

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**320 Boulevard****Hasbrouck Heights, NJ****And via livestream <https://www.aaliveevents.com/events>****REGULAR SESSION MINUTES****November 28, 2023**

A Regular Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on November 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 320 Boulevard.

Mayor DeLorenzo declared the meeting in Session and Acting Borough Clerk, 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 Councilman Meli who read a poem in honor of Veteran's Day

Mayor DeLorenzo thanked Councilman Meli and wanted to also acknowledge that everyone should take the time to remember what our law enforcement does for us every day. He said he had a conversation about the Revolution and how much courage it must've taken to fight for what they believe in and that's what makes us the greatest nation on earth...we believe in our country, and we believe in what we're fighting for and not everyone has the opportunity for that.

APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Mayor DeLorenzo advised that the presentation was not ready yet...

MINUTES: (None)

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the communications which included:

- Memo from Fire Chief Greco listing the results of the Fire Department Election of Officers for the upcoming 2024 year
- Letter of resignation from Jeanine Sickels from the position of Trustee on the Hasbrouck Heights Library Board
- Letter from Hasbrouck Heights resident, Jean Lindquist thanking Superintendent of Public Works Department, Lenny Masucci, and General Foreman, Rob Riordan, for their prompt response to concerns at her home and for their dedication and hard work together with the department for our whole town

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TO: Hon. Mayor John M. DeLorenzo III and Council Members
FROM: Chief Michael Greco
CC: Councilman Ronald Kistner, Fire Commissioner
 Councilman Thomas Meli, Deputy Fire Commissioner
DATE: November 15, 2023

Below are the results of the Fire Department Election of Officers for the year 2024:

Fire Chief	Michael Greco
First Assistant Chief	Robert Knobloch
Second Assistant Chief	Miguel Gonzalez
Secretary	Edward Mucha
Treasurer	James M. Carlin
HHFD Captain	Daniel Wixon
HHFD Lieutenants	Marc Pagan Nicholas Lorenzo Ryan Shute

Respecfully submitted,


 Michael Greco
 Chief

MG:nh

To: Marlene Verrastro, Hasbrouck Heights Library Board President

From: Jeanine Sickels, Hasbrouck Heights Library Board Trustee

Date: November 19, 2023

CC: Mayor Jack DeLorenzo & Robert Brady

Dear Marlene,

Please accept my letter of resignation effective December 31, 2023 from the position of Trustee on the Hasbrouck Heights Library Board. Thank you for the opportunity to serve under your leadership the last 3 years. Unfortunately, I will not be continuing my role beginning in 2024.

Wishing you all the best,

Jeanine Sickels

Jean T. Lindquist
211 Field Avenue
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604
201-615-7472
201-288-4194

November 19, 2023

Hasbrouck Heights Mayor & Council
Borough of Hasbrouck Heights
320 Boulevard
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I would like to thank Superintendent of the Public Works Department, Lenny Masucci and General Forman, Rob Riordan for being so prompt to respond to some concerns I recently had at my home. Lenny and his Public Works Department employees were quick to remedy a problem that we had by adding some new trees in front of our property.

Living here for over 60 years; I am so grateful for the quick turnaround that the Public Works Department has showed me.

Once again, please accept my sincere thank you for your dedication and hard work that you and your department has done, and continue to do, for our Town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean T. Lindquist". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

When done, he asked if anyone would like any of the communications read to which Councilman Sickels requested the first communication be read. After reading, Mayor DeLorenzo requested that Michelle read the letter from Mrs. Lindquist. He then asked for a motion to approve the communications as read, which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Kistner.

BILLS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the Bills Resolution.

“WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$ 3,819,836.32 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.”

When done, he requested a motion to approve the Bills Resolution which was made by Councilman Meli, seconded by Councilman Kistner and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the clerk to read the Consent Agenda. Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read “The Consent Agenda contains Resolution Numbers 170-181 as identified specifically in the agenda as laid out in the back of this room and also posted on the website for this meeting.” When done, he requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman McGuire and unanimously carried.

170. Payroll
171. Payment of Fees to State - Dog Licenses
172. Authorizing Licenses for Certain Dealers for the Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles in the Borough
173. Authorizing the Purchase of Rock Salt Through the 2023 NJ Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Pricing System, Bergen County Bid 23-32, Atlantic Salt, Inc.
174. Providing for the Insertion of Any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of Any County or Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.K. 1948) – National Opioid Settlement
175. Cancellation of Grant Receivable and Reserve Balances
176. Authorizing 2023 Budget Appropriation Transfers
177. Authorizing the Transfer of 2022 Appropriation Reserves to Balance Sheet Reserves for Tax Appeals and Terminal Leave
178. Authorizing Contract with Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey for 2024
179. Authorizing a Change Order for \$63,400.00 Increase to the Total 2023 Municipal Road Program
180. Authorizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for Collins Avenue Roadway Improvements
181. Authorizing Raffle License for:
 - BPOE # 1962 – Casino Night (1/27/24)

RESOLUTIONS: (None)

RESIGNATIONS: Mayor DeLorenzo asked the Acting Borough Clerk to read the one resignation.

- Jeanine Sickels from the HH Library Board

Mayor DeLorenzo thanked Jeanine for her service on the HH Library Board and asked that Councilman Sickels pass along that message to her. He then asked for a motion to approve the resignation, which was made by Councilman Meli who stated with regret, seconded by Councilman Kistner and carried by all except Councilman Sickels who abstained.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: Mayor DeLorenzo advised there were ordinances on introduction. Borough Attorney, Rich Malagiere, advised that if there would be no objection to any of the ordinances on introduction, they could be grouped and not individually read. Councilman Hillman advised that he would like each one read individually.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2538 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

ORD NO. 2538 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SCHEDULE 1 (SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS)

When done, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 2538 which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried. Prior to roll call, Councilman Hillmann requested that someone explain what/where the R3 zone is located. Borough Attorney, Richard Malagiere explained the different zones which Councilman Hillmann stated that still didn't answer the locations. Councilman Hillmann then suggested that the exact locations be disclosed to which Mayor DeLorenzo agreed and that this was only the introduction of the ordinances, and everything will be disclosed prior to the adoption at the next meeting.

Mayor DeLorenzo then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, “Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2538 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm.”

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2539 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

ORD No. 2539 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SCHEDULE 2 (AREA, BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL USES) AND §275-25 (PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS)

When done, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2539 on introduction which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

He then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, "Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2539 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm."

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2540 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

ORD No. 2540 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS §275-20 (REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN PRINCIPAL USES)

When done, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to approve which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried.

He then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, "Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2540 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm."

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2541 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

ORD No. 2541 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS §275-21 (REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES)

When done, he asked for a motion to approve which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Meli and carried by all except Councilman Hillmann.

He then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, "Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2541 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm."

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2542 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

ORD No. 2542 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO CHAPTER 181 ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLE SALES ENTERPRISES, LICENSING OF CERTAIN” OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS §181-2 (APPLICATION FOR LICENSE)

When done, he asked for a motion to approve the introduction on Ordinance Number 2542 which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilman Bing and carried by all except Councilman Hillmann who abstained.

He then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, “Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2542 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm.”

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2543 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

ORD No. 2543 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS §275-21 (REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES)

When done, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 2543 which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Bing and carried by all except Councilman Hillmann who voted no.

He then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, “Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2543 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm.”

Mayor DeLorenzo requested the clerk to read Ordinance Number 2544 by title and where the Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, read:

“ORD NO. 2544 – AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102”

When done, he asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance Number 2544 which was made by Councilman Sickels and seconded by Councilwoman McGuire and unanimously carried.

He then requested Acting Borough Clerk, Michelle Sery, to read the notice of introduction which she read, "Be it resolved that Ordinance Number 2544 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 December 19, 2023, at 7:00pm."

Before moving on to the ordinances on public hearing, Mayor DeLorenzo wanted to make mention the ordinances that were introduced regarding zoning were recommended by the planning board who have been working throughout the year on the master plan with our planner and that is what is being followed up on to ratify now.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor DeLorenzo states that there is only one Ordinance on Public Hearing – Ordinance Number 2537 and asks the clerk to read

"ORD No. 2537 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED "FEES," OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO INCREASE, DECREASE OR ADD CERTAIN FEES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE"

When done, he asks for a motion to open to public comments which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Meli and unanimously carried. He then asked if anyone from the public would like to come forward for any comments on Ordinance Number 2537 only. Seeing no one, he asked for a motion to close public comments which was made by Councilman Meli and seconded by Councilman Sickels and unanimously carried.

Borough Attorney, Richard Malagiere, made mention that Councilman Hillmann noted to Acting Borough Clerk and himself that there was a discrepancy in the fees, explained what the discrepancy was and that the Borough Attorney recommends that a motion be made to approve the amended ordinance to accommodate the fees which Mayor DeLorenzo acknowledged and asked if anyone had any question to what the Borough Attorney had recommended which no one did.

Mayor DeLorenzo then asked for a motion to adopt the new amended Ordinance Number 2537 based on the attorney's comments which was made by Councilman Sickels, seconded by Councilman Bing and unanimously carried. He then requested the clerk to read the notice of adoption which read, "Ordinance Number 2537 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."

Before moving on to the public portion of the meeting, Mayor DeLorenzo confirmed with Chief Rinke and Councilman Sickels that there will be a presentation. Councilman Sickels introduced the presentation on the basis of the residents' concern for public safety. Ken Wallace of MPS / Smart City Solutions gave a presentation on what they offer. Mayor DeLorenzo explained that there are traffic issues on the Boulevard that residents are concerned about. It would eliminate our officers from creating 'traffic' on our already narrow Boulevard. They would implement a

device that captures all activity on illegal parking in the crosswalks and yellow areas. The purpose of this presentation is to be transparent with everyone that this will be implemented so there are no surprises when tickets/summons go out. Mayor DeLorenzo acknowledged that no solution is perfect, but this option is worth a try.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to open the public comments of the meeting, which was made by Councilman Hillmann, seconded by Councilman Sickels and unanimously carried. He then asked if anyone else would like to come forward. Seeing no one, he requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, which was made by Councilman Kistner, seconded by Councilman Hillmann and unanimously carried.

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

Mayor DeLorenzo then advised that before adjourning, he missed that Councilman Sickels did have new business that he wanted to discuss. Councilman Sickels stated that he was approached by a resident on making revenue to reduce taxes. One of those ideas was a billboard on the Boulevard which he was against at first but then realized how small the footprint would be and how they would build the monument for it. More research needs to be done on all of that and details on how to make the money and is definitely worth considering. Mayor DeLorenzo requested that Councilman Sickels circulate to the rest of the Council, any information pertaining to this idea.

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



Anne Michelle Sery
Acting Borough Clerk