

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 24, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 8:40 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, 2005 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was presented by Rev. James P. Whelan, Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi R.C. Church

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Request from Lions Club for Fireworks Banner

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communication was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (March 22, 2005)

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

PETITIONS: None

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$95,922.65 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefore.

Signed Andrew Link, III
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under Finance, Councilman Link reported that the Budget introduction was held on March 8 and public hearing on April 12, with word on extraordinary aid still pending. Until a decision on aid is reached, the budget cannot be adopted and the tax bills cannot be mailed out. The Finance Officer informed the Mayor and Council of the options for tax bills which include borrowing a Tax Anticipation Note or sending Estimated Tax Bills for the third quarter. There was no Social Services report.

HEALTH AND PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Under Health, Commissioner DiPisa reported a statistics report is available in the Health Department office. He gave a report on contracted services with Bergen County Department of Health and inspections. There had been some comment regarding fines which he explained that summonses are issued only when violations are repeated. Under Public Facilities, flowers and bushes are being planted at the Public Safety Building and Borough Hall. There is partial completion of security on doors in the Public Safety Building with training to take place upon completion. He commented on the Townwide Garage Sale, Farmer's Market, Sidewalk Sale and Library Book and Bake Sale which were very bustling with activity.

POLICE AND RECREATION: Under Police, he enumerated the extra activities of the department, including the Municipal Alliance Concert on May 26, Bicycle Marathon May 27-28, and Torch Run for Special Olympics on June 3. He had chaperoned the 8th Grade Class Trip in Washington and commended Sgt. Rinke and Sgt. Mullins as well as Chief Colaneri, Capt. DeLorenzo and Patrolman Colaneri. He commended Chief Colaneri and Lt. Archer on the changes to traffic and vehicles in the ordinances to be introduced. Under Recreation, he noted the summertime concerts in Woodland Park, Recreation Camp registration, Camp Night in Woodland Park, and summertime basketball tournaments. He was to attend a Freeholders meeting with funds being solicited in the approximate amount of \$67,000 for basketball courts and roller hockey.

FIRE AND PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner Meli reported the New Jersey Public Law 1999 Chapter 50 - covering playground safety requires that all public playgrounds comply with Resilient Surfacing Standards by 2004 and Equipment Standards by October 2007, to which our parks will be liable. The DPW has asked Corby Associates, the installer of the playground equipment to conduct an audit and report back as to which equipment will need to be modified or replaced. Under Fire, he reported that the department responded to at least four calls a day during April. An inspection was held at the new firehouse for the first time. Communications with Teterboro Airport are ongoing with new equipment and barriers at the end of the runways proposed. The thermal imaging cameras (received through a grant), new pagers and Scott packs are on order. There is a pending grant for Scott packs. He commended Pat Link, Eve DeDomenico, Nancy Wells, Kathleen Dates, Norma Philippi, and Lori French for the fantastic Townwide Garage Sale, with the fee collected between the Friends of the Library and Municipal Alliance.

SANITATION: Under Sanitation, Commissioner Introna reported approximately 4,000 feet of sanitary sewer line were cleared by the DPW last month and the two pump stations serviced and cleaned. Various sections were checked for infiltration in both dry and wet weather with no problems noted, adding that in the last eight years 11 groundwater infiltration problems have been detected and repaired and 32 other repairs as well.

STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION: Under Streets and Transportation, Commissioner Skiba was pleased to report that by Resolution No. 94 street resurfacing on Central Avenue from the Boulevard to Woodside, Division Avenue from Terrace to Berkshire, Berkshire from Henry to Franklin, Longworth from Boulevard to Terrace and Stanley from Boulevard to Terrace. During April a water main break on Terrace Avenue was repaired by United Water and Public Service. Two large sinkholes at catch basins at Walter and Boulevard and Franklin and Boulevard were repaired by the County Department of Public Works, after Supt. Heck made notification. She was pleased to hear about the barriers to be installed at Teterboro Airport and for the Port Authority's appeal to the FAA for a rule making change in having noise violations reported on all three runways. She had asked the County Freeholders for more assistance with the airport.

REPORT OF MAYOR:

Mayor Jones and Councilwoman Skiba had attended a Port Authority luncheon where awards were given to individuals for noise reduction. He complimented all those who have been instrumental in working toward these goals. He complimented Councilman Meli and the Fire Department, and also the Free Public Library for its excellence. He had received letters from the Ms. Lauren Roche's Third Grade of Lincoln School, which were quite insightful. He noted the passing of Dr. Salvatore Fanale with sadness. He commended Police Chief Colaneri and Lt. Thomas Archer with regard to the traffic pattern at Boulevard and Williams.

APPOINTMENTS: Rose Heck as Community Development Representative
Michael Kronyak as Community Development Alternate Representative

On a motion by Councilman Link, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

TERMINATIONS: Scott Reiss from the Ambulance Auxiliary

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

NEW BUSINESS:

Under New Business, Councilman Meli advised that the airport is receiving new equipment and has offered their foam truck to the Borough which is seven years old. He requested a letter be written to secure this truck, and requested the Council to allow him to do so. A motion was made by Councilwoman Skiba to authorize Councilman Meli to make a proposal to write the letter to acquire this piece of fire apparatus for our community, which was seconded by Councilman DiPisa. A question from Councilman Link was if our Fire Department was trained to operate this truck. He was advised that training has already begun. The motion was unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: 88. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club

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

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 89. Governing Body's Appointments to Community Development Regional Committee
 - 90. Granting Permission for the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales in Conjunction with Farmer's Market for 2005
 - 90. Authorizing Snow Plow Agreement with County of Bergen
 - 90. *Celebrate New Jersey!* Month June 2005
 - 90. Approval of Lions Club Fireworks Display at Athletic Field
 - 90. Awarding of Contract for the 2004 Road Program
 - 90. Adopting a Vision Care Program for Eligible Borough Employees

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

- 90. In Support of No Parole for Murderer Stephen Perry, 2005
- 90. In Favor of Assembly 3526/Senate 2144 "Christopher's Law"
- 90. Removal of Fire Department Temporary Headquarters on Central Avenue
- 90. Approve Lions Club's request to erect banner under the usual conditions and according to the requirements of the Supt. of Public Works

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached)

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2090:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-40 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE X: LANE USE RESERVATIONS" OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE RESERVATIONS AS TO CERTAIN LANES AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF BALDWIN AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD AND WILLIAMS AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD"** was 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 June 14, 2005.

On a motion by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinances on Introduction were approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §275-8 ENTITLED "ZONING MAP" OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO REFER TO THE LATEST VERSION OF THE MAP WHICH REFLECTS ALL OF THE CURRENT DISTRICT LINES INCLUDING THOSE MODIFICATIONS MADE BY ORDINANCE NO.**

1700 FINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 14, 1995" was continued on public hearing until approval was received from the Planning Board.

ORDINANCE NO. 2086 (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was continued on public hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public.

At this point, Councilman DiPisa requested to leave for personal reasons.

Nancy Walsh, 51 Hamilton Avenue, expressed her thanks for all who showed interest and concern regarding a problem she had.

Steven Koziol, a property owner 330 Franklin Avenue, asked if any consideration had been given to the commercial parking lots. He was advised by the borough attorney that the Zoning Committee had presented a report to the Governing Body on recommendations with respect to pending proposals for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Parking lots in the B-1 Central Business District and that this report will be addressed at a special work session later in the meeting. Mr. Koziol documented that there are eight such parking lots and that parking in these lots has gone on for years.

Anthony Grasso, 215 Hamilton Avenue, noted there are two issues with Mr. Carrino's lot, next to where he resides, the safety issue of cars that no one knows who they belong to, not even the police. He was advised that it is addressed in the Zoning Committee Report that before there is any broadened permission to use the lots, the Planning Board would have to issue a conditional use permit with new standards. Councilman Kistner had inspected the lot, and asked the property maintenance official to visit the site. Mr. Grasso submitted photos of what he considered violations and gave his recommendations. He was invited to remain for the special work session.

Mayor Jones requested that the Agenda be reversed to accommodate the Special Work Session before the Closed Session.

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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 May 24, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk