

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**320 Boulevard****Hasbrouck Heights, NJ****And via livestream <https://www.aaliveevents.com/events>****REGULAR SESSION MINUTES****April 25, 2023**

A Regular Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on April 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 320 Boulevard.

Mayor DeLorenzo 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: Mayor DeLorenzo, Councilman Michael Sickels, Councilman Robert Bing, Councilwoman Susan McGuire, Councilman Ron Kistner, Councilman Thomas Meli, Councilman Christopher Hillmann

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Meli

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the list of appointments.

- Cameryn J. Falato to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department
- Isaiah K. Pickens to the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department
- Daniel Wixon, Jr. to the Hasbrouck Heights Jr. Fire Fighters

When done, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the appointments which was made by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Meli and unanimously carried. Mayor DeLorenzo then invited the new appointees to come forward for their Oath.

PRESENTATION: Mayor DeLorenzo then requested the Recreation Commissioners, Councilman Bing and Councilman Sickels to join him and present the Soccer Association Travel Champions. Councilman Bing invited up Soccer Association President, Mike McGill to start the presentation. Mr. McGill commended all the players, coaches and parents and thanked them for all their hard work and dedication. {Boys U10, Girls U9, Girls U13, Girls U15}

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the list of communications

1. Letter from Michelle Sery resigning from the Ethical Standards Board
2. Invitation from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department for their Annual Inspection on Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ 7:00pm

When done, Mayor requested a motion to approve the communications as read which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Sickels and unanimously carried.

BILLS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the bills resolution

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$ 6,883,260.15

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.

When done, Mayor requested a motion to approve the bills resolution as read which was made by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the consent agenda

67. Payroll
68. Authorizing the refund of taxes overpaid for Block 127.02, lot 1 for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
69. Authorizing cancellation of old taxes overpaid
70. Authorizing payment of fees to the State – Dog Licenses
71. Payment of Fees to State – State Training Fees
72. Authorizing Licenses for certain Dealers for the Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles in the Borough
73. Authorizing cancellation of certain payroll agency trust fund reserves
74. Payment of Fees to State – Marriage/Civil Union Licenses
76. Accepting the Bid for the Issuance of a Hotel/Motel Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License – CP Hasbrouck LLC
77. Awarding a contract to 4 Clean Up, Inc. for the Paterson Avenue Roadway Improvements (NJDOT Funded) Project

When done, Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Meli and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read Resolution No. 75. When done, he asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 75, the Budget Introduction, which was made by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

RESOLUTION NO.: 75

Municipal Budget of the BOROUGH of HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, County of BERGEN for the Fiscal Year 2023

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2023;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Bergen Record in the issue of May 8, 2023

The Governing Body of the BOROUGH of HASBROUCK HEIGHTS does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2023:

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert Last Name)

<p>Ayes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councilman Sickels Councilman Bing (Second) Councilwoman McGuire Councilman Kissner Councilman Meli (Motion) Councilman Hillmann 	<p>Nays</p>	<p>Abstained</p> <p>Absent</p>
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Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS of the BOROUGH of HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, County of BERGEN, on April 25, 2023.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Borough Hall, on May 23, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FUND SECTION OF APPROVED BUDGET

			YEAR 2023
General Appropriations For: (Reference to Item and sheet number should be omitted in advertised budget)			
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" -			XXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-1, Sheet 19)(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2))			XXXXXXXXXXXX
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" -			18,403,454.00
(a) Municipal Purposes ((Item H-2, Sheet 28)(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.3 as amended))			XXXXXXXXXXXX
(b) Local District School Purposes In Municipal Budget (Item K, Sheet 29)			4,300,014.12
Total General Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (Item O, Sheet 29)			-
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item M, Sheet 29) Based on Estimated			4,300,014.12
99.31%	Percent of Tax Collections	Building Aid Allowance 2023 - \$ _____	381,515.40
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)			-
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11) (i.e. Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues and Receipts from Delinquent Taxes)			23,084,983.52
6. Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (as follows)			6,028,708.23
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)			XXXXXXXXXXXX
(b) Addition to Local District School Tax (Item 6(b), Sheet 11)			16,305,401.46
(c) Minimum Library Tax			-
			750,873.83
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RESIGNATIONS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the resignation. When done, he asked for a motion to approve which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Kistner and unanimously carried. Mayor then advised that he would have two nominations ready for the next meeting.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read ORD. 2528 by title:

ORD. 2528 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 212 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTY" AND SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 111 ENTITLED "RENT LEVELING"

When done, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to open the meeting for public comments on ORD. 2528 which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Bing.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if anyone from the public would like to comment on Ordinance No. 2528 only. Seeing that there was no one, he asked for a motion to close the meeting for public comments on Ordinance 2528 which was made by Councilman Meli and seconded by Councilman Kistner and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to adopt ORD. 2528 which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo then asked the clerk to read the notice of adoption:

ORD. 2528 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 Record, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Council Bing and seconded by Councilman Sickels and unanimously carried. Mayor DeLorenzo asked if anyone 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 Meli and unanimously carried.

Councilman Bing wanted to note on meeting records that there have been a number of resident complaints regarding the new aeronautic school on Route 17 that may come up in the next council meeting. The complaints surround the 'racing' noise made by the students in the parking lot. This issue is currently being handled by Gino Tessaro and Rob Brady and a conversation has taken place with the director of the school.

Mayor DeLorenzo then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Councilman Bing, seconded by Councilman Sickels and unanimously carried.



Anne Michelle Sery
Acting Borough Clerk