

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 12, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 8:08 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

Mayor DeLorenzo 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 4, 2016 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2016.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: Councilman Russell A. Lipari

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor DeLorenzo led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Buckman as follows:

“Father, may everything we do begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your saving help. Let our work always find its origin in You and through You reach completion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

PRESENTATION: Proclamation to Elks Lodge #1962 on its 60th Anniversary

Mayor DeLorenzo and Council President Gonzalez presented the following Proclamation to Elks Lodge members Exalted Ruler John Brandle and Past Exalted Ruler Jack Noonburg:

WHEREAS, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since its inception in 1868 is a national fraternal organization with over 2,000 Lodges in the United States, District of Columbia, Guam, the Philippines, the Canal Zone and Puerto Rico and has been a vital part of American History by promoting the spirit of patriotism and service to people and communities; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, Dr. Leo Bicher, Jr., District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Hackensack Lodge No. 658 guided 15 non-Elks and Elks in its first organizational meeting on November 15, 1954 at the Pioneer Hall in Hasbrouck Heights which grew to 148 charter members witnessing and participating in Institution, Initiation and Installation on March 27, 1955 with Dr. Anthony R. Mancari as Exalted Ruler; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the charter officers and support of fully staffed committees, the most important goal of Hasbrouck Heights Lodge No. 1962 was to obtain a home which was dedicated by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Jernick on May 4, 1957 at 128 Baldwin Avenue and which continues to be a beacon in the community providing assistance to our Veterans, Youth, and Special Needs Children and Adults; and

WHEREAS, Hasbrouck Heights Lodge #1962 was the home of Kenneth V. Cantoli, New Jersey State President in 1977-78 and Grand Exalted Ruler of the United States in 1983; and has the distinction of being the home lodge of the first female elected NJSEA Officer Joyce Powell, current District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and NJSEA Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby congratulate Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge No. 1962 on its 60th year since inception with sincere gratitude for being a vital part of the Hasbrouck Heights community and with best wishes for its continued success in the future.

Dated: January 16, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Invitation from Euclid/Lincoln School PTA to attend Drug Awareness Activities the week of January 11-15, 2016.
- 2) Resignation from Patricia Link from the Mayor's Celebrations Committee
- 3) Letter from John L. Molinelli, B.C. Prosecutor advising of his retirement on February 1, 2016
- 4) Notification from Tuvel Civil Engineering Services that a Flood Hazard Area Permit Application has been filed with the NJ DEP for Construction Office/Garage, 155 South St., Hackensack, NJ

5) Resignation due to retirement of Edmund Carter, Jr., from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

6) Notice of Public Hearing from City of Hackensack Zoning

Board of Adjustment on February 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. for 295 Polify Realty, LLC

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. Councilman DiPisa asked to have #2 read into the record (copy attached). In response to this letter, Mayor DeLorenzo thanked Patricia Link for her time and effort over these years and wished her continued success in whatever she chooses to do.

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$2,622,789.38 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/ Councilman Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: 16. Payroll

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

17. Marriage/Civil Union Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
18. Burial Permits – Payment of Fees to State
19. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice

Claim Forms Required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
20. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
21. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. as Planning Board Attorney Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
22. Authorizing a Professional Contract with James Fordham as Planning Board Engineer Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
23. Authorizing Raffle License for ECPA Parent Booster Club, Inc.
24. Authorizing Participation in the B.C. Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
25. Approving Amendment of Raffle License for Mid Bergen Rotary to change date from November 14, 2015 to February 27, 2016
26. Authorizing Approval of 2015/2016 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
27. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Church Concerned Parents

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

RESOLUTIONS: 28. Accepting Donation of Firefighting Foam and Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the County of Bergen Regarding the Terms Thereof

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

APPOINTMENTS: Deborah Innis to Committee of Community Celebrations
James Cimmino as Substitute Crossing Guard
JNP Consultants as IT Specialist
Chris Lofaso to Committee of Community Celebrations
Gianna Dilascio to Mayor's Youth Committee
Joseph Giancaspro to Mayor's Youth Committee

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing appointments which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Emergency Management Council (Local Emergency Planning Committee) - 1 Year:
John DeLorenzo III, Mayor/Chairperson
Barry Leventhal, Mayor's Alt.
Michael Colaneri, Police Chief-EM Coord./Co-Chair
Dr. Roger J. Szanto-Deputy EM Coord.
Councilman David Gonzalez, Fire Commissioner
Patrick Hayes, Fire Chief
Robert Knobloch, Fire Official
William Spindler, DPW Superintendent
Laura French, Board of Health Registrar
Nicholas Melfi, Construction Official/Building Inspector
Michael Kronyak, CFO/Administrator
Ralph Chandless, Jr., Borough Attorney
Dr. Matthew Helfant, Superintendent of Schools
Constance Doheny, Editor, The Observer
Mimi Hui, Library Director

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing appointments which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Vincent Varelas as School Crossing Guard

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the foregoing Resignation which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Jillian DiGiacinto from Mayor's Youth Committee
Jason DiGiacinto from Mayor's Youth Committee
Marie Kenney from Committee on Community Celebrations

Theresa L. Sterlacci-Kyritz from Committee on Community Celebrations
Paula Schwing from Committee of Community Celebrations

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the foregoing Resignations which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Edmund Carter Jr., due to Retirement from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept with regret the foregoing Resignation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2354:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 OF LANDS AND PREMISES KNOWN AS LOT 6 IN BLOCK 152 AS THE SAME APPEARS ON THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, A VACANT LOT OF APPROXIMATELY 25 FEET IN WIDTH AND 125 FEET IN DEPTH UPON WHICH WAS FORMERLY SITUATE A FIRE HORN TOWER AND FOR WHICH THE BOROUGH NO LONGER HAS ANY USE**" 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 January 26, 2016.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Former Mayor Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, wished Mayor DeLorenzo well, she was happy there were no changes on the professionals, but disappointed he had taken some people off boards and committees who had served the Borough well. She thanked them for their service.

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, read the following: Mayor DeLorenzo, the election process is over, you were elected and you have been sworn into the office of Mayor, Hasbrouck Heights. I wish you well and I want you to be a successful mayor. I attended the reorganization meeting on January 3rd and I was surprised and pleased by the announcement of the Mayor's Committee to Recognize Military Service; I think this is a great idea. This past weekend I was speaking with another Veteran and he told me that he sent a letter to you asking to be a member of that committee, hopefully you grant that request. But, to be candid, I am concerned about several issues.

As you know, my family and I have lived in town for over 31 years; I like this town and I like the services that we taxpayers provide. Many times over the past year I have heard the word change associated with your campaign, no specifics, just the word change. That frightens me a bit. On the national level, we have heard that word with great frequency for eight years. And I am not happy with a lot of the changes that have come about.

I heard some general talk over the past year that there was a possibility of outsourcing our DPW and / or our sanitation departments. Naming the Assistant Superintendent, DPW to your Research Committee has amplified my concerns. As a resident and as a taxpayer, I DO NOT want their services outsourced.

The Record (January 6th) wrote in their article reporting on the reorganization meeting that " ...the newly elected Mayor, John DeLorenzo III, vowed to take action to control Municipal spending..." As you know, our Municipal Budget grew only one-half of one percent in 2014 and zero percent for 2015. I am glad that you will watch the municipal spending and continue to minimize its growth.

The largest portion of our tax bills is that of our School District and it has essentially grown unabated since before your first term on the Board of Education. I would hope that you would do as Mayor Heck did last year. That is to task your Research

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Committee to find ways to help the Board of Education identify areas to reduce or control costs. I believe that you are in a very unique position to make this work. Your recent experience of nine years on the Board of Education (many with whom you served are still members of the Board) along with the expertise of your campaign treasurer (the president of the HH teachers union) and many of the enthusiastic, involved individuals that supported your campaign, could go a long way in identifying potential opportunities for the Board of Education to focus upon. This issue of taxes going up and up has been going on for years and always get focused to the Mayor. Municipal taxes have been controlled in the past five or six years.

You were quoted in the Community News (December 31st) as stating that "... you would like to bring new businesses and more ratables to town...". I am curious as to what you would consider more ratables"?

Mayor DeLorenzo said he did not think he used the word ratables, but would like to bring new businesses to town, work with the business community and make Hasbrouck Heights a business friendly community and encourage growth. Some businesses have received good write ups in The Record and wanted to continue that and foster that environment.

Mr. Ellis said again, I am hoping that you prove to be the successful Mayor that our Hasbrouck Heights community deserves.

Mayor DeLorenzo said as far as the Assistant DPW Superintendent on the Research Committee, it was thought it would be an asset to save time to have a Borough representative on the committee. As far as the Board of Ed, they have met and started to discuss the budget and Mr. Kronymak and he will be having regular meetings with the Superintendent and Business Administrator to work together to keep spending under control.

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

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion for a short recess which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

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ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, 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 January 12, 2016.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk