

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 9, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on September 9, 2014 at 8: 07 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, 2014 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2014.

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 Semenez

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 Councilman Gonzalez as follows:

9/11 Memorial Poem: Never Forget! Written by *Vinny Ciro*

On a crisp Tuesday morning, with the sun shining bright,
Who could know that we soon would behold such a sight?

All our ears heard the rumble, all our eyes in a stare,
At the vision of horror, so high up in the air.

Could this be just a mishap, just a tragic mistake?
One could actually feel, the very ground shake.

Clear the streets! Step aside! The police must get through.
And the fire trucks wailing fully loaded with crews.

Then to everyone's utter amazement and shock,

INVOCATION (cont'd):

Yet another explodes, just past 9 o'clock.

People fled, women cried, thousands ran for their lives.
How could any come through this, how could any survive?

And the "Bravest" and "Finest" charged to save those in need.
We would soon know their valor, as they honored their creeds.

Then when none of us felt it could get any worse
The first tower succumbed and came crashing to earth.

Thousands glued to the tube, disbelief in their hearts
As the second gave way, then it just fell apart!

Those poor souls and their loved ones and their rescuers, too!
To our utter dismay there came even worse news.

The events that transpired on that day, what a pity.
Were not to take place just within New York City.

Our great Pentagon's structure was to suffer the hell
And the loss of so many who had served us so well.

And we soon all would learn of a Flight 93
All alone in the air where no cameras could see

They charged and they fought in a quest for control
Those brave souls gave their lives as they shouted, "Let's Roll".

Now the time since that day has flown by very fast
It's now been years ago since that very first blast.

We've exacted some justice, more to come I am sure
And no matter the trials, we will surely endure.

As a land and a people we're still strong and upright
But the battle's not over and our troops must still fight.

Let us honor the fallen both at home and abroad
And their service and courage we still duly applaud.

And we think of the loved ones living on every day
With the hurt and the ache that just won't go away.

So as we take pause, to remember and pray
Let us also take time to give thanks on this day.

May we always be brave, may our land be restored
Keep us safe in Your hands, we pray now, O Dear LORD.

PROCLAMATION: Councilman DiPisa read the following Proclamation in honor of the 95th Anniversary of American Legion Captain James B. Scarr Post 106

WHEREAS, in November 1918, after the termination of hostilities in World War I, certain American officers who had been participants in the conflict began to think about the creation of an ex-soldiers organization for the nearly two million men who had shipped out for European duty; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1919, a representative group of officers and men who were still overseas held a caucus in Paris, France, and founded the "American Legion", and on September 16, 1919, the U.S. Congress chartered the American Legion as a mutual aid veterans organization founded to benefit those veterans who served during a wartime period as defined by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 1919 a group of veterans from Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey saw a need to form a local organization for veterans and met with Mr. Mulliken, Bergen County Field Secretary, and founded the American Legion Captain James B. Scarr Post 106 in honor of a local resident who had died in service, and elected as their first officers F. J. Scarr, Commander; M. M. Sheedy, Vice Commander, E. C. Ellis, Finance Officer and A. E. Brown Adjutant; and

WHEREAS, ninety-five years have passed since that date and today the American Legion Captain James B. Scarr Post 106 is as active as ever with Michael J. Cahill serving as Commander, Patrick McCarthy, First Vice Commander, Joseph T. Cavalli, Second Vice Commander, Frank Zabrowsky, Adjutant, Gilbert A. Hunt, Finance Officer, Stephan Herinya, Chaplain, Joseph F. Romano, Sergeant at Arms, Melvin Thompson, Service Officer, Robert J. Burns, Membership Chairman and Peter J. Gallo, Boys State Chairman; and

WHEREAS, over the years American Legion Captain James B. Scarr Post 106 has been deeply involved with various Veterans charities, organized and maintained an effective Civilian Defense League when needed, donated Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy veterans families, sponsored Memorial Day and Veterans Day

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

ceremonies, supported Veterans homes; continuously sponsored Boys State and Eagle Scouts; held an Essay Contest on Patriotism, financially supported the Free Public Library and since 2010 has awarded a scholarship to a deserving local high school graduate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby commend and recognize the American Legion, particularly the Captain James P. Scarr Post 106 for its ninety five years of dedicated service to the Country and the Community, and hereby applaud their work with our Veterans and their service to the United States of America.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Rose Heck read the following Proclamation in honor of the 70th Anniversary of the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights:

WHEREAS, the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights, originally called the Evening Department of the Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, was incorporated as a separate organization in the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs in September of 1944; and

WHEREAS, Charter Members included Evelyn Basralian, Louise Eckert, Elsie (Carell) Freud, Virginia DiMaria and Bernadine Delvin; and

WHEREAS, the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights started with 30 members and grew to as many as 100 members in the 1980s and currently meets the 4th Tuesday of the month in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, there have been 34 different presidents in 70 years including Mrs. James R. Freeman, Mrs. Bernadine Delvin, Mrs. Everett J. Freud, Mrs. Horace Besecker, Jr., Mrs. Helen Staton Andre, Mrs. Warren C. Hyer, Mrs. Anthony Mancari, Mrs. Edward Newkirk, Jr., Mrs. Margaret Gascoyne, Mrs. Ralph R. Ilaria, Mrs. Emmett Weston, Mrs. Henry Kalish, Miss Helen Muller, Mrs. Andrew Cevasco, Mrs. Stewart Kidney, Mrs. Stanley Melenick, Mrs. Sherman Babcock, Mrs. Emil Osol, Mrs. Raymond L. Heck, Mrs. John D'Avria, Mrs. John W. Menne, Mrs. Peter Bruinooge, Mrs. Joseph Iannucci, Mrs. Joseph Corso, Mrs. Fred Jaeger, Mrs. William Kremer, Mrs. Herbert D. Heeren, Ms. Patricia Link, Mrs. Anthony B. Bernice, Mrs. Helen O'Shea, with some members serving on the State level of the New Jersey Federation; and

WHEREAS, the club has volunteered and helped raise funds for many projects including Feed the Homeless, Autism, Domestic Violence, Shelter our Sisters, various cancer projects and children's hospitals; and

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, the club has sponsored a High School Scholarship annually, and sponsored "Candidates Night" for over 50 years when candidates for the Board of Education were given the opportunity to present their views to the electorate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby congratulate the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights on its 70th Anniversary, with sincere gratitude for being such a vital part of the community and extend our best wishes for continued success in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$3,054,669.80 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, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(August 26, 2014 Regular Meeting)*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 156. Payroll
 - 157. Dog Licenses - Payment of Fees to State

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

- 158. Authorizing Change Order #2 for Reconstruction of Coolidge Avenue from Boulevard to Easterly Terminus
- 159. Authorizing Raffle License for Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Anthony Cirillo from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Associate Member to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ambulance Squad

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointment which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATIONS: None

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 160. Personnel

Mayor Heck requested a motion to Close for Executive Session which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

At 8:43 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2330:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW**

ORDINANCE NO. 2330 (cont'd):

JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2014" 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 September 23, 2014.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2330 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2331:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2014"** 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 September 23, 2014.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2331 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, with Councilman Gonzalez abstaining, and otherwise unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2332:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BARRIER FREE CURB AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BOULEVARD AND PASSAIC AVENUE AS THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BERGEN COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$55,000.00 THEREFOR OF WHICH \$45,000.00 BEING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF LOCAL AID FUNDS, GRANTED THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND THE REMAINING \$10,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" BEING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2246 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2010, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE THE FURTHER SUM OF \$100,000.00 TO THIS PURPOSE, \$95,000.00 OF WHICH IS FROM A FURTHER GRANT AND \$5,000.00 OF WHICH IS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND"** 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 September 23, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 2332 (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2332 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Hank Lyon, of Haworth, and owner of Maggie Moos on Route 17 was interested in becoming involved in the community. He noted he was a Freeholder in Morris County. Mayor Heck welcomed him and asked him to become a member of the Mayor's Business Community Committee to which he agreed.

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 Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

RECESS FOR WORK SESSION:

Mayor Heck asked if anyone had any objection to going directly into the work session. There was none.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 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 September 9, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk