

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**October 13, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 8: 00 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 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 of Gratitude for my Friends: Heavenly Father, how gracious You are to bring into my life my many precious friends - all of which have become so special to me in their own individual and unique way.

I feel so blessed to be surrounded with so many dear people that I love and care for, and for the knowledge that they also love and care for me too – and thank You for the support that I have so often received from different ones, during those times of difficulty and pain.

Thank You also for the valuable lessons that I have learned through...some of which have been very difficult, and yet I have been enabled through their loving support and encouragement to grow spiritually and emotionally – and gain wisdom and insight in so many important ways.

Help me to be the sort of friend that is always there for others. An ear to listen, a hand to help and a heart to comfort – and help me to grow in grace and in a knowledge of our Saviour, Lord Jesus, so that I may be His hand, His ear, His heart and His comfort to the many precious people that You have placed in my life, in Jesus name I pray. Amen.”

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Request from John Kosakowski of Bill O'Shea's Florist in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce for permission to host annual Halloween Window Painting Contest on October 14, with a raindate of October 15.
- 2) Invitation to Annual Tree Lighting at the Circle on November 27, 2015
- 3) The Observer's Affidavit stating the official advertising rate
- 4) Press Release from United Water New Jersey re: United Water Seeks Rate Recovery for \$187 Million in Customer Investments
- 5) The Boulevard Stroll, Thursday, October 15 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- 6) Ragamuffin Parade, Saturday, October 24 at 1 p.m.
- 7) Taste of Hasbrouck Heights, Monday, November 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at VFW Post 4591
- 8) The Record's Affidavit attesting to circulation.
- 9) Aviation Hall of Fame Regional Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 11 a.m. at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro Airport

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce (Item #1) which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #3, 5 and 7 were requested (copies attached)

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,969,087.94 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance

**BILLS (cont'd):**

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:**       *(September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting)*

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 162. Payroll
  - 163. Raffle Licenses for Rotary Club of Mid-Bergen County
  - 164. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 165. Burial Permits - Payment of Fees to State
  - 166. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
  - 167. Raffle License for Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**               None

**APPOINTMENTS:**           C. William Raimondo to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Co. 2

**APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):**

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

Kyle Ratkowski as HH Junior Firefighter  
Ravindra Singh as HH Junior Firefighter  
Charles Hesse as HH Junior Firefighter  
Elena Landau as HH Junior Firefighter

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

The appointees were congratulated by Mayor Heck, Councilman Gonzalez, Councilman Lipari, Fire Chief Patrick Hayes, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Angelo Roccamo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Robert Knobloch and Firefighter John Riordan. They were then invited to take pictures with their families.

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**UPDATE ON CURRENT BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY:**

CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak gave the following update:

Beginning in 2011 the Division of Local Government, at the direction of the Governor's office, has required that each municipality answer a series of questions now referred to as the Best Practices Inventory. The score on the 50 questions will respond to a sliding scale which is used to determine if any or all of the final payment of state aid is to be withheld.

One of the requirements is that the results of the inventory be discussed at a public meeting, this update meets that requirement.

This year's inventory included five new questions and 45 repeat questions. Of the 50 questions on the inventory we answered yes to 39, no to 4, not applicable for 7 and prospective on none of the questions. The calculated score was 92% indicating that we will have no reduction in the state aid payment.

After final review, I will file the inventory with the Division of Local Government Services by the October 16 deadline.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semenech, 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 8:19 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 October 13, 2015.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk