) Invitation to participate in Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2014
 - 6) Press Release from B.C. Clerk John Hogan re: expanded hours to better serve the people of Bergen County
 - 7) Flyer announcing Children's July 4th Parade
 - 8) Release from NJ DEP which encourages proper use of pesticides and fertilizers for Spring maintenance of homes, lawns and gardens
 - 9) Release from NJ DEP re: new "Don't Waste our Open Space" initiative to combat illegal dumping on State lands yields first enforcement actions
 - 10) Announcement that the month of May is Law Enforcement Appreciation Month
 - 11) Letter to Mayor Heck from Governor Chris Christie announcing that Hasbrouck Heights has been selected to receive \$149,000 from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal Aid Program for Phase VII of Boulevard Streetscape

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1 and 11 were requested to be read (copies attached). Mayor Heck then requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,429,968.15 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: *(April 22, 2014 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semenech, and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 96. Payroll
 - 97. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 98. Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
 - 99. Authorizing Raffle License for Heightened Independence and Progress Inc
 - 100. Authorizing Raffle License for Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy
 - 101. Authorizing Hold Harmless Agreement between the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and the County of Bergen to borrow Showmobile #2 for 2014 Street Fair

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

RESOLUTIONS: 102. Authorizing a New Examination for Candidates for Appointment to the Police Department

Before a vote was taken, Councilman Semenech questioned how old was the present list and was told from 2012. He said that 20% of the Police Department has been hired in the last year and a half and he had asked back then what the plan was. Mayor Heck said she was available to speak any time during the week and in the Library meeting on Saturdays, why did he wait to bring this up at a public meeting. Mayor Heck explained that whenever there are retirements, a list is needed of the top people to replace them. She advised him that if he wants to know about personnel, he can ask Police Commissioner DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner Gonzalez or Chief Colaneri. He asked how many people knew about this test before Friday. Mayor Held told him, herself, who asked for the test, Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Gonzalez who said it was actually his idea; with Councilwoman Buckman, Lipari and Link saying they did not. Councilman DiPisa said personnel changes daily. Councilman Semenech asked how many were being replaced. Mayor Heck said five new officers were hired from the old list.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing resolution which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semenech voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried.

103. Authorizing Contract with the State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. To Conduct a Written Examination of Candidates for Appointment to the Police Department

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing resolution which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semenech voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried.

104. Authorizing Bond Anticipation #2-14

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2324:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2324 (cont'd):

THE SUM OF \$60,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO POLIFLY PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$24,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 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 \$34,000.00" 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 approve the foregoing Ordinance for introduction which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 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 Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to Recess for Work session which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semenez,

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 May 13, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough