

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

February 10, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 8: 02 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 Semenech

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 Mayor Rose Heck as follows:

“Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank You for being our source of guidance today. Amen.”

PROCLAMATION: *Read Across America*

Councilwoman Buckman read the following Proclamation:

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 community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

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 Monday, March 2, 2015, which would have been the 111th 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.
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PRESENTATION: Certificates to Soccer Team Champions

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link presented certificates to South Bergen Soccer League U10 Girls Champions: Team: Heights Specialty Pharmacy Members: Maya Bohan, Briana Freay, Abigail Hernandez, Isabella Hernandez, Morgan Gagliano, Rylie Kearns, Samantha Lahullier, Maria Manis, Michaela Morgan, Marissa Mucci, Jenna O'Malley, Alexa Papasavas, Celeste Rizzo, Ines Turner, Leila Yankus. Coaches: Steven Manis, Sam Papasavas, Frank Gagliano. Coach Manis was invited to say a few words in support of his team.

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link presented certificates to South Bergen Soccer League U10 Girls Champions: Team: Maria Ann Ramos, M.D. Members: Jeremy Bailey Zachary Bailey, Julian Bermudez, Nicholas Cali, Owen De Cicco, Emiland Elezaj, Kareem Farag, Antonio Greco, Zachary Hauptman, Ronnye Hurdado, Mario Kaldas, Lorenzo Legaspi, Fisnik Lulani, Dylan O'Connor, Derek Pinto, Dennis Riordan, Gabriel Rizzo, Stefen Shaffer, Matthew Sireci, Antonio Tucci. Coaches: Ed Hauptman, Jim Bailey. Coach Hauptman was invited to say a few words in support of his team.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Certificate of Environmental Stewardship from NJ DEP for 320 Boulevard
 - 2) Invitation to attend Flood Risk Open Houses on February 10 and February 11 from 4-8 p.m.
 - 3) Thank you from Pastor Debbie Rundecker of First Reformed Church for DPW shoveling snow

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1 and #3 were requested to be read (copies attached). She then asked for a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,978,904.42 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: *(January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:** 37. Payroll

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

38. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
39. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014, due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 175, Lots 19, 150 Terrace Avenue, Owned by Daniel Anfang, Trustee
40. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2012-0004 for Block 77.05, Lot 4, 13 Clark Court, owned by Viganola, Daniel
41. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Church Rosary Society
42. Authorizing Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
45. Authorizing a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the Purpose of Using \$88,000 in 2014 Community Development Block Grant Funds for Improvements to Stanley Avenue
46. Authorizing Change Order #3 for Improvement of Veterans Memorial Park
47. Authorizing Reimbursement of Emergency Service for Repair at 436 Washington Place Due to a Property Maintenance Lien
48. Authorizing Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club
49. Authorizing Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
50. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2014-0001 for Block 73, Lot 21, 35 Franklin Avenue, owned by 35 Franklin, LLC
51. Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Overpaid Due to Inability to Locate Former Owners

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

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

- RESOLUTIONS:** 43. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. as Zoning Board Attorney Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

44. Authorizing a Professional Contract with James Fordham as Zoning Board Engineer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

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

- APPOINTMENTS:** Caroline Stevens to Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations

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

- Donato N. Squeo to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 2

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Patricia Link, 221 Harrison Avenue, as a member of the Library Board invited the Mayor and Council to the Chinese New Year Celebration on February 15, 2015, the first in the Multicultural Celebration Series focus on Asian influences in our community "The

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Culture and People of China” on February 21, 2015. She also noted there is a pamphlet listing all Library Programs during February thru April 2015, which is available at the Library Desk.

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 Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck noted that Tom Verrastro who served on the Library Board for 25 years passed away unexpectedly this past week, saying that condolences were sent to Former Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro. She and some of the Council would be attending the Memorial Mass which was to be the next day. Tom has been her alternate on the Library Board since she came back as Mayor and appreciates all he has done.

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 8:43 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 February 10, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk