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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

December 28, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 8:46 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, 2010 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

Absent:

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

INVOCATION: Councilman DiPisa began by giving the following Invocation which was in observance of the New Year. It was as follows:

‘Happy New Year Wish’ by Joanna Fuchs. “My Happy New Year wish for you is for your best year yet, a year where life is peaceful, and what you want, you get.

“A year in which you cherish the past year’s memories, and live your life each new day, full of bright expectancies.

“I wish for you a holiday with happiness galore; and when it’s done, I wish you Happy New Year, and much much more.”

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Letter from Hasbrouck Heights Police Department which includes list of approved 2011 Towing Applications

Item #1 was requested to be read into the record (Copy attached).

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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communication was accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$186,804.74 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
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa digressed from the Police Report, that a detailed report would be given at the Reorganization Meeting, but commended the Police and Fire on the recent storm in which they provided safety to residents and the great plowing of the DPW. He commended the Police Crossing Guards for the great job they do, in protecting our children and residents. He thanked Sean Woodbridge as police dispatcher and parking enforcement officer.

RECREATION & PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported the Youth Basketball Clinic at 24 Hour Fitness, Recreation Center open on weekends for girls and boys 6th-8th grades, Wrestling Team has finalized their schedule, with the Recreation Department hosting four Passaic County Youth Wrestling League matches, two Twin-County Wrestling League matches, the HH Invitational Tournament and the Andy Feintuch District 5 Championship Tournament. Wrestlastics program, in its 4th year teaches fundamentals to 1st grade boys. The Youth Basketball league has practices and games, traveling games and clinics dates set. This program is for boys
RECREATION AND PARKS (cont'd): and girls 1st-8th grades and there will be over

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150 games and clinics played in the Recreational League alone. There are also five traveling teams for 6th-8th grade girls and 7th-8th grade boys who play in a higher level of competition. The Senior Center holds daily programs for seniors. Schedules are available. Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the DPW has completed leaf removal of all borough parks, with the first completed Woodland Park, including winterizing and closing the comfort station. Miers Park and its playground area was next to have leaves removed along with Memorial and Polifly Parks. Other areas requiring leaf removal included the Circle, Firemen's Bell, Borough Hall, Central Avenue Park playground and the Public Safety Building. As Library liaison, she reported that 9,487 items were circulated, overall circulation of materials to date shows a 6% increase from last year. A new unofficial circ record as of yesterday was 114,176 items, which broke the 2009 record of 113,192 items. Total cardholders are 7,855.

FIRE: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following productivity report as submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring for the period November 15 through December 15. Fire Calls were 21, Non-Fire emergency calls were 17 and EMS calls were 144. There were 2 mutual aid calls in Lodi, 23 to Teterboro and one to Carlstadt. One of the EMS calls was to assist Wood-Ridge as their ambulance was involved in an accident at Williams and Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights and the patient was transferred to the Hasbrouck Heights ambulance. He reminded residents to please yield when you hear an ambulance or any kind of emergency apparatus. From Dec. 1, 2009 to Nov. 30, 2010, the firematic year, there were a total of 299 fire calls, 169 non-emergency calls and 1,469 EMS calls, which does not include the monthly drills and meetings of each company. On Nov. 23, a meeting was held with CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak, Commissioner Gonzalez, Fire Chief Joseph Taylor, Chief-elect Kevin Todd, 1st Asst. Chief Rich Giarratana, 2nd Asst. Chief Pat Hayes, EMS Coordinator Liz Waring, John Riordan and Michael Thomasey to discuss EMS procedures. As Environmental/Transportation liaison, he reported that the Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 1, and as the first Saturday is usually the Satellite Recycling Center, this will be held on January 8 in the Central Avenue Parking Lot. The recycling calendars have been mailed and residents were reminded to check the holidays where there will be no garbage pick up.

FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES: The Current Fund cash balance at November 30th was \$4,185,148.47 and at October 31st was \$2,004,694.42 which represents an increase of \$2,180,454.05. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.50%. Cash receipts for the month of November totaled \$6,473,653.98 of which \$6,179,238.19 was for Current Taxes, \$180,898.48 was Grants and State Aid, \$12,273.20 was Pre-paid Taxes and \$101,244.11 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of November totaled \$3,893,199.93 of which \$1,919,932.75 was for Local School Taxes, \$974,279.00 was for County Taxes, \$592,744.74 was for Salaries and \$406,243.44 was for Other Expenses. The 2011 budget process is well under way with the Finance Committee meeting Tuesday

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Heads received 2011 budget request forms which have been completed and returned to the Finance Officer. The Chief Financial Officer will complete and submit the Annual Debt Statement which is due by January 31, 2011 and the Annual Financial Statement which is due by February 10, 2011. Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Link reported the DPW completed winterization of the Police Trailer located in the Police Shooting Range at 1 Plant Road with the plumbing system drained and anti-free admitted to the system to prevent damage during freezing temperatures. The Franklin Avenue Pumping Station is complete with a natural gas fueled emergency generator with transfer switches. This new generator replaced the one manufactured in 1950 putting the engine at 60 years of service. The schedule of meetings was as follows; Community Room, 32; Caucus Room, 10; Council Chambers, 8; Senior Center, 7 (other than Senior activities) and Lobby, 2.

STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION: Under Streets, Sanitation & Transportation, Commissioner Dingertopadre reported the DPW completed the Leaf Removal Program from all Borough streets. No resident is allowed to put leaves in the street but can place them in paper sacks to be collected by the Sanitation Department on Thursdays in Zone 1 and Fridays in Zone 2. The last load of hot asphalt was applied to pot holes throughout the town before extreme cold weather hit this past month. The asphalt plant is no longer producing the hot product and only cold patching material is available. PSEG tree crew has completed the list of trees to be taken down. These trees border the high voltage wires. A new list is already in place for the year 2011.

HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reminded all dog owners that their 2010 dog license will expire on January 31, 2011. Annual renewal notices will be mailed on December 31, 2010. To renew your dog license, proof of a valid rabies vaccine along with your application and payment must be submitted. Dogs with immunizations which expire during 2011 will require a booster prior to obtaining a license. He said residents should call the Health Department at 201-288-1636 if you no longer have your dog. The Teterboro Animal Shelter will be offering free rabies vaccines to all Bergen County residents on Thursday, January 13 and 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. Residents must bring their dog's current rabies certificate that shows the expiration date of the rabies vaccine.

LAND USE: Under Land Use, Commissioner Lipari reported the total fees collected which also include local permits as well as UC Code Permits totaled \$14,343.00. There are many construction projects in this town at the current time. This is a reminder to residents and homeowners that building permits are required for most work. Please call 201 288-2143 if you have any question about a contractor doing work and advising you that he does not need a permit. 63 UCC inspections were done during the past month with 57 passing on the first inspection. The property maintenance inspector made 29 inspections. He issued 9 warnings notices. Remember that sidewalks must be cleared **LAND USE (cont'd):** of snow within 12 hours of daylight after snow has stopped falling. No warnings have to be issued prior to a summons being issued for this offense.

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SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Social Services, Commissioner Lipari reported there were so many donations received for the holidays, which were very much appreciated by those coming to the Food Pantry. To see the joy and gratitude in their faces was very heartwarming. We would like to especially thank the following: Corpus Christi who has begun its "Meals on a Mission" and will be providings prepared dinners which only need heating; cash donations were received from Euclid Masonic Lodge #136, Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, the American Legion and Elsie Sternbach and Friends; Christmas gifts for each of the children from the Corpus Christi Rosary Society and Gateway Realtors organized by Marcel Ramirez; Walmart gift cards from the Curci Family and Ann Hofman, Shop Rite or Stop n Shop gift cards from Louise Davenport, Lynn Petronella, Ladies Auxiliary #4591, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Bertha Spada and Joann Trippodo; plus the hundreds and hundreds of bags of groceries, turkeys, hams and gifts dropped off by Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, First Reformed Church, Mid Bergen Rotary dropped off three carloads of food, BeJay's Drug Store Food Drive, Joan Laguerre, Claire Amyot, John Beitzl, New England Novelty, Tom Flinn, Henry's Deli, Tom White, Linda Ramsaier, Josephine McClean, the Hund Family, Carla Caulkin, Mike DePalma, Karen McDowell, Madeleine Leddy, Sophie Ravera, Michael Conti, Paul Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Petroulas, Eileen, Pertuz Family, Phylis Burman, Terri Castellito, D. Boyd, Millie Lenox, Judy Marques, Kay Weber, Connie Magagliano, Helen Corum, Grace Bayerlein, the Corcoran Family, Concetta Wells, the Janowski Family, the Mion Family and Mr. Neves. The response from the residents and friends of Hasbrouck Heights has been outstanding and very much appreciated.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

November. As previously reported meetings were held with the Finance Committee and Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak to go over procedures to be followed to put out Requests for Proposals for the placement of Cameras at three Red Lights, north, south, east and west on Route 17. The RFPs were received on the 17th of December and reviewed by Chief Colaneri and Mike Kronyak with subsequent calls being made to the bidders to ask questions. Resolution to award the contract will be made by resolution at the Sine Die meeting Jan. 1.

Finance Committee Members Pam Link, Chair, Justin DiPisa, Vice Chair, Finance Officer Mike Kronyak and I continue to discuss the 2011 Budget and the problems that will arise unless the Legislators pass laws to help us keep increases within the 2 % CAP they passed in June 2010. The Arbitration bill of 2% was recently passed and should help with the final decision to be made by the Arbitrator for the Police Contract.

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Nov. 26th, Friday, Attended the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade and Officiated at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Traffic Circle. New energy saving LED lights were used this year by the Dept. of Public Works and The Circle looks beautiful. The D.P.W. did a wonderful job preparing the site for the Tree Lighting. Our thanks also for a job well done to the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee for all of their work.

Nov. 30th, 10 am, New Jersey Transit representatives met with Chief Colaneri, Borough Administrator Kronyak and me. A review of bus stops were discussed along with several matters brought to our attention by residents as to arrival times of busses.

Dec. 8th, 1 pm Attended the Leisure Club Holiday Luncheon held at The Elks Club. I officiated at the swearing in of 2011 Leisure Club Officers John Fitzin, President, Peter Gallo Vice President, Secretary Marilyn deRussy and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin. Over 100 people attended.

Dec. 15th, 6:30 p.m. Attended the Municipal Employees Holiday Dinner held at Mariai's Kitchen and then went to the Library Board Meeting held at 7:30 pm. A full agenda was presented and votes taken on various matters including several policy changes.

Dec. 16th 1:30 pm CFO Mike Kronyak, Chief Michael Colaneri and I met with D.O.T. representatives to go over several matters involving the Environmental Pond. . Prior to that we met with Borough Engineer Ken Job Mike Kronyak who reported on the need for work that had to be done at the Environmental Pond and to repair the damaged fencing.

5 p.m. Attended Supt of Schools Dr. Mark Porto's Christmas gathering held before the Board of Education Meeting at HHHS. DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Recreation Director Rob Brady and Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak were given resolutions recognizing their help on work done at the Franklin Avenue Gym.

I enjoyed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Family. I hope all residents and Borough Employees had a wonderful holiday with their families and friends. I am looking forward to a peaceful New Year's Eve.

Dec. 26th & 27th Was kept informed by Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak as to Borough work being done during and after the Blizzard. Our thanks go to the Police, Fire and especially the Department of Public Works for a job well done in clearing our roads. It is estimated Heights was hit with over 20 inches of snow.

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January 1st I will officiate at the Swearing -In of Council Members Sonya Buckman and David Gonzalez. I invite residents to attend as we make our appointments for the New Year.

Of course this Saturday I will not be at the Library as I usually am, I will be there again Jan. 8th , 15th and 29th from 10 am till noon so residents may if they wish come to visit me, give me their thoughts, or tell me of their concerns. I have an appointment to keep on Jan. 22nd, so I will not be in the Library that day.

As a reminder I also receive information through the various departments and the calls made to the Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees at 201-288-0195, and the Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak at 201-288-7209. You may also write to HOT LINE REPORTS, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year. And again ask that you all drive carefully and remember to drive defensively.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 224. Authorizing Mutual Aid Agreement with South Bergen Fire Chiefs Association for 2011

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

225. Authorizing Fire Department Percentages

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

226. Authorizing Ambulance Squad Percentages

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

227. Authorizing Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission as Health Enforcement Agency

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

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RESOLUTIONS (cont'd): 228. Authorizing Agreement with Health Awareness Regional Program of Hackensack University Medical Center to Provide Public Health Nursing Services

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

229. Calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to Exempt the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes from the 2% CAP

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

230. Authorizing Contract with Bollinger Fowler Insurance Company for Prescription Drug Program for 2011

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

231. Authorizing 2011 Hotel Licenses

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

232. Authorizing Contract with Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey for 2011

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

233. Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

234. Appointing a Representative and Alternate to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

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

235. Authorizing Payment to a Former Fireman for 25 Years of Service

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RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

236. Extending Contract with Teterboro for Fire and Ambulance Services and "911" Services

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

237. Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Execute all Participation Agreements in Connection with the New Jersey Office of Clean Energy Direct Install Program

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

238. Authorizing Change Order #1 with Regard to Boulevard Streetscape Crosswalk Milling/Paving

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

Anthony Bernice, 234 Passaic Avenue, asked to correct the telephone number in the Land Use report (*correct number has been inserted into minutes*).

Bill Kiehling, 408 Kipp Avenue, referred to mention in the Mayor's Report that the contract would be awarded for the Red Light Cameras, who the various bidders were. CFO/Admin. Kronyak said there were two, Red Flex and APS. He asked who wrote the RFPs and was told it was compiled from other town's contracts. He was advised to call Mr. Kronyak in the morning. He questioned the cost of the Prescription Program and whether it was put out to competitive bidding. He was told no.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO SINE DIE:

At 9:41 p.m. Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn to Sine Die which would be held on January 1, 2011, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link 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 December 28, 2010.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk