

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

February 28, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 8:04 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, 2017 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2017.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Ron Kistner, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilwoman Josephine Ciocia, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Kistner gave the Invocation as follows: “Loving heavenly Father we come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. Give us the desire to find ways to excel in our work. Help us to work together and encourage each other to excellence. We ask that we would challenge each other to reach higher and farther to be the best we can be. We ask this in the name of our God. Amen”

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request from Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights to place a pinwheel garden at Borough Hall during the month of April which is designated as National Prevent Child Abuse Month to remind people about child abuse and what can be done to stop it.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing request which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

2. Letter from Animal Hospital of Hasbrouck Heights requesting approval to hold a Pet

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Adoption Day on March 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing request which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried

Mayor DeLorenzo then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Ciocia, and otherwise unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$476,371.84 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
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

POLICE: Commissioner Kistner began his report by noting that the Police Department held its Annual Beefsteak Dinner end of January with 400 people attending. They raised over \$15,000 for Special Olympics. He was proud to say Hasbrouck Heights was represented at this weekend's Polar Bear Plunge, he noting this was the 13th year he participated. There were over 7,000 plungers, the largest ever. Special Olympics raised \$1.9 million, the largest amount raised. New Jersey is still the only state in the Country that pays for all its athletes to attend the Olympic events. There was a department head

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meeting on February 10th, with several matters discussed including training. He and Mayor DeLorenzo attended. The cub scouts visited and toured the Police Headquarters on February 3. Any youth group that would wish to see a tour of the headquarters can call Joanne Inglesby at 201-288-6019 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. As is seen throughout the community there is an amazing turnout for the “We Support HHPD Police.” Over 500 signs are done. He said Oak Grove Avenue, his block is well represented. He continued Hasbrouck Heights has been recognized as a very safe community. It is a quiet town due to the work of our Policemen. In January there were over 1,300 calls. They should be commended, we appreciate their services.

PUBLIC WORKS: Commissioner Kistner reported the following activities were performed by the Department of Public Works:

On Monday, January 23, a Nor'Easter storm brought high winds and rain. The DPW crew cleared stormwater catch basins and collected branches.

In preparation of the snow event on January 31, the DPW went out brining our roads. As the snow showers progressed the salt spreaders were also sent out.

February 9, 8-inches of snow blanketed our area. Salt trucks were sent out first followed by our entire plow fleet for eight hours. Plows were also dispatched during the night to clear areas that were hampered by parked cars during the day. (Please ask residents to refrain from blowing snow into the street during snow events.)

Three days later on February 12, an ice storm sent out our salt trucks.

All plowing hours for the County roads was billed as per the agreement with the Bergen County Department of Public Works along with the reimbursement of the salt usage during the event.

Public Service Forestry Division was in town for five days to address the list of hazardous trees in need of removal that involve the high voltage wires.

Superintendent Bill Spindler provided Neglia Engineering with our wastewater sanitary sewer and stormwater maps so that they could be transferred to a disc.

The DPW night street sweeping crew provided the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department with a list of Boulevard street lights that were out. HHPD emailed PSE & G with the locations, at that time there were six. He observed up to 11 decorative lights out. He asked that PSE&G be contacted.

Mayor DeLorenzo noted he had received complaints from residents of lights out and nothing was done as yet. He asked that PSE&G be nudged to take care of those.

TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Link reported that with regard to the Senior Bus during January 2017 there were 147 individual rides provided. There are 38 names

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currently on the list and for the March calendar which is now posted Shop-Rite each Wednesday, Stop-n-Shop each Friday, Saddle Brook Walmart Tuesday, March 14 and Bergen Town Center Mall Thursday, March 16.

In regards to Community Awareness Access for All which she is liaison, unfortunately the meeting of February 9 was cancelled due to snow. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 2, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Councilwoman Ciocia reported there were 105 visitors to the Food Pantry from January 30, 2017 through February 21, 2017.

The pantry is operational only because of the generous donations received on a continuing basis from the local churches, civic organizations, Scout troops, School and PTA food drives and the many, many generous residents.

