

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**August 9, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, August 9, 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 Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: None

**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: "A Jesuit Prayer. Gracious God, Thank you for the gift of today. Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence in each person that I meet and every event that I encounter. Teach me when to speak and when to listen, when to ponder and when to share. In moments of challenge and decision attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom. As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy. When my day goes well, may I rejoice. When it grows difficult, surprise me with new possibilities. When life is overwhelming, call me to Sabbath moments to restore your Peace and Harmony. May my living today reveal your Goodness. Amen."

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Announcement by B.C. Division of Senior Citizens of Weatherization Assistance Program for homeowners and renters.  
2) Copy of B.C. Ordinance No. 16-13 "An Ordinance to Ban the Operation of Traveling Shows or Circuses that Exhibit Wild or Exotic Animals on County Property"

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

3) Copy of Resolution adopted by B.C. Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizing 2016 Grant of \$150,000 to BCCLS

4) Letter from County Executive James Tedesco re: B.C. Community Development approved FY 2016-2017 funding of Cleveland Avenue, Webb Place and Lincoln Street Improvements

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1 and #4 were requested (copies attached). Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$4,142,309.66 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 Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(July 26, 2016 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, with Councilwoman Buckman abstaining as she were absent, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 147.    Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State
- 148.    Amended Resolution for Bus Stops on Municipal & County Roads
- 149.    Authorizing Change Order #1 for State Aid Improvement of Boulevard (Streetscape) Phase VII and VIII
- 150.    Authorizing Approval of 2016/2017 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers

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:**    151.    Authorizing Rejection of Bids Received on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 for the Improvements to the Woodland Park Playground (Utilizing Bergen County Open Space Funds) and Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Rebid Said Project

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

- APPOINTMENTS:**      Charles O. Hesse to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company 2
- Christine Rizzo as Hasbrouck Heights School Crossing Guard
- Ron DiBisceglie from Hasbrouck Heights School Crossing Guard Substitute to School Crossing Guard

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

Mayor DeLorenzo, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Lipari invited Mr. Hesse to come forward to congratulate him and a picture was taken.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Edward Powers as Hasbrouck Heights 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.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2365:**

**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 90, APARTMENTS, ILLEGAL”** 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 23, 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.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**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”** 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari 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.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2362 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, 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”** 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 Councilman Lipari 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 Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2363 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.

Guy Sarachi, a former resident and a 1972 graduate of Hasbrouck Heights High School, was proposing for a doll house located at 122 Boulevard, the old Neil Parrott business, noting that the home was just purchased by a Mr. Vargas who was putting up a fence which would go dead center between the doll house. This doll house was a landmark for the past 60-65 years and asked if the Council would consider moving the doll house probably to the adjoining municipality lot and keep it as a landmark for Hasbrouck Heights.

Christine Rocha, 162 Hasbrouck Avenue, said they all grew up with the doll house and it has been a landmark, that Allison Parrott said her father built it 70 years ago. She was keeping her eye on it, took pictures, and also thought it would be something nice to save for the community.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if the homeowner would donate it, and Mr. Sarachi said the

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

homeowner would donate the doll house to Hasbrouck Heights. The Mayor then asked who would move it, the DPW, and Mr. Spindler said yes, if the Mayor and Council move forward on it, he will inspect it tomorrow to see if it is structurally sound to move. Mr. Chandless said we would have to reach out to the homeowner and Mr. Kronyak and he can coordinate it.

Councilman DiPisa commented that his family moved to Hasbrouck Heights in 1948, he was six years old, and Neil Parrott sold everybody their homes, "Call Parrott and Start Packing." He was a unique businessman cause as he was selling his homes, the children had a place to go outside and not be bored. It is a real landmark, whether it qualifies is irrelevant, and a great task. Former Mayor Heck noted that Neil Parrott was a former councilman.

Lisa Krommenhoek, 225 Central Avenue, had concerns about the safety at Lincoln School. With the street being open to pedestrians, on two occasions last year she walked through the entire recess period into the school with no one noticing her. She had two concerns, when the sidewalk is not blocked off and open to pedestrians, anyone has the right to be on the street. There are two lunch aides but they did not notice her. Second, she was concerned that someone could step on the gas and would take out a whole grade level of children as the barricades are flimsy. Mayor DeLorenzo said Chief Colaneri has heard it, with the Chief saying it is really a school issue and should be brought to Mr. Colangelo, the Principal and to the Board of Education. Mayor DeLorenzo said if they require assistance, we will provide it. This had been previously brought to the Mayor and Chief's attention. She asked if there was any permanent structure, spikes. Chief Colaneri said it is a public street, we cannot close it off permanently, a lot of people walk there, there is a lot to be concerned. Before they went there they stayed inside the building. She asked if it could be closed temporarily. Mayor DeLorenzo said we are willing to cooperate, with the Chief saying it is their school and it also a drop off point for the children. Mayor DeLorenzo said regarding security, we have officers in the school and would be willing to work with them and improve the situation.

Mrs. Krommenhoek also asked about the Boulevard Streetscape hold up due to state funding, what was happening to the (contractor's) vehicles across the street in the (Central Avenue) lot. Mr. Kronyak said if we say get all your stuff out, and then Trenton solves the problem, we may have to be responsible for the remobilization costs. We have asked the contractor to come in and secure the site, but we were given a really stern warning about doing anything that we were starting the construction site up again. The State could pull all of our funding. It is odd, we were told we had to stop the job because they were out of money, we stopped the job, I submitted vouchers, they sent us a check for \$223,000, we just can't spend it, we can't do the work. If we get word

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

that it is going to be much more long term, we would have to speak to the contractor to get some of the stuff out, and consolidating, but we don't want to incur costs to remobilize because the State won't pay. Mayor DeLorenzo said we are aware of it.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the public portion, with Borough Attorney asked him to consider a motion to continue the public portion until after the Work Session and subsequent in closed session of Ordinance No. 2364, if there is any action to be taken, we would reopen. The motion to that effect was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor DeLorenzo announced the meeting would continue to the Work Session.

**REGULAR MEETING RE-OPENED AT 10:59 P.M.**

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to re-open the regular meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried. The record reflects that all Council members were present.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:****ORDINANCE NO. 2364:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 55-1 B OF ARTICLE I ENTITLED “CREATION AND ORGANIZATION” OF CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS UPDATING THE SAME TO CONFORM TO CURRENT PRACTICES”** 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 23, 2016.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, with Councilwoman Link voting No, and otherwise 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 11:01 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, 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 August 9, 2016.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk