

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 13, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 8: 04 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 5, 2015 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2015.

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

Absent: Councilman Russell A. Lipari

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 as follows:

“Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.”

RESOLUTIONS: 17. Authorizing Appointment of Christopher Connors as Probationary Patrolman of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

APPOINTMENTS: Christopher Conners as Probationary Patrolman of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Mayor Heck invited Christopher Conners to come forward to administer the Oath of Office. His Mom, Ellen, held the Bible, with his family surrounding him.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Heck, Chief Colaneri, Councilman DiPisa and Councilman Gonzalez presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Police Officers:

Life Saving CPR: Det. Sgt. Werner, Ofc. Loos and Dussault were dispatched on December 22, 2013 when a call was received requesting an ambulance for an unresponsive male. The Officers responded and found the victim on the floor with no pulse, performed CPR and continued until relieved by the HHFD and Medics. Due to their actions, EMS and Medics the victim survived.

Life Saving CPR: Det. Armelli and Officer D'Amico were dispatched on May 31, 2014 when a call was received requesting an ambulance for an unresponsive female. They responded and found the victim with no pulse, shocked the victim with the AED and began CPR continuing until relieved by HHFD and Medics. Due to the actions of the Police Officers, EMS and Medics the victim survived. Both Officers are also HHPD's CPR instructors.

Excellent Police Service Award: The Bergen County Prosecutor's office started a Heroin Initiative requesting local departments assign an Officer to work with the County Narcotics Task Force and other local Officers from Bergen, Passaic and Sussex Counties. Officer Dussault was assigned and through the three months his Squad was responsible for 40 arrests of suspected drug dealers and users as well as the recovery of five stolen guns. In addition, a large amount of CDS including decks of Heroin, large amounts of crack cocaine and numerous pills were seized. The County Prosecutor praised Ofc. Dussault and all the members of this initiative.

Unit Citation Awards: Reports were received of armed robberies of Rite Aid on March

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15, 2014 and Minit Mart on March 16, 2014. Detectives began investigation and determined that the same individual was responsible for both robberies. They began to work with Detectives from Lodi, Garfield and Elmwood Park resulting in two suspects being identified and charged with numerous armed robberies throughout the area. D/LT. Colaneri, D/Sgt. Werner, Det. John Behr and Det. Joseph Armeli arrested two suspects for armed robbery, unlawful possession of a firearm and theft of moveable property.

Unit Citation Awards: On February 17, 2014, Det. Armeli, D/Lt. Colaneri and Det. Behr arrested two male parties for possession of three ounces of marijuana while in a motor vehicle.

Unit Citation Awards: Det./Lt. Colaneri working undercover made three purchases of cocaine from a suspect on three separate dates resulting in over \$1,200 seized from the suspect who was charged with distribution of CDs, distribution of CDs in a school zone and park. Also working together were Capt. Rinke, Lt. Robertson, Det/Sgt Werner, Det Armelli, Det. Behr, Ofcs. Cooke and Dussault who received unit citations. Det. Lt. Colaneri received an Outstanding Police Service Award.

Excellent Police Service Awards: On December 12, 2014, a call was received reporting two victims of a stabbing. D/Lt. Colaneri, D/Sgt. Baker, D/Sgt. Werner, Det. John Behr received Excellent Police Service Awards for arresting a suspect for Domestic Violence, Aggravated Assault and Burglary.

Unit Citation Awards/Excellent Police Service Awards: On June 5, 2007 a call was received from a resident of Columbus Avenue of a possible burglary in progress. All HH officers on duty were detailed and confirmed a burglary had just taken place. They cordoned off the area and one suspect was spotted on foot by Det/Sgt. Baker who gave pursuit on foot. Chief Colaneri located the suspect hiding in a shed and effected the arrest with Lt. Lesho and Det./Sgt. Baker. A second suspect was located in a parked vehicle. The suspects, a father and son team, were found to have committed numerous residential burglaries in southern Bergen. Capt. Rinke and Det/Sgt. Werner were awarded Unit Citation Awards. Chief Colaneri, Lt. Lesho and Det/Sgt. Baker were awarded Excellent Police Service Awards.

Excellent Police Service Award/Meritorious Police Service Award: On April 26, 2014, Ofc. Brunetti while off duty observed an individual walking on Terrace Avenue pointing to cars and pretending he was shooting. Ofc. Brunetti reported the incident with Det. Behr responding. The suspect ran and Det. Behr chased after him and observed the suspect attempt to pull a handgun from his waist band. He tackled the suspect and help him until other units arrived. The suspect was found to be in possession of a handgun loaded with hollow point bullets. Ofc. Brunetti was awarded

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the Excellent Police Service Award. Det. Behr was awarded the Meritorious Police Service Award.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes advising of resignation of Connor Di Corcia from HHFD Ambulance Squad
- 2) Invitation from Euclid/Lincoln School PTA to attend Drug Awareness Activities the week of January 12-16, 2015.
- 3) Letter from NJ EPA re: Electronic Waste Management Act update that Fees for cost of collection and transportation of covered electronic devices (CEDs) are prohibited by the E-Waste Law

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There was none. She then asked for a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Semenech, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,621,665.64 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:

(December 23, 2014 Regular Meeting, December 23, 2014 Executive Session, January 1, 2015 Sine Die and January 1, 2015 Reorganization Meeting)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Buckman abstaining from the December 23, 2014 minutes as she was absent, and otherwise unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
18. Payroll
 19. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
 20. Burial Permits – Payment of Fees to State
 21. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 22. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 24, Lots 5, 66, 69 and 72
 23. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
 24. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. as Planning Board Attorney Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
 25. Authorizing a Professional Contract with James Fordham as Planning Board Engineer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
 26. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms Required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
 27. Construction - Payment of Fees to State
 28. Authorizing Change Order #2 with regard to Barrier Free Curb Program County Rights-of-Way (The Boulevard)

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semenez voting No on #23, 24 and 25, and otherwise approved.

APPOINTMENTS: Andrea Bocker to Planning Board for 4 years

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

Katherine Kelly to Board of Health as Alt. 1 for 2 years
(correction of name)

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

Mark Kubler to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Truck
Company 1

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointment which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried. Mr. Kubler was congratulated and invited to come forward for a picture with Councilman Gonzalez and Ambulance Squad Captain John Riordan.

Emergency Management Council (Local Emergency
Planning Committee) - 1 Year:
Rose Heck, Mayor/Chairperson
Michael Colaneri, Police Chief-EM Coord./Co-Chair
Dr. Roger J. Szanto-Deputy EM Coord.
Councilman David Gonzalez, Fire Commissioner
Patrick Hayes, Fire Chief
Robert Knobloch, Fire Official
William Spindler, DPW Superintendent
Laura French, Board of Health Registrar
Nicholas Melfi, Construction Official/Building Inspector
Michael Kronyak, CFO/Administrator
Robert Brady, Recreation Director
Ralph Chandless, Jr., Borough Attorney
Dr. Mary Kildow, Superintendent of Schools
Constance Doheny, Editor, The Observer
Mimi Hui, Library Director

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

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

RESIGNATIONS: Connor DiCorcia from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ambulance Squad

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing Resignation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried and was accepted with regret.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

John Catapane, 256 Jefferson Avenue, asked for a 4-way Stop Sign at Jefferson and Burton Avenues, as he was concerned with speeding at that intersection. Chief Colaneri answered that this year the Police Department was requesting to do most or all of intersections on Burton Avenue.

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

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked if anyone had any objection to going directly into the work session. There was none.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 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 January 13, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk