

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

July 14, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 8:09 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, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Christian Semencz

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman David Gonzalez

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 Link as follows:

“May I come to Understand, that blessings are everywhere, that my attitude will effect outcomes, that challenges are often gifts in disguise.

May I come to Trust that most things can get better, with time, that my instincts & gut feelings have value, that a positive attitude makes things go smoother.

May I come to See that I have many skills & talents I can use, that I am a positive influence on many people, that there are those around me who wish me well.

May I come to Value that today is a blessing to be enjoyed, that each person is unique & important, that each moment of my life has meaning. Amen”

PRESENTATION: Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Buckman and Deputy Recreation Commissioner Link presented a Certificate to Stefan Desics, Boy Scout Troop 17, for his Eagle Scout Project of Painting and Enhancing the Gazebo in the 9-11 Memorial Park.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Teterboro Airport Taxiway V Environmental Assessment - Notice of Availability and Request for Comment
 - 2) Wood-Ridge Planning Board Notice of Meeting July 15 at 7 p.m. re: Wesmont Station Redevelopment
 - 3) Letter of Resignation from Michael T. Cribben as Sanitation Driver for the DPW
 - 4) Thank You letter from Rianna Volpe, recipient of the Mary B. Quigg Scholarship

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Councilman Lipari responded that he and Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless would be attending the Wood-Ridge Planning Board Meeting on July 15. She thanked them, and then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Michael T. Cribben as DPW Sanitation Driver effective June 26, 2015

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

APPOINTMENTS: Cory Maita as Building Custodian

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

Domenick DePalma as DPW Sanitation Loader

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

Mayor Heck wished both new employees good luck in their new positions.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,448,921.30 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: *(May 26, 2015 Executive Session, June 9, 2015 Work Session, June 23, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 134. Payroll
 - 135. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 136. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 137. Construction - Payment of Fees to State
 - 138. Authorizing Award of Contract for Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department 100'- 110' Heavy Duty Rear Mount Steel Aerial Ladder Truck to Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.
 - 139. Authorizing Radio Maintenance Contract for 2015-2016
 - 140. Authorizing Change Order #1 with regard to Hitchcock Field Improvements

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Semencz, with Councilman Semencz abstaining on Resolution No. 138, as he was a member of the Fire Department and knew the owner of Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. The Consent Agenda was otherwise unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2345:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BY PROVIDING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 40, LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES” AND RE-NUMBERING THE CURRENT CHAPTER 40 ENTITLED “LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM” AS CHAPTER 37”** 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 July 28, 2015.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2343:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 222 ENTITLED “SEWERS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO MAKE THE SAME CONSISTENT WITH CURRENTLY APPLIED TERMINOLOGY AND TO UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT TO BACKFLOW PREVENTERS”** 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 open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2343 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 2343 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2344:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 206 ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BY PROVIDING A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE XIX, VIOLATIONS, ABATEMENT AND THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL LIEN” 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 open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2344 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 2344 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Semencz, 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 9:14 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, 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 July 14, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk