

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 8, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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, 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:

Prayer of St. Francis: "Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal live. Amen."

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Letter from County Executive James J. Tedesco advising that Community Development Grant for Stanley Avenue Sidewalk Improvement for \$65,000 was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

2) Request from Hasbrouck Heights Parents for Athletes to run a Flamingo Fundraiser.

3) Request from Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce to hold second Boulevard Stroll on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

4) United Water calls on customers to Restrict Water Usage during current dry spell.

5) Notice from FEMA if you filed a flood insurance claim after Hurricane Sandy deadline for a review of your Claim has been extended to September 15, 2015.

6) Letter from Port Authority of NY & NJ Executive Director Patrick J. Foye regarding the scope and magnitude of health issues faced by September 11 responders and survivors across the country

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the request from the Parents for Athletes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried.

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,029,061.25 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: *(August 25, 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 Lipari, with Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez abstaining, and otherwise unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 153. Renewal of 2015-2016 Liquor License Holders
 - 154. Payroll
 - 155. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
 - 156. Authorizing Change Order #1 for Improvements to Depken Field Phase II

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

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: James Cimmino as Substitute Crossing Guard

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

Joseph Florczyk as Substitute Crossing Guard

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2350:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$385,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESURFACING OF STANLEY AVENUE BETWEEN THE BOULEVARD AND TERRACE AVENUE INCLUDING SIDEWALKS AND CURBS AND ANY NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$153,000.00 PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$12,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE REMAINING COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$220,000.00”** 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 September 22, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2350 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2351:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$115,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE PLAYGROUND SURFACES AT MIERS PARK AND AT THE CENTRAL AVENUE PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$51,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$60,000.00 “** 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 September 22, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2351 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, 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 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 8:35 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 September 8, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk