

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

February 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on February 12, 2013 at 8:04 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 2, 2013 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2013.

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

Absent: None

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 Mayor Heck which was as follows:

“Bless Our Efforts: We seek blessings on the tasks before us. Bless our efforts with clean insight, our deliberations with wisdom, our work, with clarity and accuracy, and our decisions with impartiality.”

PRESENTATION: Certificates to HHSA Division 5 Champions: Heights Beer & Wine Emporium

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following champions: Thomas Capozzi, Emilia Coleman, Savannah Ellerson, Brian Godfrey, Brody Hansen, Tanner Hansen, Mariah Heredia, Thomas Kelly, Ryan Ketschke, Cameron Pena, Gabriela Solis, Halyn Zheraj, Godhan Yerdelen, Coach John Capozzi and Coach Kevin Hansen. Coach Capozzi was invited to say a few words about the team, and a group picture was taken.

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Certificates to Northwest Bergen Soccer League U10 Girls
Champions: Prestige Awards

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following champions: Shannon Artuso, Heather Cali, Nicole Dallara, Giana Deliu, Francesca Grano, Lucia Marquez, Paige Mc Guire, Madison Murray, Megan Napolitano, Patricia Orbe, Kayla Perrapato, Olivia Trexler, Halyn Xheraj, Coach Phil Artuso and Coach Tom Murray. Coach Artuso was invited to say a few words about the team, and a group picture was taken.

Certificates to South Bergen Soccer League U12 Boys
Champions: Atlas Construction Management

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following champions: Jeremy Bailey, Zachary Bailey, Nicholas Cali, Joseph Canavatchel, Filip Checko, Owen De Cicco, Max Franzoi, Michael Gerges, Fady Geris, Antonio Greco, Zachary Hauptman, Ronnye Hurtado, Fisnik Lulani, Derek Pinto, Ryan Quish, Dennis Riordan, Gabriel Rizzo, Nelson A. Rodriguez, Antonio Tucci, John Van Dam, Coaches Jim Bailey and Ed Hauptman. Coach Hauptman was invited to say a few words about the team, and a group picture was taken.

Certificates to South Bergen Soccer League U12 Girls Co-
Champions: DS Electrical

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following champions: Ashley Annichiarico, Rebecca Beerman, Dana Bincoletto, Kate Bothe, Alyssa Demone, Janeth Fermin, Amanda Gasparino, Sophia Hein, Brianna Kelly, Camily Kuczynski, Alexa Marinelli, Olivia Marinelli, Marin Marquez, Erin Murphy, Julia Murphy, Erin Owens, Natacha Perez, Daniella Smith, Coach Frank Gasparino and Coach Rob Bothe. Coach Bothe was invited to say a few words about the team, and a group picture was taken.

Certificates to South Bergen Soccer League U12 Girls Co-
Champions: Challenge Training & Consulting

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following champions: Gabriella Boccia, Amanda Botjer, Emily Byrne, Gabriela Callen, Faith Camilleri, Julia Campen, Isabella Foley, Kelly Innis, Isabella Legra, Helen Nigro, Chelsea Peralta, Emily Perri, Danielle Pinto, Natalie Pinto, Kyla Quintos, Natassja Singh, Natalie Stefanelli, Serena Torres, coach Frank Pinto and Coach Larry Nigro. Coach Pinto was invited to say a few words about the

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

team, and a group picture was taken.

Certificates to South Bergen Soccer League U14 Girls
Champions: Impact Security

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates to the following champions: Michelle Artuso, Amanda Azer, Alexis Blanco, Brianna Blanco, Nicole Blanco, Emma Botjer, Nicole Careri, Gabriella Cruz, Jacqueline De Lorenzo, Emily Mernin, Emma Nichols, Amanda Pagan, Daniela Paradiso, Morgan Parente, Ciara Perfette, Angelica Reyes, Samiel Torres, Giovanna Tsiolas, Victoria Vizzacchero, Coach Phil Artuso and Coach Mike Blanco. Coach Artuso was invited to say a few words about the team, and a group picture was taken.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Thank you to Mayor Heck and Councilman Lipari (and Councilman Semenez) for their attendance at the Lincoln and Euclid School PTA Drug Awareness Rally
 - 2) Announcement that NJ Board of Public Utilities has enhanced and expanded its Clean Energy Program incentives to aid residents, businesses and local government that sustained damage caused by Hurricane Sandy

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There was none. Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 28, 2012 Executive Session, June 12, 2012 Work Session, June 12, 2012 Executive Session, December 11, 2012 Work Session, December 11, 2012 Executive Session, January 22, 2013 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semenez abstaining from the 2012 Minutes and approving the 2013 minutes, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,804,208.06 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/ Councilwoman Pamela J. Link
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semencz abstaining from voting on Fire Department bills, and voting yes on all others, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
31. Payroll
 32. Dog Licenses – Payment of Fees to State
 33. Authorizing Award of Contract for 2011/2012 Road Program
 34. Authorizing Raffles Licenses for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman’s Club
 35. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Church
 36. Authorizing Raffle Licenses for Rutherford Cooperative Day Nursery
 37. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid for Block 86, Lot 10, 209 Williams Avenue, and Block 86, Lot 14, 201-205 Williams Avenue
 38. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid for Block 45, Lot 36.03, 248 Boulevard
 39. Opposing A-1196 Regarding Workers’ Compensation

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

40. Authorizing Application for Tonnage Grants for 2012
41. Authorizing a Professional Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 Et Seq. and 19:44A-20.5 Et Seq. Naming Joseph J. Rotolo Esq. As Board of Adjustment Attorney
42. Authorizing a Professional Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et Seq. and 19:44A-20.5 Et Seq. Naming James Fordham as Board of Adjustment Engineer
43. Authorizing a Contract with Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC for Sale of Certain Paper Products Recovered Through the Borough's Recycling Program
44. Appropriation Reserve Transfers
45. Approving the List of Volunteer Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department who Qualified for Credit Under the LOSAP Program for 2012
46. Authorizing Contract with Certain Approved State Contract Vendor for Acquisition of Fire Department Gear and Equipment
47. Certifying Submission of Expenditure of Taxes Paid Pursuant to P.L.2007, Chapter 311
48. Authorizing Award of Contract for Furnishing and Erecting an Open Pavilion at Woodland Park
49. Authorizing Raffle License for Lincoln School PTA

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semenez voting No on Resolutions #41 and 42 and abstaining on #45 as it pertained to the Fire Department, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached)

APPOINTMENTS: June Raymond to Community Awareness Access for All Committee
Casey Shenloogian to Mayor's Youth Committee

APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2294:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE # 2255 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$140,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PAVILION IN WOODLAND PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE SUM OF \$69,500.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$63,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW”** ADOPTED ON MARCH 8, 2011, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION TO \$140,000.00, THE DOWN PAYMENT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO \$12,500.00 AND THE AUTHORIZED DEBT TO **\$108,000.00”** 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 February 26, 2013.

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2295:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102”** 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 February 26, 2013.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semencz voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2296:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2013”** 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 February 26, 2013.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Semencz voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

John Hargrove, 101 Terrace Avenue, Apt. 1G, was representing the Bergen County Coalition Against Gun Violence. He provided copies of a resolution the Coalition was proposing with regard to gun violence supporting legislative proposals of reducing gun violence. He noted it was a declaration of the conscience and pain that is felt and need to effect change in the standards of business and decency within our current lifestyles. He said the Coalition is promoting a measure sponsored by Mayors Against Illegal Guns co-chaired by Mayor Michael Bloomberg of NYC and Thomas Manino of Boston and the need for legislation. Mayor Heck said this was brought up at the Bergen County League of Municipalities meeting she had attended this morning, noting that in New Jersey we have one of the strictest set of laws. She was totally in agreement with the Resolution and will sign it.

Denise Ejgird, 114 Central Avenue, was representing Hasbrouck Parents 4 Safe Schools, whose purpose is to work with the Board of Education, Hasbrouck Heights Police Department and all local officials in maximizing school security in all schools. They were asking for some changes in the public schools, including having a police officer in each school, promote school safety, deter school crimes, bullying and puts schools at a huge advantage in the event of an emergency situation. She read some statistics of school shootings in the past few years. They were asking for Mayor and Council support. Mayor Heck said that the Chief visited the Supt. Of Schools and School Principals, the Library and certain steps are being taken. She had also met with the Supt. Of Schools. The police officers have been visiting the schools. Many things are in the works or put in the works but are not being publicized because then they become ineffective. She said she appreciated all that the parents are doing.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Lonny Peele, 133 Baldwin Avenue, also a member of the Safe Schools committee and thanked Dr. Porto and Police Chief Colaneri for what they have put in place already. He shared a letter he presented to the Board of Education which included an appeal to have a police officer in each school. He has been a State Trooper for seven years and knows the dangers.

Lino Brescia, 170 Prospect Avenue, was present with regard to the January 20 article in The Record which was written on his behalf regarding the New Jersey Rail Transit System train stop at Teterboro/Williams Avenue. In mid December they installed a fence which was completed last week which prohibits pedestrian access to NJ Rail Transit System. As a resident of Hasbrouck Heights for 14 years, a commuter to NYC for 12 years, he basically has no safe access to get to work from his home. He felt it an extremely important requirement to have access to NYC from Hasbrouck Heights. Because of the construction of this fence he felt Hasbrouck Heights was down the list of places to live. He started a petition with 60 signatures in three weeks. He was asking for the Mayor and Council's help both in awareness and what to do to have NJ Transit hear their voice. He thought one of the main reasons to construct the fence was to take action on a safety record, as of last year there were 11 accidents, mostly fatalities (he thought most of them self-inflicted fatalities). They decided to take 15 train stops along the NJ Rail System and make them safer. What it means for him is he must literally walk on Route 46 all hours and weather, to circumvent the fence which they deemed was safe. When you look down the line, Hackensack High School borders a rail system. Kids walk up and down it, Essex Street people driver over the rail. He was told drive to Wood-Ridge, where he should have to park his car, when from his house the rail is a rock's throw. He thought not only does it affect his convenience to work but affects his property value.

Mayor Heck said she has been in touch with Transit on a couple of occasions. They said let them know when the people who are interested are coming and they will send a representative to Hasbrouck Heights to be present and listen to them. She said if they wished, she could reach out to John Leon from NJ Transit to come here and lay their case on the table directly to him. She agreed with him, over the years she tried to get them to improve that area as a station and call it the Teterboro/Heights Station. A commitment from the people who were originally constructing new development in Teterboro to give them spaces for between 250 and 300 cars for parking at no cost to them. They refused. A business was willing to put up a station covering/food stand with shelter, and they would build it, Transit again refused. She said there is an empty gas station there they can purchase and use for parking. They do it in other areas but have not been "kind" to the commuters in Hasbrouck Heights. Years ago she would drive her sister to that station and the railroad cars were open on both sides. They have increased the amount of trains passing by but certainly not making it easier for HH, which was named for Mr. Hasbrouck who helped put the line there. She said they could invite Mr. Leon to come at 7:30 p.m. on February 26, 2013. Everyone agreed.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Judi Ferrari, 117 Baldwin Avenue, regarding Hurricane Sandy, that they were tossing about ideas on how to contact the residents. She had read an article in The Record, which in part said the FCC is opening up applications to communities, in particular Police Department, non-profits, schools, and offering for free low power FM stations, frequencies of range about 3.5 miles. It would cost nothing in the way of a license, would need a backup generator. She took the liberty of going to the FCC's website and made copies which she distributed, as a viable alternative. She said about 30 towns have already picked up applications. She thanked Chief Colaneri that Baldwin Avenue has only 12 homes, that there was traffic from the BP Station and Gulf Station, traffic from people trying to get ice from the two ice vendors and problems of people trying to obtain propane. At times she couldn't even get into her driveway and was verbally abused. When the Chief and his department put up saw horses it stopped.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion at 9:17 p.m. which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to recess for Work Session which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Semencz, 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 Mayor and Council Meeting held on February 12, 2013.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk