

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**August 11, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on August 11, 2009 at 8:01 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, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

Absent: Councilman Anthony DiNanno

**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 Councilman Altobelli as follows:

“Lord, help me to recognize that the measure of a man is not determined by his show of outward strength, or the volume of his voice, or the thunder of his action. It is to be seen, rather, in terms of the strength of his commitments, the genuineness of his friendships, the sincerity of his purpose, the quiet courage of his convictions, his capacity to suffer, and his willingness to continue ‘growing up.’ “*Grady Poulard*

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Thank you Note from Corey Lange and Family
- 2) Letter from Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator, County of Bergen acknowledging receipt of the 2009 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights
- 3) Invitation to Senior Wellness Luncheon on August 20, 2009

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

4) Letter from Maureen Kane on Library Movie Night

Items #1, #2, #3 and #4 were requested to be read into the record. (Copies attached)

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(June 9, 2009 Work Session, June 9, 2009 Executive Session, June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting, June 23, 2009 Executive Session, July 14, 2009 Work Session, July 14, 2009 Executive Session, July 28, 2009 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2009 Executive Session)*

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link abstaining from the minutes of July 28, 2009 as they were on vacation, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,470,889.89 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 Councilman Justin A. DiPisa  
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** 138. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Parents Association for Athletes

**CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

**RESOLUTIONS:** 139. Payroll

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

140. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

141. Acceptance of 2008 Audit Report

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

142. Authorizing Appointment of John Behr from Probationary Patrolman to Patrolman

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

143. Authorizing Entry into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen Community Development for FY 2009/2010 for Jefferson Avenue Roadway Improvements Project

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

144. Authorizing Contract Award for Central Avenue Park Improvement

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

145. Authorizing Appointment of Brian Reyngoudt as a DPW Employee

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

146. Supporting Position that Christopher Righetti Not Be Granted Parole

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

147. Construction - Payment of Fees to State

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

**APPOINTMENTS:** John Behr from Probationary Patrolman to Patrolman

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

Brian Reyngoudt as DPW Employee

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2214:**

Before the public hearing, Borough Attorney Chandless indicated to the Mayor and Council that contrary that this ordinance would settle any litigation, there has been a misunderstanding and it may not. There is a provision in the ordinance that it not be effective until the lawsuit is either settled or finally disposed of.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2214 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2214 (cont'd):**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 181 ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, LICENSING,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WHICH REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR THE COMMERCIAL SALE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH SETS FORTH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH LICENSE AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE FOR THE SAME”** 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 Observer, a newspaper published and circulated in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried.

Hussain Ali Khorrami, 84 Walder Avenue, Jersey City, owner of Nick’s Quick Stop at 183 Boulevard, said that Health Inspector Aysu Cesmebasi had given him tickets for various reasons which he felt were unfair. He was advised that this matter was returnable either to the Board of Health or the Court, not this body.

Salvatore Altomare, 123 Walter Avenue, accompanied Mr. Khorrami, as he was not aware of the rules and regulations and needed interpretation. The Court process was explained.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried.

**WORK SESSION:**

Mayor Heck announced that the meeting would continue to Work Session, to which she invited all present to stay. On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, this motion was carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 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 Mayor and Council Meeting held on August 11, 2009.

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Rose Marie Sees  
Borough Clerk