

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 8, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 8: 05 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 Mayor Heck as follows:

Give us the Strength to withstand the slings and arrows of our enemies
Let us pray for their enlightenment and immortal souls
Give us the wisdom to make decisions based on facts
Let us not be adversely impacted by negativity

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

“May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth.
May hunger disappear and terrorists cease their senseless acts.
May people live in freedom, worshiping as they see fit, loving others.

May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved.

May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme."

Excerpts from Frank Borman Christmas Eve Prayer Apollo 8, 1968 & Soundings, Vol. 2, #12

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Junior Football Aviators 2015 Juniors Division Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl Champions and Cheerleaders

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link presented Certificates of Recognition and Accomplishment to the following Junior Football Aviators for winning the 2015 Junior Division Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl:

Travis Lee, Nicholas Cuccio, Andrew Parente, Evan Werner, Shane Ike, Jake Diaz, Anthony DiLascio, Anthony Grasso, Trey, Armonaitis, Justin Wexler, Justin Sorci, Blake Freschi, Jack Baker, Jacy Westfield, Roman Escher, Christian Lopez, Kyle Cappadonna, Matthew Loos, Sal Grasso, Jordhen Dorjee, Bryan Formisano, Wyatt Bugge, Kevin Campen, Michael Canavatchel, Hunter Freschi. Coaches: Mike Colaneri, Mike Colaneri Jr., Jeff Perri, Bob Colaneri, Jeff Werner, Joe Olivo, Dan DeCongelio, John Halpin, Rob Riordan, Kevin Colaneri, Tim McGuire. Water Boy: Michael Colaneri III.

Head Coach, Chief Michael Colaneri was invited to give comments on the winning season.

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link presented Certificates of Recognition and Accomplishment to the following Junior Football Aviators Cheerleaders:

Chiara Alvarez, Megan Aurigemma, Amber Barrios, Juliana Bono, Ava Brescia, Emily Buckman, Gabriella Carter, Elizabeth Cuttita, Francesca D'Amico, Claudia DeGennaro, Gaea DePass, Melanie Fede, Jenevive Ferreri, Olivia Focarino, Isabella Franchina, Brooke Freschi, Leila Fye, Mia Gagliano, Chloe Grella, Kaitlyn Guido, Gia Gyenes, Jillian Homan, Kayla Ike, Lexi Kest, Maria Manis, Paige McGuire, Angelina Moore, Briana Mullins, Zoe Murray, Shannon O'Hare, Francesca Paradiso, Nathalie Pujadas, Gabriella Riccobono, Meaghan Shaw, Devon Sonzogni, Meghan Stelhorn, Gabrielle Thibault, Katelyn Tutelo, Victoria Vitelli, Alysha Weaver. Head Coach: Christine Thibault. Assistant Coaches: Naya Bagley, Mia Minichello, Christina Todd, Kelly Innis.

Head Coach, Christine Thibault, saying this was her first year as coach, gave her comments on the winning season.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Thank you to Mayor and Council from Pat Link and Mayor's Celebrations Committee for support of this year's Tree Lighting
 - 2) Copy of letter to Ken Job from NJ DOT re: Award Approval of Boulevard Streetscape Phases VII and VIII
 - 3) Public Notice from BCUA re: proposed 2016 Wastewater Service Charges and 2016 Solid Waste Service Charges
 - 4) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes re: Results of Election of Officers of Hook and Ladder Company One for 2016

Mayor Heck asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. Councilman Gonzalez read Item #4 into the record (copy attached). Mayor Heck then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,609,808.43 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 Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 184. Payroll
 - 185. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 187. Authorizing Fire Department Percentages
 - 188. Authorizing Ambulance Squad Percentages
 - 189. Authorizing 2015 Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 186. Authorizing Payment to former Firemen for 25 Years of Service

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

- 190. Authorizing Change Order #1 for 2013 Barrier Free Curb Ramp Program (Utilizing Community Development Funds)

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

- APPOINTMENTS:**
- Nimrod Shimrony 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 Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

- RESIGNATIONS:** None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2352:

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 2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE**

POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102" 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 December 29, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2353:

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 2016"** 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 December 29, 2015.

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Augie Caruso, 25 Webb Place, a resident for 16 years, was present to bring to the Mayor and Council attention that Webb Place hasn't been paved in those 16 years, it is in such disrepair. Although the DPW patches holes occasionally, it just falls apart immediately. There is a lot of U-turn traffic. He brought pictures. He asked if it will ever get paved. There are no sidewalks and is a tripping hazard. He left his information with Mr. Kronyak.

Al Vitelli, 165 Lincoln Avenue, also had the problem with his portion of Lincoln Avenue between the Boulevard down to the park. They did Lincoln between Terrace and Boulevard last year. They just keep patching. Mayor Heck said it has to be inspected by our engineer who studies all the streets along with DPW Supt. Spindler. He has been a resident for only five years, but residents over 20 years say it hasn't been paved. There is limited budget and streets are reviewed yearly. Mayor Heck said if a street is being done through a grant, that section can only be done. He asked if the street was part of Wood-Ridge, He was told no, the street is all in Heights. Mayor Heck invited him to come to the building to check when it was done last. He was also asked to leave his phone number. Mr. Job explained the curb program, that you can't get grants for curbs, it costs \$35 a foot. He and the Mayor explained Coolidge Avenue, how it was done in two years, that trees had lifted sidewalks and it was an exceptional problem.

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

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to recess for five minutes which was made by Councilman Lipari, 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 10:02 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Semencz, 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 December 8, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk