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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 8:06 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

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, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: Councilwoman Sonya Buckman

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

INVOCATION: Councilman DiPisa gave the Invocation as follows: ‘Before we begin our meeting, let us take a moment to thank the Lord for this opportunity to be here, working together toward the common goal of enriching our Borough and all who live here.

Let us pray. Lord, we praise you and ask you to guide us in this meeting that we may be united in the spirit of mutual respect and in the healthy exchange of our ideas. Help us to work together for the good of all in our community. Amen”

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Joint Agency/Stakeholder Meeting for the Great Falls Hydroelectric Project

2) Notice served on owners within 200 feet of Zoning Board of Adjustment application for Development at 273, 275, 277, 279 and 281 Oldfield Avenue

3) Copy of letter sent to John M. Case, NJ DOT from Borough

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Attorney Ralph W. Chandless re: Storm-Water Drainage Basin at Route 17 and Franklin Avenue

4) Letter from PANYNJ re: authorization for a lease supplement with Jet Aviation Teterboro

5) Request from NJ DOT re: Generator Adapted Controller Cabinet at Route 17 and Franklin/Malcolm Avenues Upgrade

6) Request for Amended Resolution for Bus Stops on Municipal & County Roads from Joseph J. DeMauro of NJ Transit

7) Request for Commemorative Resolution on the 50th Anniversary of Bergen Volunteer Center

8) Thank you notes from Jason DiGiacinto and Jennifer Vargo, Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Recipients

9) NJ DEP issues a Water Supply Drought Watch for most of Northern New Jersey

10) Liberty State Park Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Sabotage Attack that Rocked Region and America on July 30 at 10 a.m.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if anyone wished to have any item read into record. Items #2 and #3 were requested. (Copies attached) Regarding Item #2, Borough Attorney Chandless said as most are aware those are five lots which the Borough conveyed to the current property owner. The conveyances were made conditioned upon a restriction that they be used only as single family dwellings all in conformance with the other applicable zoning ordinances. As a consequence, it is the owner's choice to make application to the zoning board. We don't participate in that application, even if it is granted, the owner still has to come to the mayor and council to ask for relief from those restrictions. It is the owner's choice who to approach first. He has chosen to approach the zoning board of adjustment first, presumably if those variances are granted, he would then have to come to the mayor and council. Regarding Item #3, Councilman Lipari asked Mr. Chandless if this letter could be published in the newspapers, he answered yes. Councilman DiPisa said since the last council meeting there has been a breakout of 12 cases of Zika Virus.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$467,717.62 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.

Signed Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE: Commissioner DiPisa gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at June 30 was \$1,835,993.24 and at May 31 was \$4,597,556.76 which represents an decrease of \$2,761,563.52. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of June totaled \$573,735.76 of which \$335,781.91 was for Current Taxes, \$89,651.83 was for Delinquent 2015 taxes and \$148,302.02 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of June totaled \$3,335,735.76 of which \$2,258,446.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$614,247.91 was for Salaries and \$462,605.37 was for Other Expenses.

As reported at previous meetings, the estimated thir quarter tax bills were mailed to all property owners, the due date for payment remains August 1. The certified tax rate from the Bergen County Tax Administrator was received which will be used as the basis for

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FINANCE (cont'd):

the fourth quarter tax bill.

It is important to note that your 2016 taxes will not be equal to the third quarter estimated tax bill multiplied by four, this would overstate your total 2016 taxes. Total 2016 taxes would be the total of first and second quarter taxes, which were based on the 2015 taxes, plus the estimated third quarter bill and final fourth quarter bill which will be mailed shortly.

The Tax Collector's office will be open July 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for the collection of third quarter taxes due August 1.

LAND USE: Deputy Commissioner DiPisa gave the following report: During the month this department issued 63 permits, plus 4 fence permits and 12 local permits. 10 residents sold their homes with CO's issued and two used car dealers received town licenses at 92 Railroad Avenue. 79 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 90%. The property maintenance inspector received 25 complaints, made 10 phone calls, 5 warnings were issued, and 2 summonses were issued for high grass. Residents should be aware that no warning notices are necessary for failure to maintain the grass.

The Construction Code Official/Zoning Officer was made aware that there might be an illegal basement apartment. There is a continued investigation of a report of a home remodel with no permits. The department welcomes reports of these types of activity as sometimes there is no outside indication of the violation.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Commissioner Link reported there were 220 visitors to the Food Pantry from May 31, 2016 through July 25, 2016.

The pantry is operational only because of the generous donations received on a continuing basis from the local churches, civic organizations, Scout troops, School and PTA food drives and the many, many generous residents. We especially thank The MidBergen Rotary Club who held a food drive and donated many items for the Food Pantry. We also thank Meals with a Mission, Corpus Christi R.C. Church, First United Methodist Church Women, First Reformed Church, for your continuous donations, Phyllis Burman, Rosemary Smith, Mary Carney Jane Ferrarini, Tripodo Family, Karen McDowell, Dale Sipl, Jentz, McGrath, Billings, Sipos and Hale Families, John Gagliardi, Stacey, Heidi Reinhardt, the Nigito Family, Vrablek Family, Connie Margagliano, Josephine McClean, Richardson Family and the Garden Club for your many donations.

We appreciate the following volunteers who supervised the food pantry during these

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weeks. They are Denise Betts, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball, Audrey Gall, Barbara Juliano, Joyce Belbo, Andy Rastocky, Warren Nelson, Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Janice Cooney and Vivian Leidenfrost. We especially thank Ethel Ball who will be retiring as volunteer to the food pantry. She has been volunteering since the Food Pantry's inception and her assistance has been very much needed and appreciated. We have also been most fortunate to have volunteers from the Felician 21 and Over Program who do a wonderful job of stocking the shelves on Fridays. Thank you all for your time and support.

As is usually the case during the summer, donations are less. If you can help, it would be very much appreciated. Items needed are nonperishable food items such as canned soup, sauces, cereal, fruits, juices and especially soaps, toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. All donations are accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

FIRE: Commissioner Gonzalez reported from June 16 through July 15, 2016 there were 119 EMS Calls and 22 Fire Calls. The HHFD was on standby during the Annual Fireworks Display at Depken Field. He noted with sadness that Former Fire Chief Jack Ball had passed away on July 15. He said that Jack had served his country in the U.S. Navy. Jack joined the Hook and Ladder Company in 1959, serving as Captain and as Chief of the HHPD from 1973-1975. In February 2015, he, along with other former Fire Chiefs were presented with Certificates for Longevity providing 50+ years of service to the HHFD.

STREETS & SANITATION: Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: The stormwater catch basin located at 130 Central Avenue which covers the West-End culvert was rebuilt as a result of a side wall elevation collapse. Heavy rain and flash flooding occurred on July 1 causing the basin to sink. Bill Spindler and Ken Job responded to inspect the site and deemed it an emergency. A contractor removed the existing concrete structure and rebuilt the basin according to NJ DEP Stormwater Pollution Prevention regulations. As part of the new regulations, the inlet grates are required to restrict debris such as leaves and litter from entering our waterways. The project was started on July 11 and was completed in four days.

The sidewalk and curb at Lincoln School located on the Paterson Avenue side was removed and reconstructed as the existing area was in much need of repair. This was funded by the Borough's Curb Replacement Program that was instituted this year. Currently there is over a million dollars worth of curb on the list for repairs. This was the initial project.

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The Rutherford DPW allowed our DPW to borrow its outdoor stage for the fireworks display sponsored by the HH Lions Club at Depkens Field. For the event, the DPW set up the stage, barricades, and moved three sets of Little League bleachers from the “hot area.” When the fireworks concluded, the DPW returned the stage, bleachers, and the street sweeper cleaned all the areas.

Sewer maintenance was performed on the 200 block of Washington Place as well as sewer on Hasbrouck Avenue when it was discovered that a manhole was cover over in an easement behind the townhouses.

This month, ten tons of asphalt was used to repair potholes.

REPAIRS

Garbage Truck # 102 - Replaced packer cylinders and o-rings.

Garbage Truck # 104 – Repaired wiring for backup camera and tailgate harness, replaced hydraulic hoses.

Roll-off # 111 – Front end alignment.

Roll-off # 112 - All new suspension system.

Tree Truck – Failed Safety Inspection lead to emergency repairs. Faulty electrical ground on bucket along with safety switches. The truck passed inspection upon completion of the work.

Mason Dump Truck - Auto body repair to front left fender.

Dump Truck # 209 – Replaced mirrors.

Loader 444G – Replaced shock absorbers.

Jet-Vac - Rebuilt root cutting equipment and installed new leader hose.

Camera Truck - Repair motor on portable emergency generator.

POLICE: Commissioner Lipari gave the following Police Report submitted by Chief Michael Colaneri: The Annual Jr. Police Academy was held from June 24 through 30. This year’s class of outgoing 8th graders was one of the best. The “recruits” worked hard and had a great time, even with the physical training. They learned defensive tactics, teamwork, a sense of what actual police training is like, and then used that training to make simulated motor vehicle stops. The Regional SWAT Team visited the class and conducted a demonstration. The recruits enjoyed seeing the equipment they use. There were field trips to the Berne County Jail and the HHPD Firing Range. The graduation ceremony was held at the HHHS Auditorium and the HHPD Honor Guard and a Bagpiper were on hand as Mayor DeLorenzo and Chief Colaneri congratulated the

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POLICE (cont'd):

students and their families. Mr. Stillman of the Middle School and the HH Board of Education were thanked.

The Department provided traffic and security for the Lions Club Annual Fireworks. The HHPD Honor Guard presented the Nation's Colors to start the ceremonies.

HHPD Webmaster Ptl. Donahue created a link to our web page hhpdc.com for residents to request permission for overnight parking. The requirements for permission are exactly the same. Residents can now either call the Police Desk at 201-288-1000 or go to hhpdc.com to request permission. The online requests will be reviewed by the desk officer and those denied will receive an e-mail notifying them if permission is approved or denied. This program will be more convenient for residents who won't have to sometimes wait while the Office is busy with an emergency.

July 9th an armed robbery occurred at Heights Specialty Pharmacy. The Detective Bureau has been working tirelessly on this and using technology and good old fashioned police work were able to identify two suspects and arrest warrants have been issued. The detectives also conducted a search of the suspects residence and evidence was recovered. This is the second armed robbery that has occurred in Hasbrouck Heights in 2016 and both have been solved by members of the HHPD Detective Bureau. The Chief would like to thank and congratulate Det./Lt. Colaneri, Det. Behr, Det. Armeli and Det. Dussault on their fine work.

Chief Colaneri said we would like to thank our community for their show of support for the Police Department after the recent tragedies in Dallas and Baton Rouge. The words on social media, the notes sent to headquarters, the treats with a card or just coming up to us to say thank you really means more than you know to each and everyone of us. Vehicle summonses issued in June: 498 in 2016, 645 in 2015 Year to date: 3,863 in 2016 with 3,690 in 2015.

Commissioner Lipari read two letters of commendation, one from Robert R. Wilk and one from the County Prosecutor's officer on the investigation and arrest of Kyle Jackson. Copies are attached.

HEALTH: Commissioner Lipari gave the following Health report:

Second Quarter Report: During the second quarter of 2016 the Health Inspector conducted 77 food inspections, 7 spot checks, 24 grease trap inspections and 32 complaints of various nature. The Health Department collected \$30,652 in fees and issued 209 dog licenses. The Registrar of Vital Statistics issued 436 certified transcripts collecting \$6,495, recorded 236 non-resident deaths and 18 resident deaths, and issued

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HEALTH (cont'd):

11 marriage licenses.

Senior Wellness Luncheon: The Board of Health will be sponsoring their Annual Senior Wellness Luncheon on Thursday, September 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Senior Center. Care-One at Wellington of Hackensack will be providing the complimentary lunch.

Blood Drive: The Health Department will sponsor a Blood Drive on Monday, August 8 with the not-for-profit organization "Community Blood Services." The Bloodmobile will be parked in the Central Avenue parking lot from 2-6 p.m. To set up an appointment call 201-257-3703.

Annual Dog Census: This year's Annual Dog Census began on Monday, June 27 and was completed on Friday, July 15. Twelve Crossing Guards participated and reported 111 unlicensed dogs. Every dog owner received a letter along with a dog license application from the Health Department explaining the ordinance and the importance of Rabies immunization.

Food License Renewal: During the month of June the Health Department issued 204 food licenses, 26 personal grooming licenses and seven milk truck licenses, along with collecting \$19,633 in annual application fees.

PARKS: Commissioner Traina gave the following report: At the Police Memorial, according to Suez Water Company's new policy, the water meter is now required to be above ground therefore all new plumbing that controls the irrigation system was installed. The old plumbing consisted of an underground water meter, backflow prevention valve, and a shut-off valve. A new trench was dug to allow water pipes to be moved to a location where all the fixtures are housed inside a valve box that resembles a decorative rock.

New gutter and leader drains were installed on the Woodland Park Comfort Station and in the adjacent meter room - a two inch ball valve was installed to stop leaking.

In celebration of Independence Day, America Flags were placed out in Veterans Park, 911 and Firemen's Memorial Park. Bunting was also placed on the gazebos in the 911 Memorial Park and in Polifly Park.

RECREATION: No report was given.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor DeLorenzo echoed what Councilman Gonzalez said, thanking the Fire Department and Ambulance Squad for their extra efforts this month. He counted that there were 8 or 9 calls per day. He thanked them especially as volunteers. He attended the Junior Academy Graduation and it seemed the kids had a great time. He congratulated Sgt. Baker and Mr. Stillman on a great program once again. The Police Department and Detective Bureau are doing a great job with solving those cases. He also liked to relay through Lt. Colaneri to make sure that they stay safe while doing so. He asked for the names of the officers who did the detail on Mr. Ball’s funeral. He was happy that the community has showed support to our Police Department and Officers. It is very important in the times we are in right now. That concluded his report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 143. Authorizing Contract with Approved State Contract Vendor for Replacement of Police Vehicle Damaged in an Accident
 - 144. Commemorative Resolution on the 50th Anniversary of the Bergen Volunteer Center

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried. (Copies attached)

RESOLUTIONS: None

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 132 which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS: Niraj Parekh as HHFD Junior Firefighter

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

RESIGNATIONS: Bernard Pigott from Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2362:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WITH A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 109, BUILDINGS, VACANT, REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF”**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 August 9, 2016.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2363:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WITH A NEW SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE FEES IN CONNECTION WITH CHAPTER 109 ENTITLED “BUILDINGS, VACANT, REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE.”**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 August 9, 2016.

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

Councilman Lipari said shouldn't we say property not structure, with Borough Attorney Chandless saying a comment was made to that effect, but it is written under a statute which governs buildings, it is really addressed to property and foreclosure. This statute affords the ability to impose upon the owner such as a mortgage company to register so we can demand that the property be maintained.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2360:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 133-13 A OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES,” OF THE CODE OF THE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2360 (cont'd):

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WITH A NEW SUBSECTION (4) TO EXEMPT CERTAIN DOGS FROM THE IMPOSITION OF LICENSING FEES” 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 Record, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2359 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2361:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE AND/ OR STORM WATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER 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 \$95,000.00”** 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 Record, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2361 (cont'd):

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2361 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one coming forward, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilwoman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 145. Personnel

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to go into Executive Session which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:37 p.m., Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Regular Meeting held on July 26, 2016.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk