## **BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

#### MINUTES

June 23, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 8:03 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 5, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

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 Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

Encouragement. Where there is hatred in this world let us bring love, where there is injury, pardon, where there is despair, hope, where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy. May we always try to understand not just be understood, hope to console as well as to be consoled, try to love, not just to be loved, for it is in giving that we reserve, in serving others that we find our deepest fulfillment and setting aside our focus on self, that we find the true meaning love."

Mayor Heck on behalf of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights extended her deepest sympathies to Peter Werner's wife, Terry, and two children, Dawn and Chris, and his brother, former Police Chief Bruce Werner and his family. Pete Werner worked for 39 years in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, and died after his collapse in the Department of Public Works on June 19. She asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

**PRESENTATION**: Certificate to Rose and Paul Mulle on the Celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Mayor Heck and Councilman DiPisa presented a certificate to Rose and Paul Mulle on the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated on June 19, 2009. They extended their best wishes and were acknowledged with a round of applause. Councilman DiPisa commented that the Mulle's were instrumental in the building of the Senior Center, Rose served as president of the Leisure Club for five years and as secretary for eight, with Paul serving 13 years as treasurer. Rose also recommended having the postal mail box placed on Central Avenue near the Senior Center. They were thanked for their volunteerism.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club

Mayor Heck and Councilwoman Buckman (a former Junior Woman's Club Member) presented a certificates to the Junior Woman's Club on receiving the following awards at the Junior Woman's Club State Convention: Diamond Dozen Award for Outstanding, Community Service and Volunteerism, Leadership, International Affairs - *First Place*, Conservation, Communications, Education, Home Life and Health and State Project - Foster and Adoptive Family Service - *Second Place*. Also, each member received a certificate as follows: Co-President, Cindy Capozzi; Co-President, Cara Capass-Murray; Vice President, Andrea Gaffney; Treasurer, Lisa Mason; Federated Secretary, Nancy Riordan; Secretary, Maria Adamkiewicz; Home Life and Health, Dee Nilaweera and Suzanne Cangialose; Education, Maryanne Maher, Eileen Oettinger and Melissa Nazzaro; Conservation, Natalie Molina and Dee Callen; International, Liliana Donargo and Tina Diaz; Unicef, Tina Diaz; Communications and Public Affairs, Mary Blanusa; Art, Bonnie Dallara; Members Dalia Drezek, Nancy Goodman, Janet Hess, MaryAnn Maher, Bo Nielsen and Kristin Schaffer.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Letter from Ralph Condo, Executive Director of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund
- 2) Letter from Senator Joe Pennacchio regarding S-445, requesting a resolution to support a bill he has introduced called the "Transparency in Government Act" which provides for the establishment of a State public finance Website
- Thank you letter from Lorenzo Tattoli, recipient of Mayor's Award
- 4) Request from Library Director Mimi Hui to keep Municipal Building open to 2 a.m. for Family Movie Night on August 7

Items #3 and 4 were requested to be read into the record (copies attached). **COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):** 

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

Regarding Item #4, Mayor Heck requested a motion to permit Library Director Hui to keep the Municipal Building open to 2 a.m. on August 7, which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: (May 26, 2009 Regular Meeting)

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

#### **BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$340,509.60 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 DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

## **REPORTS:**

POLICE: Under Police, Mayor/Commissioner Heck reported as follows: Under Police Department News she read that on May 27 and 28, 2009 Sgt Rinke chaperoned the 7<sup>th</sup> grade camping trip. A sprinkler system was donated and installed at the Police Memorial. We would like to thank Carl Caravaglia for the water box connection; Martin Franzoi for the electrical work; Todd Mackanin for the automated water system and Bill Spindler and the DPW for their assistance. On May 29, 2009 Lt. Archer participated in Lincoln School's read-a-thon and read with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. On June 12, 2009 the Annual Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics was held in Hasbrouck Heights. POLICE (cont'd):

Seventeen officers ran 1.7 miles and over \$28,000 was raised. We would like to thank the students who came out and cheered us on. Chief Colaneri and Honor Guard Members, Sgt. Rinke, Det. Colaneri, Det. Adamo and Ptl. Ciccarelli attended the opening ceremonies held at the College of New Jersey. The Department participated in the nationwide click it or ticket. On May 12, 2009, Chief Colaneri and Lt. Archer attended the 101 Days of Summer Traffic Safety Kickoff. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office announced they would fully fund the DWI checkpoints during the 101 days. The Department applied for funds and was approved. Our first check was held on June 21, 2009 from midnight to 4:00am.

Under the General Complaints May report, she noted there were DWI, 1; 66 ambulance requests, 2 Lodi, 6 Teterboro, 2 Wood-Ridge, 19 ambulance w/paramedics, 2 animal bites, 16 animal complaints, 30 assisting other agencies, 11 Borough ordinance violations, 4 Borough ordinance complaints, 26 burglar alarm-commercial, 43 burglar alarm-residential, 1 burglary-auto, 1 burglary commercial, 2 burglary residences, 1 burglary forcible residence; 60 cell phone 911, 2 child custody dispute; 1 criminal mischief-business, 1 criminal mischief-motor vehicle, 2 criminal mischief-residence, 1 customer disputes, 15 disabled vehicles, 12 domestic violence, 8 domestic violence orders, 3 DUI, 3 erratic driver, 6 family disputes, 7 fire calls, 23 fire alarms, 1 fireworks, 12 found property, 2 fraud, 1 fraud bad checks, 1 gas leaks, 41 general calls, 6 general disputes, 1 harassment, 1 harassment phone calls, 1 hold up alarm, 1 juvenile runaway, 2 juvenile delinquency, 14 juvenile incidents, 8 lockout-mv, 2 lockout-residences; 1 lost articles, 2 Megan's Law re-registration, 2 missing person, 5 neighbor dispute, 22 noise complaint, 4 property damage, 5 public service, 2 simple assualts, 7 supboenas, 28 summonses, 22 suspicious incidents, 25 suspicious persons, 12 suspicious vehicles, 7 theft, 1 theft bikes, 1 theft from auto, 2 theft from buildings, 27 traffic accidents on county roads, 9 traffic accidents on Borough roads, 7 traffic accidents private, 33 traffic accidents State roads, 114 traffic enforcement, 1 traffic light out, 60 traffic related services, 1 unattended death, 5 warrants, 2 traffic warrants, 5 welfare checks, 60 Wood-Ridge 911 calls, totaling 1,072 for all general complaints.

Under Summonses, for the month of May included 347 Parking versus 429 in May 2008 and 179 Moving violations, 259 in May 2008, date totals for May 2009 - 526 and in May 2008 - 688, with ytd totals in 2009, 2,787, and in 2008, 3,336.

FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Di Pisa reported he had no report. Under Public Facilities, he reported the DPW acted on Resolution No. 109 by cleaning the property and emptying the swimming pool. A bill was prepared by CFO/Admin. Kronyak to apply a lien on the property at 529 Terrace Avenue. Maintenance at Borough Hall last month included painting of all railings outside, replacing ballasts on several light fixtures and repairing a lamp post at the Central Avenue parking lot after a motor vehicle accident. Room was provided at the DPW for FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):

storage of the Board of Education school buses for the summer months until the fencing can be repaired at Depken Field which was vandalized.

**PARKS:** Under Parks, Commissioner DiNanno reported Lincoln and Euclid Schools held their end of school year picnics at Woodland Park as well as Wood-Ridge Developmental School. Besides the schools, he reported 12 other picnics were held this past month.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Under Transportation, Commissioner Altobelli reported he had met with residents of Kipp Avenue who would be impacted by the proposal to turn the 200 block of Kipp Avenue into a one way street. He hoped that whatever solution was ultimately adopted would be for a six-month trial basis. He continued that last year he had requested the borough to conduct a transportation audit to identify how much gasoline was being used by different borough departments and establish a procedure for tracking use of borough vehicles and gasoline consumption. He asked to initiate the second transportation audit. Mayor Heck noted that this is done yearly.

LAND USE, RECREATION & SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported Cross County will conduct registration for the fall schedule. Softball will be sponsoring two U2Gals teams this summer. The Recreation Center closed on June 30 for the summer. Adult volleyball would be moving to Woodland Park for the summer. Under Social Services, she reported that 45 visitors in need were served for the month. Donations were received from Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus, Mayor Rose Heck, Allison Buzzy, Josephine McClean, Girl Scout Troop 1109, Allison Bielecki, Bertha Spada, Diane Sullivan, Al Kingsley, Girl Scout Troop 498, Arlene Carreau, Ron Ellis, Corpus Christi Rosary Society, Lutheran Holy Trinity Zion Lutheran in Garfield Mary Gill and Wickie Jacobus. If anyone is interested in donating, she listed the following items needed: canned fruit, juices, paper products, soap products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, powdered milk and snacks. Under Land Use, Commissioner Buckman reported that in the Construction office, \$16,049.00 was received for permit fees from May 26 to June 19. Under Property Maintenance, she reported there were 21 initial inspections, 31 reinspections, 12 high grass, nine miscellaneous violations, 10 warnings issued, 14 situations resolved and two summonses issued. She reminded residents that garbage cans should not be placed at the curb before 7 p.m. the night before pickup. As Library liaison, she reported that Circulation Manager Lori Steinbacher reported the month of May saw a 6% increase with total circulation of 8.120 versus 7,706 last year. There were 35 new patrons, 26 adult and 9 juveniles. The summer program theme is "be creative at your library." For the older students, "express yourself at the library" is for grades 7-12. An adult reading program entitled "master the art of reading" for patrons ages 18 and up encouraged to participate in a book bingo contest. Plans for the summer bash on August 7 includes special guest

# LAND USE, RECREATION & SOCIAL SERVICES(cont'd):

appearances of characters, latest screen of movies, karoake, movie star makeovers, games and live entertainment by Jim Spoon, the Spoonman.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez gave the activity report submitted by Elizabeth Waring, EMS coordinator: April 21 - May 25 there were 28 fire calls, 20 non-emergency and 152 EMS calls including 18 mutual aid calls to Teterboro, one in Wood-Ridge, and eight in Lodi. From May 27-June 21, there were 32 fire calls, 12 non-emergency, 109 EMS calls, including 18 mutual aid calls in Lodi, one in Wood-Ridge, four in Lodi, and one in Lodi today. He again thanked the Port Authority for granting the borough \$80,000 for a new ambulance, which he noted bids would be advertised as per a resolution on the agenda. He thanked the Ambulance Committee for their volunteer hours preparing specs, Lt. Michael Thomasey, Engine Two, Capt. Elizabeth Waring, Lt. John Riordan, and last year's Lt. Michael LeSane of EMS and Lt. Chris Halloran of Rescue. Under Streets & Sanitation, he reported on June 2 and again on June 18 a sanitary sewer blockage occurred on Route 17 south. The DPW closed two lanes of traffic in order to respond due to the fact that the sewer main line is located in the fast lane. Hasbrouck Heights Police were on hand for traffic safety until the line was cleared and traffic resumed. The DPW used seven tons of asphalt to repair pot holes even though there was a record amount of rainfall in June. Repairs performed by the DPW included a complete service on the Fire Department Ladder and Pumper trucks and logged 30 hours of service for police vehicles. Also Garbage Trucks 102 and 103, the John Deere Loader and the Tree Truck required replacement of various parts and emission smoke tests were begun on all DPW trucks.

**HEALTH:** Under Health, Commissioner Link reported on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health held its monthly meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month). Health inspector, Aysu Cesmebasi reported that she was experiencing an increase in conditional inspections and/or complaints for varying issues (expired goods, enforcement of monthly Self Inspection reports, food establishments leaving front doors open without screens, stagnant water in pools not yet opened, etc). All issues are being addressed and most have been corrected or advisement given. All inspections/re-inspections are on-schedule and issues being handled accordingly. He thanked Atlantic Coast Fibers and Fred Petrone for another successful shredding event held on June 6, with a total of 4,580 lbs. of shredded paper which surpassed last year's total of 2,140 lbs.

Board of Health Secretary, Laura French informed the Board of the following; 2009 Dog Census will begin on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Senior Wellness Luncheon will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Center, 11Am to 2PM. Wellington Health Care of Hackensack is providing the complimentary lunch and a representative from H.A.R.P. is the designated speaker at the luncheon. Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program is again being offered this year and applications will be available in Hasbrouck Heights on July 7<sup>th</sup> (12 – 3PM) at the Farmers Market at Central Ave and the Boulevard. This **HEALTH (cont'd):** 

program provides to eligible applicants (requirements: ID, proof of Bergen County residency, income, and age 60+) \$30 coupons to buy produce. Reminder: There are no scheduled meetings of the Board of Health in July and August, unless needed, then a special meeting will be called and Board members notified.

In a report from Sam Yanovich, Health Officer of Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission, it was reported of the H1N1/Swine Flu. 189 confirmed cases are now reported in the state of NJ. Twenty-three cases confirmed in Bergen County. Most cases have not been severe and the primary means to reduce the spread is to focus on early identification of illness, staying at home when influenza is suspected and good cough and hand hygiene etiquette. He also informed the Board that Bergen County LINCS team is offering their Point of Distribution (POD) leadership I & II training on June  $19^{th}$  at Paramus EMS training center. PODs will be the means by which medications or vaccines will be distributed on a mass scale in the event of a bioterrorist event or some other public health emergency. Each municipality is invited to send 2-3 representatives. Board President, Connie Doheny, asked Board Secretary Laura French to coordinate a meeting with our OEM, Chief Colaneri, and Board members Ms Collins and Ms Dowd in reference to the Point of Distribution (POD) leadership I & II training programs.

Health Officer's - Post Meeting Update: Guidance has been forwarded to all Schools and/or Day Camps on Assessing the Health Status of Staff, Students, and Campers. This includes a checklist for assessment (1-Fever 100°F or greater YN, 2-Sore Throat YN, 3-Cough YN). If Fever is Yes and one or two of other symptoms is Yes, the individual should remain at home for seven (7) days, because of an influenza-like illness (ILI). Staff should keep records of those ILI cases and report these to their administrators, so informed decisions may be made if/when required (i.e., school/camp closures), concluded Commissioner Link's report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Heck gave her Mayor's Report for June as follows:

<u>May 26<sup>th,</sup> Thursday:</u> Read to Mrs. Mancuso's class, The Fifth Graders at Lincoln School. It was wonderful and the children asked questions and commented very favorably on the Street Fair. Some of them missed it and I told them we are already working on next year's event.

<u>May 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Noon:</u> Cut the Ribbon for the Grand Opening of Jerzey Boyz on the Boulevard. They had a wonderful event and attracted a large crowd for the Free Hot Dogs, etc.

<u>June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday:</u> Attended the State Convention of the NJ Assn. of Women Business Owners. Spoke at their closing luncheon. Was part of a five-member Panel of Speakers.

<u>7:30 p.m.:</u> Attended the Planning Board Meeting.

<u>June 4<sup>th</sup>: Thursday:</u> Attended The Police Committee Meeting along with Deputy Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Police Chief Colaneri and Business Administrator Mike Kronyak.

**1pm:** Worked with the Environmental and Transportation Committee members who judged the Fourth Annual Poster Contest. There were 51 winners from Corpus Christi School, Euclid and Lincoln Schools.

<u>3 pm:</u> Attended Girl Scout Troop Ceremonies. Had the privilege of presenting the Bronze Award to the Girl Scouts and witnessed the Fly up Ceremony.

<u>June 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am:</u> Attended a special meeting at the Board of Education Administrative Building with Engineer Russell Lipari of the Mayor's Research Committee. This was one of a continued series of meetings researching the inclusion of an environmental evaluation of the Hasbrouck Heights School Buildings and the possibility of saving dollars as well as becoming more "Green" friendly in town.

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, Saturday: Dropped off my boxes of important papers to be shredded at the Municipal Parking Lot. We more than doubled our 2008 numbers of shredded paper. We thank DPW Supt. Bill Spindler for making the arrangements. Our recycling company, Atlantic Coast Fibers Information Destruction Systems was again very generous in not charging us for this service and we thank him. This is a once a year event and if we increased it, it would cost the Borough of Thousands of dollars, so we are happy to be able to have this Shredding event once a year.

The improvements to recycling started with the involvement of the Environmental and Transportation Commission in 2007 has been very successful. That Commission's Liaison, Councilman David Gonzalez, has already reported some of the improvements in his report.

<u>June 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 5 to 7 p.m.:</u> Attended the Library's Round Table event hosted by the Friends of The Library.

June 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 7 p.m.: Attended the Hasbrouck Heights High School Honors Awards Ceremony. I had the honor or giving the Mayor's Award, The Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship, The three Chris Heller Scholarships and the seven Mary B. Quigg Scholarships.

- <u>June 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday At 11 am:</u> As Police Commissioner, I held a Police Committee Meeting with Police Chief Colaneri and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak. A variety of matters were discussed including Kipp Avenue.
- <u>June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. Wednesday:</u> Spoke at The Elks Convention held at The Hilton Hotel and read a Proclamation in their honor.
- <u>June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.Friday</u>: Greeted the Torch Run Participants led by Police Chief Colaneri and our Heights Police Officers. They raised \$26,000.
- **7 p.m.** Attended the Academic Scholars Honors Ceremony sponsored by the Euclid Masonic Lodge where I spoke briefly and then presented Certificates to the 10 top honor students from HHHS.
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m.Sunday: Attended the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Awards Ceremony held at the V.F.W. in Saddle Brook at which I presented Resolutions on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the three young men who attained that rank. I told Eagle Scout Vincent Ferriero of Hasbrouck Heights, that his name would be added to the Eagle Scout Plaque herein the Municipal Building.
- <u>June 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.Monday:</u> Took a tour of the town with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and DPW Supt. Bill Spindler. We noted several areas in need of attention. given attention.
- <u>June 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.Tuesday:</u> Started with a Boulevard Business Meeting, followed by a meeting with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and the PBA Contract Negotiating Committee. The Police Contract comes up for renewal next year.
- <u>June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m Wednesday:</u> Met with Vice President Anthony Mollo of Banco Popular in reference to the former Sylvester's Restaurant property. It was noted there will be a Sheriff's Sale there in August.
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.Thursday: Attended a meeting called by myself, Chief Colaneri, Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak and Borough Engineer Ken Job, with six D.O.T. representatives. I opened by saying that I did not wish to be confrontational, but, I let D.O.T. know I want the "Environmental Pond" moved to the other side of Route 17; it was, in my opinion, going to be a safety problem with children who would take it as a challenge to climb, explore, and enter, I noted its proximity to Depken Field, The Little League and the Playground as well as our residential area which was unacceptable to me. This, I said, was a main entrance to our Borough that already was imposed upon with the changing of the traffic lights on Route 17 both north and south, which brought MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

traffic back-ups to our residents on Franklin area and its side streets, etc. I told them if it were not removed we would go to litigation and that I was representing our Borough and its people and noted I could get 200 people overnight to protest that environmental pond area. I made it clear again, that I would like a resolution to the problem without going to the extreme. I was told that such environmental basins/ponds are used in the state and I responded, "Not in this type of residential area and adjacent to a recreational area, that already hosted hundreds of children." Chief Colaneri, Mike Kronyak and Ken Job backed me up with various examples of problems that would and could arise. I also stressed that D.O.T. already has a bad reputation when it comes to maintenance in and around its highways, which our Borough has to handle and we certainly don't need or want this one. Chief Colaneri spoke about all of the problems being created already by the Route 17 work that is already causing numerous problems to our town and that we, according to what we heard, will still having a flooding problem in the area of Bendix Diner. The engineer and construction people said they believed that the problem there might be alleviated since they found that a drainage pipe had been cut off when the Exxon Station was built on the north side of Route 17 and that was found and being rectified by their work. It was said that the major flood alleviating changes would occur in the East Rutherford area. The Chief countered we are going to put up with all of this on Route 17 until 2010 and that we are losing the shoulder on the highway, getting a pavement on the highway that is set to be between a foot to a foot and a half higher than our business parking lots, etc. Chief Colaneri was not happy with the number of accidents our Police Dept. has to handle on 17, but he was told that the request for a red light warning sign was being considered before cars reach the Williams Avenue light going south. Ken Job our engineer pointed out a possible solution and new site for the environmental pond on the north side of 17 along with a request that the sewer lines now located in the center lane on Route 17 south be relocated before they paved since it has been broken a few times in the past and when it is, it takes a week or more to get the work done with that lane closed to traffic. It was noted that we have been lucky thus far that it has not happened during football season at Giants Stadium. He explained that the line originally was on the shoulder before 17 was expanded years ago and now it is fast approaching being closer to the fast lane. Notes were taken, but no commitment made since the pipe apparently run a couple of thousand feet or more. The Center Barrier will also be removed in order for some drainage work to be done in that area, but when done would be replaced. Mike Kronyak also noted that D.O.T. is in the process of finally paying our Borough for its Police overtime that was accumulated last year. D.O.T. has begun using State Police for that work since the Chief stopped our Department from doing that work since bills accumulated to \$65,000. Agreement was also reached on the payment of work done by our engineer to be picked up by D.O.T. Several problem areas were pointed out, such as the fencing and landscaping needs in the area of their work adjacent to Depken Field. We listened to D.O.T and they listened to us and took notes on what we conveyed. We will of course, stay vigilant in their ongoing construction.

<u>6 p.m.:</u> The D.A.R.E. Pool Party at the Swim Club was cancelled due to -: "Surprise" Rain. It was rescheduled for tonight, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. Chief Colaneri is there preparing the barbecue.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m., Saturday: I officiated at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Sonic Restaurant. It was again a rainy day, but the tour of the facility and the more than 100 people they employed were a joy to meet. Their menu is very enticing and their shakes and desserts are very tempting. They served samples of everything. I tried several things and enjoyed them very much. Sonic has a beautiful facility there and it certainly has attracted many customers and media attention. It is the first Sonic in the metropolitan area and people came from New York and as far away as Connecticut to not only eat but enjoy the great skating waiters and waitresses who served them. I heard from some of the High Schoolers who work there, "The tips are very good."

We are very happy to say that in the past several months we have had the pleasure of seeing the opening, not only of Sonic, but Heights Bar and Grill and Jerzey Boyz. Another opening is anticipated across the street from the Municipal Building. It's going to be an Italian Restaurant. We welcome all of these Heights businesses to our family friendly town and wish them all success.

<u>June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 p.m., Monday:</u> Attended the Hasbrouck Heights High School Graduation held at the Dr. John Greco Auditorium in Hackensack. 113 seniors graduated and it was a wonderful evening, with very interesting speakers, happy parents, families and friends.

<u>June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday:</u> Attended a Zoning Committee Meeting with Council Members Sonya Buckman and Justin DiPisa, Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees. A number of matters were discussed including some fee changes for Woodland Park to be introduced on Jan. 1, 2010.

I have continued to receive many compliments pertaining to our new plantings at The Traffic Circle. As I explained, I put together a special Mayor's Committee to continue to improve the Circle.Members include Ray Vorisek of Heights Florist, Liz Moser, Ann Lustberg, Maria Proscia., Mike Kronyak, Ro Sees, Bill Spindler and myself. We are all very pleased with the results and I especially thank the D.P.W. workers for doing such a great job. We have lots of ideas for the future, but are taking things one at a time. It is an ongoing project.

I also continue my work in the finalizing of the improvements to the Woodland Park Playground, Miers Park Playground and The Central Avenue Mini Playground. As you know we have been very successful in obtaining Grant Money for Woodland Park and Miers Park.

Congratulations to The Garden Club for all the work they do with the Planters on the Boulevard. They do an outstanding job of Beautifying our Boulevard. Thanks again for all the good work you do.

<u>Today</u>, <u>June 23<sup>rd</sup></u>, marked the first day of this year's Farmers' Market. We are very pleased with their new location on Central Avenue and The Boulevard. Thanks to Ray Vorisek, president of the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce for all of his work on this project. Please note that this is also an outdoor sale day for those businesses on the Boulevard who wish to participate.

I have continued my Mayor's Meetings with the Public on Saturdays in the Library and will hold one more Saturday, June27th. From 10 to noon. Our Free Public Library goes on its summer schedule and they will be closed on Saturdays and Sunday till September. I will be in the Library every Monday evening beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 p.m. This concluded the Mayor's report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Matthew J. Spinella to Fire Department Engine Company

One

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** Ronald Phillips Jr. From Fire Department Engine Company

Two

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** 114. Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for a

New Ambulance

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

115. Renewal of 2009-2010 Liquor License Holders

On a motion by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

## **RESOLUTIONS** (cont'd):

116. Authorizing Representatives to the Community Development Regional Committee

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

117. Authorizing the Approval of Licenses for Commercial Enterprises for 2009-2010

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

118. Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Division Avenue

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

119. Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Boulevard Streetscape Phase III

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

120. In Opposition to a Proposed Diversion of Funds from the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-33 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE III: ONE-WAY STREETS" OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER DESIGNATE AS A ONE-WAY

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

# STREET KIPP AVENUE BETWEEN BURTON AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD IN A WESTBOUND DIRECTION"

Mayor Heck announced she had met with Chief Colaneri who has given her several reports, taking into consideration all photographs and power point presentation from Councilman Gonzalez, suggestions of Councilwomen Link and Buckman and from Borough Attorney Chandless and Kipp Avenue residents. Although the one-way street was the safest, she said Chief Colaneri will review all reports and suggestions to look at other possibilities.

She asked for a motion to have this ordinance removed from the agenda which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried,

Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

Jurgen Hofheinz, 250 Kipp Avenue, said thank you for listening to them, they know there is a problem and appreciate what Chief Colaneri is doing.

Mark Musarra, 143 Oldfield Avenue, regarding Sylvester's going to Sheriff's Sale, asked if the town had considered doing anything with the property as a possible recreation field.

Dragan Blanusa, 127 Division Avenue, noted his mom was hit by a car on Williams Avenue about eight months ago and suffered a broken leg and since then he was observing that the police do not do enough about pedestrian crossing. He asked why tickets were not given out. Mayor Heck would bring his request to the Police Committee. He also noted that at the corner of Raymond and Burton, only two blocks from Euclid School, there is a big hole in the sidewalk where a telephone pole was replaced and was unsafe for the children walking to school. Mayor Heck asked Councilwoman Buckman to report it to the building inspector. He commended the Street Fair, and recommended Town Day be changed to the Boulevard.

James DiDonato, 221 Pasadena Avenue, regarding garbage placement, thought that this has been a problem for years. Mr. Spindler said if someone calls it in, the item would be red tagged. DiDonato said this happens a lot on Pasadena Avenue. Chief

## **MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

Colaneri would be advised to look into this. Mr. DiDonato also remarked about cars parked across sidewalks.

John Baratta, 269 Walter Avenue, asked about considering licensing cats, as he thought it a health concern. Councilwoman Link said the Board of Health is looking into this. Regarding fast food restaurants, he asked if it was appropriate for our police to be patrolling the Sonic restaurant. He was advised that the police were hired by Sonic.

Dragan Blanusa, 127 Division Avenue, said he was willing to pay the police officers overtime to give tickets out for pedestrian crossings.

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 DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:** 121. Litigation and Personnel

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the meeting for litigation and personnel which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck said the meeting would reopen following the Executive Session.

## **MEETING OPENED TO PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to go back to public session at 10:08 p.m. which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno 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 June 23, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC Borough Clerk