

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS****320 Boulevard****Hasbrouck Heights, NJ****And via livestream <https://www.aaliveevents.com/events>****REGULAR SESSION MINUTES****January 24, 2023**

A Regular Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 320 Boulevard.

Councilman Kistner declared the meeting in Session and Acting Borough Clerk Anne Michelle Sery stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, Adequate notice of this meeting has been made to all members of the Council on December 30, 2022, and transmitted to The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Councilman Michael Sickels, Councilman Robert Bing, Councilwoman Susan McGuire, Councilman Ron Kistner, Councilman Thomas Meli, Councilman Christopher Hillmann

**Absent:** Mayor DeLorenzo

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

Councilman Kistner requested everyone remain standing for a moment of silence to honor our former Fire Chief and former Borough employee, Ronald Monteleone, whose daughter currently works for the borough.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Sickels

**APPOINTMENTS:** Daniel Wixon to Lieutenant – Hasbrouck Heights Fire Dept.  
Virginia Santano – Mayor's alternate Library Board of Trustees – 1 year  
Kim Parise – Library Board of Trustees – 5 years

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read the list of appointments. Before continuing with the appointments, Councilman Kistner turned it over to Police Commissioner Sickels for the presentation of the new police uniforms.

Councilman Sickels explained that the PD officers took initiative in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of last year to redesign the PD uniform. There were many different options the department had to vote on.

Lieutenant Behr took upon the roll to lead the charge in deciding the new uniform. The selection was brought to the Police Chief and then to the Police Committee which was then approved in November 2022. Councilman Sickels invited Lieutenant Behr to come forward and display the new uniform. Councilman Sickels requested that Police Chief Rinke explain why the new uniforms were needed. Police Chief Rinke explained that the original blue uniforms are now coming from one vendor and are seasonal so are very hard to acquire. The new design also reduces prone injuries such as back issues with wearing/not wearing the duty belt anymore. There is also a little change in the PD patch to coincide with the new uniform. Lieutenant Behr thanked everyone for their support in this initiative. Police Chief Rinke also indicated that the new uniforms did not come from tax dollars. They did fundraisers to pay for them.

Councilman Kistner then requested a motion to approve the appointments, which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Meli and unanimously approved.

Councilman Kistner commended Daniel Wixon on being promoted to Lieutenant of the HH Fire Department and listed the various reasons why his new position is well deserved. He then invited Daniel Wixon up to recite the oath of office.

**MINUTES:** November 29, 2022 – Regular Meeting  
December 13, 2022 – Regular & Work Session Meeting

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read the list of minutes for approval. When done, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes, which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Communication from the Land Use Board with annual board appointments
2. Resolution #22 from the Board of Health recommending Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission as Health Enforcement Agency for 2023
3. Resolution #24 from the Board of Health recommending Bergen County Health Services to act as Animal Control Services from 2023-2026
4. Memo from Chief Greco advising of resignation of Alex Gomez from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read the list of communications. When done, he asked if anyone would like to have the communications read. After no response, Councilman Kistner asked for a motion to approve the communications as read, which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Meli and unanimously approved.

**PLANNING BOARD OF THE  
BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS  
RESOLUTION JANUARY 4, 2023**

**ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION 2023**

**WHEREAS**, a quorum of the Planning Board of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and its current membership having been otherwise duly appointed for their respective terms as prescribed by law, this Body has convened for its reorganization meeting of the year 2023.


**NOW, THEREFOERE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Planning Board of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights that it does hereby appoint as its officers for this year the following members respectively:

- Chairman: HENRY DOBBELAAR
- Vice Chairman: ERIC MASON
- SECRETARY: GINO TESSARO

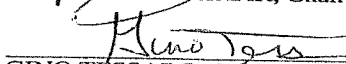
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it does hereby point the following to serve in the respective capacities to this Board for the year 2023.

- Attorney: JOSEPH J. ROTOLO, ESQ.
- Stenographer: BETH CALDERONE
- Engineer: JEFFREY MORRIS, BOSWELL ENGINEERING
- Planner: GREGORY ASSOCIATES

Dated: January 4, 2023

  
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 HENRY DOBBELAAR, Chairman

Dated: January 4, 2023

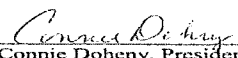
  
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 GINO TESSARO, Secretary

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 ERIC MASON

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
RESOLUTION #22**

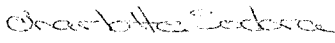
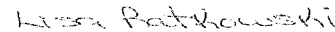
**WHEREAS:** The Board of Health of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, at a meeting held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 recommends to the Mayor and Council that the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission be retained and authorized to act as Health Enforcement Agency, Mr. James Fedorko, Health Officer for the Board of Health to fulfill the duties for the year 2023 in all matter pertaining to local and state Public Health Law, Regulations and Ordinances: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governing Body for action by said contracting unit.

  
Connie Doheny, President  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attest:


  
Laura French, Secretary to the Board  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

OFFERED BY:   
SECONDED BY: 

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
RESOLUTION #24**

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Health of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, at a meeting held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 recommends to the Mayor and Council that the Bergen County Health Services be retained and authorized to act as Animal Control Services, for the Board of Health to fulfill the duties for the year 2023 to 2026 in all matter pertaining to local and state Public Health Law, Regulations and Ordinances: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governing Body for action by said contracting unit.

  
Connie Doherty, President  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Attest:

  
Laura French, Secretary to the Board  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

OFFERED BY: *Charlotte Sedera*  
SECONDED BY: *Catherine Collins*

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
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Chief

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**TO:** Hon. Mayor John M. DeLorenzo III and Council Members  
**FROM:** Chief Michael Greco  
**CC:** Fire Commissioner Ronald Kistner  
Deputy Fire Commissioner Thomas Meli  
**DATE:** January 9, 2023

This is to advise you of the resignation of member, Alex Gomez, from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department. A copy of his letter of resignation is enclosed.

MG:nh

Enc.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$ 3,579,710.32 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.

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read the Bills resolution. When done, he requested a motion to approve the resolution which was made by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

23. Payroll
24. Appointing Borough Clerk as Public Agency Compliance Officer
25. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. as Land Use Board Attorney pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
26. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Boswell Engineering, as Land Use Board Engineer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq and 10:44A-20.5 et seq.
27. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Gregory Associates, as Land Use Board Planner pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq and 10:44A-20.5 et seq.
28. Authorizing a Contract with Phoenix Advisors to provide disclosures required by the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Bond Issuances of the Borough
29. Authorizing Licenses for certain Dealers for the Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles in the Borough
30. Authorizing Professional Contract with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission as Health Enforcement Agency for 2023
31. Authorizing Bergen County Health Services to act as Animal Control Services from 2023-2026
32. Authorizing Support of Bergen County Chief's Association Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
33. Payment of Fees to State – State Training Fees
34. Payment of Fees to State – Marriage/Civil Union Licenses
35. Approving and Adopting Standard Tort Claim Notice Claim Forms required by the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
36. Authorizing Borough Representative for the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
37. Authorizing Certain Professional Contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. and 19:44A-20.5 et seq.
38. Authorizing agreement with BCUA for certified recycling Professional Tonnage Grant Assistance Program
39. Authorizing grant application submission to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for the replacement of playground equipment
40. Authorizing CDBG agreement for Woodside Avenue Roadway Improvements

- 41. Authorizing raffle license for:
  - Teterboro Parent Partnership Organization Inc.
  - Corpus Christi Rosary Society
  - HHPTSA
- 42. Authorizing Salaries & Title Changes for 2023
- 43. Authorizing agreement with Bruno Associates to provide grant writing services

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read the Consent Agenda. When done, he requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Hillmann, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

**RESIGNATIONS:**       -Laura Baker from Mayor’s Celebration Committee  
                                   -Alex Gomez from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read the Resignations. When done, he requested a motion to approve the Resignations which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Hillmann and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCES ON INTRODUCTION:**

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read Ordinance No. 2524 by title. Councilman Kistner asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2524 which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

ORD. 2524 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 236-15 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ENTITLED “MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS” TO ADD SUBSECTION C

Councilman Kistner asked the clerk to read Ordinance No. 2525 by title. Councilman Kistner asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2525 which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

ORD. 2525 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 JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2023"

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Councilman Kistner requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Council Sickels and seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

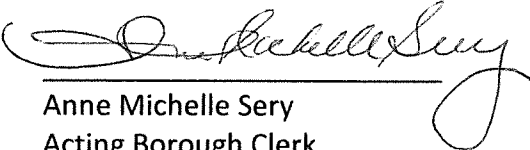
- Enrico Palummieri, residing at 107 Division Avenue, has been a resident of HH for 43 years, bought his house at the age of 27 and has been endlessly fixing his



curbs. For 43 years, his curbs have never been repaired. He came to Borough Hall to speak with Laurie Varga, Administrator, on November 17<sup>th</sup>. He left his number but never heard back. He saw Councilman Kistner and inquired who was the Commissioner of Streets. Mr. Palummieri indicated that the snowplows take sections of the curbs and he had to rebuild them again. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, he left another message for Laurie and didn't hear back from her until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Laurie advised that back in 2012, the DPW came to assess the curbs and didn't see any issue. Mr. Palummieri indicated that he had redone his own curbs in 2012 in conjunction with his landscaping. He supplied Laurie with photos upon her request and never heard back again. His concern now is with the new gas line replacing and milling of the street, 23 ft – 30 ft of curb has all been compromised. Being that he lives on the peak of the hill, his dirt washes straight down to Oak Grove Avenue. Mr. Palummieri shared photos with the Council. Councilman Kistner said he will reach out to Ferreira directly and keep everyone updated and will come up with a solution and get back to Mr. Palummeri.

Councilman Kistner asked if anyone else would like to speak. Seeing no one, he requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Sickels and unanimously carried.

Councilman Kistner requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Meli and unanimously carried.



Anne Michelle Sery  
Acting Borough Clerk