Donations are being dropped off at the Borough Clerk's office every day. Thank you to Corpus Christi Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, First Reformed Church, Bill Stanaland, Sandra Hammond, Lola Young, Diane Stedman, Lori Gonzalez, Frank DePalma, Lyda Pinelli, Brady Family, Nicole Bailey, Jane, DiBello Family, Arlene Carreau, Tripodi Family, Mr. Stowes, Lynn Petronella, John Hoehl, Cookie, Freedel Family, Elizabeth Carnicer, DeNigris Family, Barry Pankiw.

We appreciate the following volunteers who supervise the food pantry on a rotating basis. They are Janice Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Audrey Gall, Barbara Juliano, Brian Calahan and Warren Nelson. Thank you all for your time and support. We have also been most fortunate to have children who volunteer their time each week from the Felician School and do a wonderful job of stocking the shelves. All donations are very much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As Library liaison, Councilwoman Ciocia reported she attended the Board of Trustees meeting on February 21. For the month of February the Library circulated a total of 10,727 items, 738 people walked through the doors, 1,791 packages were forwarded to other libraries, 20 new library cards were issued. Total library cardholders to date is 6,012. There were 548 reference questions answered. Some upcoming events include are Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, will be the 6th annual animal sleepover. Wednesday, March 15, the story of 9-11 Memorial Trees at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, Saturday, March 18, Carole King Tribute Concert at 2 p.m. in Senior Center, and Monday, March 20, Lecture entitled "Dining with History" in the library at 3 p.m.

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FINANCE: Finance Commissioner DiPisa read the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at January 31st was \$3,927,401.72 and at December 31st was \$3,769,903.81 which represents an increase of \$157,497.91. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of January totaled \$3,983,301.17 of which \$3,565,351.46 was for Current Taxes, \$75,836.12 was for Delinquent Taxes and \$342,113.59 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of January totaled \$3,825,803.26 of which \$2,341,049.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$691,486.71 was for Salaries and \$793,267.55 was for Other Expenses.

The formulation of the 2017 budget continues. The date for introduction of the 2017 municipal budget has been extended from February 10th until March 17th. The Chief Financial Officer completed and submitted the Annual Debt Statement by it's January 31, 2017 due date and the Annual Financial Statement which was due by February 10, 2017. The Financial Statement summarizes the financial position of the Borough at the end of the fiscal year.

Some key points indicated by the Annual Financial Statement are as follows:

2016 Tax Collection Rate was 98.78% , a small decrease from the 2015 Collection Rate of 98.85%.

The 2016 budget anticipated \$1,275,000.00 in surplus as a revenue to offset taxes and cash surplus generated in 2016 was \$1,249,399.04, as compared to \$1,464,067.73 generated in 2015. One of the goals of the Finance Committee is to limit the use of surplus to an amount that may be re-generated. Although the results of operations for 2016 fell a little short of the amount used, it was a very respectable 98% of the amount anticipated.

Unpaid Current Year Taxes at 12/31/16 were \$458,849.00 as compared to \$492,074.58 at 12/31/15.

These are all factors to be considered when formulating the 2017 budget. The 0.5% appropriation CAP and 2% levy CAP are also critical to the formulation of the budget.

RECREATION: Commissioner DiPisa gave the following report prepared by Recreation Director Robert Brady: Recreation Basketball is winding down, the boys league starts the playoffs this weekend, the boys and girls travel teams have one week left in the regular season. Basketball Clinics for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls have one week left. This Saturday all participants will receive a trophy and certificate. There are over 70

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children in this program.

Recreation Wrestling Team had a great year, with 26 boys placing in the district championship tourney and six wrestlers placing in the regionals last weekend in Hackensack.

Senior schedules are available at the center which include many fitness classes as well as game days and other social activities.

Recreation Track & Field registration is March 6 from 7-9 p.m. in the recreation office.

Recreation Men's over 30 Basketball meets on Monday nights at the new high school gym from 7-9 p.m. Recreation Coed Volleyball meets at the new high school gym on Wednesday nights from 8-9:45 p.m.

For more information e-mail hhrec@aol.com or call 201-288-4143.

FIRE: Commissioner Lipari reported from a report submitted by Liz Waring that from January 16 through February 15 there were 101 EMS calls, with 498 personnel, 77.5 hours in service and 367.9 man hours. There were 25 fire incidents, with 247 personnel, 12.6 hours in service and total man hours 153.

HEALTH: Commissioner Lipari gave the following report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Laura French:

AARP SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM: The Health Dept. has scheduled another AARP Safe Driving Program to be held Tuesday, March 27 in Borough Hall. Cost for the class is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two-point reduction from your driver's license and a five percent deduction on car insurance premiums. To pre-register call the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636.

5K Run and Fun Walk: The Board of Health is planning their Fifth Annual 5K Run and Fun walk on Sunday, April 23. The 5K Run is to help raise scholarship funds for town residents. The Race will begin at 9 a.m. at Borough Hall on Central Avenue. To register please go to www.runsignup.com.

If you or someone you know would like to donate supplies and gifts to the participating runners please contact the Health Dept. whose goal is to donate 100% of race proceeds

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to the various programs. If you make a donation by March 24, 2017 your contribution will be acknowledge on T-shirts provided to runners along with other event-related printed material.

Dog Licenses: The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2016 dog license expired on January 31, 2017 and must be renewed as soon as possible. They have issued 898 dog licenses and reminder letters will be mailed out during the last week of February.

LAND USE: Commissioner Lipari gave a report prepared by Dorothy Bernice, Building Department Secretary: The total fees collected which also include local permits as well as UC Code Permits totaled \$18,455.

142 UCC inspections were done during the past month with 140 that passed for a 98.5% passing rate on the first inspection. 1 Zoning Compliance Certification for a new business was approved and 10 certificate of occupancy inspections were completed for the sale of existing homes.

Anyone who has plans to install a pool in their backyard to enjoy during the summer should come in and begin the permit process now. This will insure that your pool will be ready for the summer.

The Zoning Board met on Thursday, February 23 and approved variances for dormers that were proposed over existing housing that projected onto the side yard setbacks. The board approved the rebuilding of this house to comply with current building requirements but with certain deed restrictions.

With the warm weather the past week residents are starting to notice problems and are reporting them to us. The property maintenance inspector is investigating how garbage miraculously appears on the corner of Kipp and Boulevard. No business owner or resident will admit they put their garbage there. He issued one summons for a resident who neglected to shovel their sidewalk and made two court appearances on a continuing matter.

TECHNOLOGY: Commissioner Traina reported there will be a meeting held this coming Thursday with the Technology Committee to discuss the Town website and how departments can be represented accordingly on that.

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MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor DeLorenzo reported the DPW did a great job with the snow, he received a lot of compliments. He continued there was a bank robbery at TD Bank and he congratulated the Police Department working with other agencies and making an arrest last Friday. As Councilman Kistner mentioned a meeting was held to discuss some of the projects they would like to work on with the Police Department and possibly arrange over the next year. He congratulated and thanked Councilman Kistner on jumping into the icy water representing Hasbrouck Heights and Special Olympics. He took special interest today from Governor’s Christie’s address challenging the legislature to make school funding more fair and distribute funding more evenly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 57. Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
 - 58. Construction Fees - Payment of Fees to State
 - 59. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #16-0007 for Block 125.01, Lot 38, 157 Prospect Street
 - 60. Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Projects - *Corrected*
 - 61. Authorizing Award of Contract for 2016 Road Program to Crossroads Maintenance, LLC
 - 62. Raffle License for Lincoln School PTA

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2380:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 133-29 B (1) (a) [2] OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCREASE THE CHARGE FOR CERTAIN ROAD SERVICES AND TO SUPPLEMENT § 133-29 (B) (1) (a) TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE IN RESPECT TO ALL VEHICLES**”

ORDINANCE NO. 2380 (cont'd):

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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Kistner and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Ciocia, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Ciocia, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2381:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**”

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to continue the public hearing on this Ordinance to the meeting of March 14, 2017 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2382:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SECTIONS 28-10, 28-11 AND 28-16 OF ARTICLE I ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION” OF CHAPTER 28 ENTITLED “FIRE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2382 (cont'd):

DEPARTMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO UPDATE, REFINE, CORRECT AND MAKE ITS TERMS CONFORM TO CURRENT APPROVED PRACTICES” 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilwoman Ciocia, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2383:

BE IT RESOLVED that 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 JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2016”** 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously

carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2384:

BE IT RESOLVED that 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 JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2017**” 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2385:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BY PROVIDING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CHAPTER 110, CATS, LICENSING” AND BY ORDINANCE NO. 2385 SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES” TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING FEES FOR CATS**” 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

Sonya Buckman, former Councilwoman, of 239 Central Avenue, (came with her cat doorstep) referred to some numbers of licensed cats in neighboring towns, would rather

ORDINANCE NO. 2385 (cont'd):

see an aggressive feral and stray cat program in place, encourage people to contact the health department when they see someone putting food outside to feed the feral cats. This food also attracts raccoons, possum and skunks and groundhogs. There were 11 cases of rabies in 2016 from those animals. In Bergen County in 2016 there were only two cases for rabies. Cat owners should be encouraged to put tags on their cats with their phone number or tagged in case they get out accidentally.

Councilman Lipari commented that four residents of Hasbrouck Heights took in a feral cat that had rabies and had to get shots. Mayor DeLorenzo said part of the confusion is coming from yes there is a problem with feral cats, however, how do we get it under control if a house pet gets out. The Board of Health should address it and have some kind of catch, neuter and release program for feral cats.

Linda Defrino, 109 Cleveland Avenue, said licensing has her confused, she practices TNR (trap, neuter, return), that licensing doesn't create a revenue stream, it doesn't reunite cats with their owners and it doesn't insure that cats are altered, spayed or neutered, which is more important as vaccination. She said we need to come up with something that a big group of advocates does as TNR, put money into low cost spay and neuter resources. Costs is the main reason, it costs between \$200-\$400 to get this done. Cats have been domestic animals forever. The fact that they let them out when they were not spayed or neutered is how this all started with feral cats many years ago. She has TNR'd 50 cats within the last six months wherever she is needed.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if they were licensed, you would know it was somebody's cat correct? She said you don't, if they're licensed it doesn't mean they will be altered. It may deter people from calling the B.C. Animal Shelter, and fruitless. We need to look to the B.C. Animal Shelter, there is a low cost spay and neuter resource. There is a lot out there available to us. The Mayor asked if we have an agreement with the Animal Shelter, we do, we should be more aggressive with that.

Councilman Lipari said neutering and spaying does not prevent rabies. This is what we are concerned about, we want a cat to be vaccinated, that is all we are interested in. Ms. Defrino said they give out free shots at the animal shelter. The Mayor said we should make that information more available to people. Ms. Defrino said there are unadoptable or stray cats that need to be altered. She is tired of volunteering by going out there, getting them altered and keeping them in her garage til they get settled and let them back out wherever they were. Mayor DeLorenzo agreed that they can get shots at the shelter and that the TNR is available and take advantage of that. She said the statistics show that there are 1,000 cats roaming around for every 10,000 people

ORDINANCE NO. 2385 (cont'd):

nationwide. She is willing to speak with the Health Department to discuss this further.

Lisa Kundria, Ramsey, NJ, said she has been doing TNR for 15 years, years ago the estimated numbers for animals being euthanized was 20-30 million. Now with the rescue efforts and TNR these numbers are between 5-10 million in our shelters. Regarding feeding cats outside, there is no way to stop us, people will come out three o'clock in the morning to feed a cats. What you really want to do instead of charging a cat owner is to help them. Hoarding is a bad health issue problem. Mayor DeLorenzo said if you license a cat, you wouldn't put on a collar? She said it could get stuck and harm them. He said that is the issue, not letting them outside. She referred to TNR they are vaccinated for rabies with a nip on their ear.

Councilman Lipari said the problem is feeding the feral cats outside. We are trying to solve the problem of a house cat that does not get vaccinated. This is what the ordinance is about. Mayor DeLorenzo invited the Board of Health President to speak.

Constance Doheny, 150 Kipp Avenue, said the Board of Health has been working on this vaccination for cats about four years, having absolutely nothing to do with the feral cat population which is a separate issue. The sanitary code book allows people in Hasbrouck Heights to have a dog or cat, no snakes, iguanas, nothing else. You have to license one, not the other. There are house cats who go outside and come back as they know where they live. She has noticed that there are other animals outside that could carry rabies. If your house cat goes out, it is protected when vaccinated. Because of the incident that happened in 2016, it is important to have cats vaccinated. Hasbrouck Heights does a dog census, at the same time could do a cat census. The other towns with low numbers do not do a dog census. She said we have also been working on the feral cat problem for about three years, working with B.C. Animal Control, doing the trap, neuter, release program, by calling, they drop off a trap, and call when the cat is in the cage. We have been actively participating in this and trying to get the word out to residents. We do have an ordinance that you are not allowed to feed wildlife. If you take away the food source, the cats will leave.

Mayor DeLorenzo said we are in agreement we could make that program more available. Councilwoman Ciocia asked when the dog census is done, and they ask if I have a cat and I say no, how am I protecting anybody. How could we readily enforce that. Ms. Doheny we are going that people will be honest. This ordinance is strictly about getting the cats the rabies vaccine for the health and safety of the residents. It is completely separate from the feral cat population.

She and as Lori French in the audience said, B.C. Animal Shelter is in full favor of

ORDINANCE NO. 2385 (cont'd):

getting cats vaccinated and licensed. Councilwoman Ciocia asked the cost, \$12 neutered, \$15 not neutered, the same as a dog. Councilman DiPisa said the Board of Health takes this very seriously, and an ounce of prevention is really worth a pound of cure. They feel a moral and ethical responsibility to do this. Any recommendations should be brought to them.

Ms. Kundria asked Ms. Doheny you ask residents to set the traps and put food in which could make the resident uncomfortable, it would be better to contact a rescue group. Mayor DeLorenzo said we are all for your help, right now we are going to take a vote on the ordinance.

Lori French said we have a contract, we are insured, these rescue groups may not. Last year we had 38 calls for TNR. Councilwoman Link asked if Wood-Ridge stopped their census. She said they are thinking about continuing it, they don't have the manpower. Hasbrouck Heights has over 1,300 licensed dogs. The State does call for a census.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with the vote as follows:

Councilman Kistner making a statement that he truly appreciates the efforts of our Health Department, saying he was lucky to be elected in November, he had asked Lori for a lot of information, he agrees with former Councilwoman Buckman it was one incident with four people, the large majority of people with cats are elderly or it would be considered another tax, he did not think it necessary, so voted No.

Councilwoman Link read a statement that she had researched the State legislature, they do not state that you must license a cat, they will not come out and state it, but she would rather that publications be put out there quarterly, monthly, in the schools in the municipal buildings alerting children not to play with stray cats because it is the stray population that is going to bring rabies into a home. She knows cat owners and they vaccinate their cats. If you put a collar on and it runs through bushes, it is going to get nabbed, strangled, hurt, it is a hard way for both sides but looking at licensing something that there is no way you can account for that license, there is no way to be able to uphold that someone didn't license their cat, I just don't feel it's the right way and I'd rather go and settle with the feral cats and get them corrected, I vote No.

ORDINANCE NO. 2385 (cont'd):

Councilwoman Ciocia was very torn about this issue as well. She has been inquiring the residents of this community of their thoughts on it, and to be honest, no one has said yes and had concern, saying she respects everything the Board of Health does and is appreciative, but also does not understand how we are going to enforce it, she did not see people being honest and how we could control that, and she came in thinking No, and said I have to vote No.

Councilman DiPisa said he thinks the Board of Health is going in the right direction, they are being very proactive and I am going to vote Yes.

Councilman Lipari said for the benefit of the residents of Hasbrouck Heights, I definitely say Yes.

Councilman Traina said I vote No.

This ordinance was defeated.

ORDINANCE NO. 2386:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SHORT TERM RENTAL OR LETTING OF ANY RESIDENTIAL PREMISES OR PARTS THEREOF EXCEPT CERTAIN LICENSED HOTELS OR MOTELS**” 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 circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the Public Hearing on the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Kistner, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adopt the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded, by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:18 p.m., Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, 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 February 28, 2017.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk