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**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**July 27, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 8:06 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, 2010 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2010.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

Absent: Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

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

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Heck gave the Invocation which was as follows:

“Thank you God for many things; for the happiness each morning brings, for the dewy grass, the beauty of trees and butterfly wings, for the early bird that sweetly sings and thank you for family and for the friends who come our way in the gentle rain or the sun’s bright ray, Thank you Lord God for EACH day and when the sun drops out of sight, thank you for the moon’s white light, for diamond stars that shine so bright and for the joy of life and for the strength to withstand strife, Thank you God for everything especially the magic each day we live will bring. And thank you God for the courage to meet each day with new hope, and kindness to share with all along the way. Amen”

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Thank you letter from Andy Feintuch Scholarship Recipient Rich Cannici
- 2) Request from Library Director Mimi Hui to keep the Municipal Building open until 1 a.m. to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Night on August 6

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd);**

3) Letter from Wayne J. Forrest, Executive Director of Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners announcing his recent appointment

4) Invitation to Board of Health Senior Wellness Luncheon on August 19, 2010

5) Letter of Appreciation for Rob Brady and the Recreation Summer Camp Program

Item #5 was requested to be read into the record (Copy attached).

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

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(July 13, 2010 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$485,349.35 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  
Deputy Commissioner of Finance

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

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

Joseph W. Borrmann to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department  
Engine Company 2

Nicholas J. Coviello to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department  
Truck Company

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Porto to Hasbrouck Heights  
Library Board of Trustees

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

Joseph Bormann and Nicholas Coviello were present and were congratulated by Mayor Heck, Fire Commissioner Gonzalez and former Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski.

**REPORTS:**

**POLICE, FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa gave the following report: On June 23, 2010 the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Swim Club Party was held under the supervision of Chief Colaneri, Capt. DeLorenzo, Sgt. Rinke and former Councilman Ron Kistner. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Police Academy was held with over 50 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants during the past week. Highlights included the Lyndhurst Police Department SWAT Team, firearms demonstrations, Bergen County Bomb Squad, Port Authority Police Department at Teterboro Airport and a trip to the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute. Graduation was held at the Hilton Hasbrouck Heights Hotel who donated the room and refreshments. The Academy was run by Sgt. Rinke and Mr. Stillman of the Junior High School, Chief Colaneri, Det. Baker and Det. Colaneri Jr. assisted. A DWI checkpoint was held from 11:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m. on June 25 and 26. Four DWI arrests were made, one arrest for drugs and over 40 summonses issued. This checkpoint was fully funded by the B.C. Prosecutor's office using confiscated funds. Lt. Archer coordinated this event. Patrolman D'Amico has completed his department training and has begun his work on the road. Patrolman-to-be Jarrett Cooke has begun his training on July 23 and scheduled to graduate in December. Commissioner DiPisa read a note sent to Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Rinke and Mr. Stillman thanking them for their dedicated time with the Junior Police Academy. Their son, Steven enjoyed it very much, is a great program and well worth it, signed Harry and Lydia Comp. Summons for the month of June were total parking summonses 365, moving summonses 147, for a total of 512. Total year to date are parking 1,700, moving, 714 for a total of 2,414. Under Finance, Deputy Commissioner DiPisa announced the Tax office would be open on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to accept third quarter tax payments due August 1. Under Public Facilities, Deputy Commissioner DiPisa reported the DPW has restored the Library's book return container

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**POLICE, FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):** that is located at the rear entrance of the Borough Hall. The container needed to have the rust removed and then was repainted and lettered. The garage doors at the Fire House were adjusted and repaired. The carpets in the Municipal offices were shampooed and other areas are on a to-do list. The wire cables that support the various banners on the Boulevard had to be reset because of the storm damage. New cables and clamps were reinstalled. The schedule of meetings was as follows: Community Room – 13, Caucus Room – 6, Council Chambers – 5.

**RECREATION & PARKS:** Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported the Recreation Center is closed for the summer months and will reopen in Mid September with registration in early September. The cost is \$30.00 and the center will be available for children in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Recreation Softball had a great 2010 UGALS season with Coach Gasparino's team finishing the regular season with a record of 16 wins and 4 loses, they also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UGALS Summer tournament for Girls 10 years and younger. Recreation Summer Camp-Not even the blistering summer heat and diminish the excitement at our summer camp! So far the campers have enjoyed 8 different day trips and many fun filled theme days. The Recreation Department is proud to say that this years camp is the largest ever at woodland park and this year's group of counselors are a great group that are dedicated to making sure the campers have a great summer. The Recreation Cross Country program will begin practice the first week of August, the program is for boys and girls in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The Recreation Department also has a list of senior activities, such as line dancing, movies, fun bingo, aerobics, yoga, Wii Bowling, and more are offered on a monthly senior activities calendar. For any more information on current or upcoming recreation programs feel free to call Robert Brady at the Recreation Office (201) 288-4143. Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the Department of Public Works has completed the construction of a stormwater culvert in Woodland Park as part of the improvements regarding the pedestrian walkway. Bill Spindler, Superintendent DPW, met with Ken Job, Borough Engineer, to construct a bridge over the water passage way to allow for the walkway to continue through that area of the park. A 24-inch concrete pipe was installed for a distance of 16-feet and is ready for the asphalt to be applied. The DPW installed the bench for the Rutt Family that was approved by the Mayor and Council to be placed in Memorial Park. A concrete pad was poured in the park and the bench was anchored into the pad. The bench was donated by the family. PSE & G has placed sod on the Circle and replanted flowers and mulch as part of an agreement with the Borough because of the construction that took place there. The construction entailed the replacement of electrical conduct which travels under the Circle. As Council Library Liaison, she reported there are a wide range of activities for all ages throughout the summer, Story time for pre-schoolers in the park, ocean story time for school age children and two six-week book discussions for teens, weekly Monopoly and Chess tournaments and book-bingo for adults. For the month of June circulation of materials increased by 6.8% over last year, there were 12,779 people walked through the doors, 36 new library cards

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**(cont'd):** were issued with total library card holders 7,636. As of mid July 403 students for the summer reading contest and 28 teens for the young adult book discussions. Plans are underway for this year's Summer Bash entitled "Enchantment Under the Sea, A Night of family fun to take place August 6 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. with 150 registered. After 24 years of service, Children's Library Rosalie Nickles will be retiring on July 30.

**FIRE:** Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez read the following activity report submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring: from June 15 through July 15 there were 19 fire calls, 15 non-emergency calls and 107 EMS calls. The Fire Department was on standby at the Fireworks held July 1 and the Rescue and both ambulances were on hand for the Children's Parade held on July 5. There were two fire committee meetings held with Mayor Heck, Mr. Kronyak, himself and three chiefs present. The new ambulance is scheduled to be ready for the first council meeting in August. He acknowledged the generosity of Port Authority of NY and NJ, their grant of \$80,000 made the purchase of this ambulance possible to replace the 0603 which is over 10 years old.

**STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Dingertopadre reported the Department of Public Works responded to an emergency that occurred at the Franklin Avenue wastewater pumping station on July 14. A truck had ripped out the electrical supply line to the station and had no power to operate the facility. The DPW crew started the back-up engine to continue operation. Public Service was called and made a quick response to the site. During the emergency the back-up engine broke down and all pumping operations stopped. Bill Spindler, Superintendent DPW, urged the Public Service crew to restore power immediately as the pump station was starting to flood. Public Service cooperated and normal operations continued. Superintendent Spindler notified Mike Kronyak, Borough Administrator, about the emergency and they are addressing the possibility of another back-up system. The DPW borrowed a stage from Rutherford DPW to set up at our Fireworks show, on July 1, hosted by the Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights at Depken Field. It was a great event.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES & LAND USE:** Under Health, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Lori French which was that for the first half of 2010 total fees collected are \$60,301.50. This revenue included dog licenses, food licenses and certified copy fees. Additional totals are; 18 marriage licenses issued, 63 babies born to town residents, 1120 licensed dogs, 45 resident deaths recorded, 503 non-resident deaths recorded, 1186 certified transcripts issued, along with 231 responses from Animal Control and 461 health inspections of various nature by Mid-Bergen Health

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**HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND LAND USE (cont'd):** Commission. The annual Dog Census began on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and was completed on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Crossing Guards reported over 110 unlicensed dogs. Each dog owner will receive a letter along with an annual dog license application from the Health Department

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explaining our ordinance and the importance of rabies immunization. He reminded residents that the Senior Wellness Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 here in the Senior Center from 11 am to 2 p.m. Care-One at Wellington of Hackensack will be providing the complimentary lunch. The speaker during the luncheon will be a representative from H.A.R.P. Under Social Services, Commissioner Lipari reported the food pantry is open Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. During the month of July there were over 65 residents who came. Thank you to the generous volunteers that help stock and supervise the pantry, as well as the following donors: Josephine McClean, First Reformed Church, Karly Kling, Arlene Carreau, Ethel Ball, Phyllis Berman, Woman of the First United Methodist Church, Ron Ellis, Amy Santoro, Bertha Spada, Lawrence Bodenstein, Bob Klavins, Chip Giamo, Mrs. Trippodo, Sandy Sorce, John Fargo, Theresa Hund, Lynn Taylor, Ann Feltrin, Donna Mayo, Martin Adamkiewicz, Pat Thomasey, Vivian Zarate, Gina DeFlorio and Corpus Christi Church Brown Bag Sunday. Ideas for donating items include canned fruit, juices, paper products, all kinds of soaps and cleaning products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, powdered milk and snacks. Under Land Use he reported that total fees collected for the month of July were \$15,897. There were 144 inspections and 90% passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Heck reported as follows:

It has been a sad time for many in Hasbrouck Heights. We have lost a dear friend and longtime First Lady of Hasbrouck Heights Marcia Imken; our retired Captain of Police Charlie Rafford, one of the nicest people you would ever want to meet; our former Fire Chief Joe Clarke who served our community in so many capacities; a dear friend, Francis P. Leddy and long time resident Warren Herr of the United Methodist Church. We will now take a moment of silence and pray for each of them.

### **2010 – Mayor's July Report**

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** – Left for Trenton at 8:30 am returned at 7 pm. I am attaching my complete testimony given to the Assembly Budget Committee on this date to be included in the minutes.

The Mayor and Council continue to oppose A-2939 and the Senate companion bill. There have been unofficial contacts made to me for meetings and I continue to refuse to meet without all the towns involved being present. I sent a letter to Sen. Gordon last week to ask him to set a date to discuss this matter with all the involved towns, their mayors, and/or representatives as soon as possible. I am awaiting his response.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** – Attended The Lions Club Fireworks. I welcomed everyone and thanked The Lions Club for sponsoring this event. Tom Mason worked diligently to also

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include other sponsors to cover the costs of this wonderful event. The Fireworks Display was spectacular and enjoyed by thousands of people.

**July 5<sup>th</sup> Monday – 10 am.** On a very, very hot morning the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee volunteers greeting the children and parents who participated in this annual event. It was a very special day of costumed children who won medals in various categories celebrating Independence Day. Council Members Pam Link and David Gonzalez and I thanked all of the volunteers and those who participated in the event.

**July 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, noon** Attended the Welcome Lunch hosted by the new Supt. of Schools Dr. Mark Porto. It was very well attended by Administrators, teachers, staff members and the School Board Trustees. It was an informal way to get to know one another and we all thanked Dr. Porto for sponsoring and hosting the delicious lunch.

**6:30 pm** spoke to the Graduates of the Junior Police Academy and congratulated them on behalf of all the Council. Chief Michael Colaneri recognized all of the people involved in the training of these boys and girls who would subsequently participate as volunteers in various town events.

**7:30 pm** Attended the Planning Board Meeting.

**July 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 pm** participated in a Conference Call with the Governor's Policy Advisor at 2:30 pm in the office of Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. We had sent that office a series of questions concerning the CAP and loss of revenue from the State and how the difficult it would be for the Borough to be able to continue to serve the public under the CAP without the Tool Kit in place, etc. This was one of several communications prior to and subsequent to this particular call. We have a resolution to be passed asking for the Tool Kit to be put in place. We also want to see State Mandates without State Pay eliminated.

**July 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm** – I called a meeting of the Fire Committee to discuss several matters of importance that also included budget cuts and the need to continue to support our various departments in serving our residents and businesses. In attendance were Fire Chiefs Joe Taylor, Richard Giarratana and Pat Hayes along with Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Business Administrator Mike Kronyak.

**July 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am** Met informally with Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa to discuss various Police matters.

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**11:30 am.** Met with the Finance Committee Members Chair Pam Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa and Borough Administrator. Under discussion were ways and means to plan for next year's budget in anticipation of the new CAP and the expected loss of more State Aid. It was agreed by all that new Revenue sources were extremely important and ways and means to approach this matter without serious losses in service were discussed. A number of committees are working on this project, with their subsequent reports to be made public when completed. A joint meeting will also be held with the new Supt. of Schools. We have always worked compatibly with the School District and we are now looking to expand that work. After these meetings I went to the Farmers' market as the rains came down.

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m.** Met with the Labor Attorney and Arbitrator along with Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak in reference to the Police Contract. The Arbitrator also met with the PBA Attorney and officers in another room. We will meet again on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> as the earliest possible meeting date convenient to the Arbitrator and Attorneys who are also involved in other Contract negotiations in at least 12 other towns. This does not preclude meetings of the parties prior to December.

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Dept. has been without a contract since January, 2010. The Department is now contributing to Health Benefits.

**Noon** I attended the Senior Citizens Picnic sponsored by the town. It is now held indoors in the Senior Citizens Room of the Municipal Building due to the extreme summer heat. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The planning and her work on that day; she did a great job as usual. Peter Lieberman provided the music that brought out the dancers and songs were sung by Edith Avella. Our thanks to Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees for all of the pre- planning and the work done that day; she always does a great job and we couldn't have done it without her. Thank you again Ro.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am** Police Committee meeting was attended by Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Police Chief Colaneri, Capt. Jack DeLorenzo of the Detective Bureau, Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak and me. An in-depth meeting was held and status reports given by the Chief.

In the afternoon I went to the Farmer's Market. It is open on Tuesdays from Noon to 6 pm. It is one of my favorite places to shop.

That same day I commiserated with a number of people who were saddened by the soon to be closed Carroll's Fashions. Lots of memories were discussed. Then I received some very good news – Bob Spindler would be re-opening Spindler's Bakery

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in September. What wonderful news for our town. Visions of delicious crumb cakes and buns came to mind.

I also want to share some thoughts about how lucky we are to have such a wonderful business community. Summer heat is the worst time for our businesses and I want to report that our food establishments are varied and they serve delicious foods of all kinds. Take a cooking break and either go out for a nice lunch or dinner during these hot spells. I also have business meetings in our various eateries – like Lovey's and Fisher's and a new one for me Maria's Kitchen. On the north end of town it was suggested I try Roma's Pizza and it is delicious – then I tried Heights Pizza across from the Municipal Building equally delicious. All the Pizzas in town have a distinct quality and taste and you can't beat them. Add to that Cucina's Grandma's Sicilian Pizza. And let's not forget IHOP pancakes and Heights Bar and Grill special Burger and Sweet Potato Fries. I have to stop now because I am getting hungry. And I also have to get back to the Café Cubano's for their delicious sandwiches and rice and beans. I don't want to leave out the delicious entrees at Tuscany's.

My point – in order for us to have these businesses and all the others, we have to make sure to shop in town and support our locals as much as possible. I try to shop at each place and was very pleased when I needed a pair of sunglasses, I always lose them, when I stopped in at The newly opened Tibet Shop. There were so many from which to choose and the prices were right, so I bought two pairs. I had the opportunity to briefly view the variety of beautiful items including jewelry and handbags. I am going back to take more time to check out the items – even some beautiful and colorful clothing.

This was a commercial break and now back to business – Again I do have business lunches here in town and introduce people from all over to our wonderful town. I love it.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm.** Met with Fire Chiefs Taylor, Giarratano and Hayes, Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak. A number of matters were discussed including when the new Ambulance would be arriving. We are planning to present the Port Authority with A Certificate of Appreciation for the \$80,000 they donated towards its purchase when it arrives.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** held separate meetings between 6:30 pm and 7:45 p.m. with Council Members in groups of two to present new information on matters of importance.

I have been meeting with residents from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday nights in the Library. This is in lieu of my Saturday meetings that will begin again in September when the Library Summer Hours are complete. Don't forget the Library Bash is coming up in August. Stop by the Library for all the information. Don't miss it, I know I won't.

**TETERBORO:**

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Mayor Heck asked that the following be included as part of the record:

***The following is a release from Mayor and former Assemblywoman Rose Heck. It includes the testimony given by her on Thursday, June 24, 2010 before the Assembly Budget Committee on Bill A-2939.***

First I would like to point out to the Committee that Hasbrouck Heights will be losing almost \$200,000 in revenue if this legislation is adopted.

The Borough of Hasbrouck Heights has had a Fire and Ambulance Service Contract with the Borough of Teterboro for which we now receive \$92,150. In addition we have a contract with the Borough of Teterboro for which we receive the sum of \$6,141 for 9-1-1 services.

For almost a year The Boroughs of Hasbrouck Heights, Teterboro and South Hackensack have been meeting with the County Superintendent of Schools who has been given the mandate to consolidate School Districts and to eliminate those Districts which do not have K through 12 Schools. I attended meetings along with the Supt. of Schools, President of the Board of Trustees and School Business Administrator. Teterboro chose to send all of its students to the Hasbrouck Heights K through 12 School District beginning September of this coming school year. That Tuition Contract totals \$71,704. South Hackensack chose to join their students with the Hackensack School District.

***Under this legislation Hasbrouck Heights will lose all of those contracts and all of that revenue.***

I watched Power and Politics last week when Senator (Sen.) Bob Gordon asked: 'Why should there be a Teterboro? I think we should start somewhere. If we can't succeed with Teterboro with a population of 40 we won't be able to succeed anywhere.'

Assemblywoman (Asw.) Connie Wagner on that same show said: "I think people are ready now to consolidate.....Why should towns separated by one mile have 2 Police Chiefs? "

"Consolidate Municipalities was their proposal through legislation A-2939 and subsequently S-2078—Teterboro has 60 businesses they said with 40 residents. Their "Plan" is to dissolve Teterboro and merge it with four towns.

***As a point of information The Teterboro Administrator says their Borough has 138 businesses not 60.***

The Wagner Gordon Plan - Divides Teterboro's \$382 Million Dollars in ratables among the four surrounding towns.

Teterboro has a budget of \$5.3 million

Asw. Wagner says 60 % of those polled say we must consolidate.

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Who did they poll and when? One family (who lives in the Borough of South Hackensack in one of its two non contiguous pieces of property) she said was happy to hear they can now be part of another community closer to where they now live.

***That Community is Wood-Ridge where the mayor is Sen. Paul Sarlo – This was a deal with South Hackensack and let's ask who is getting 76 % of the ratables? The answer – South Hackensack. Asw. Wagner is a native of South Hackensack***

***Add to that the Borough of Little Ferry whose Mayor is the former Chief of Staff of Sen. Gordon and one of the sitting Council Members there is Tom Sarlo. Who is his brother? OH yes, Senator Paul Sarlo who chaired the Senate Hearing on the bill that will give Little Ferry the second largest piece of the Borough of Teterboro and then his town will get the section of South Hackensack in Garfield Park. Of course there is no conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict for Sen. Sarlo...Or is there?***

Sen Gordon noted on Politics NJ All across the State we have problems: 70 town and 78 School Districts in Bergen County – In the State 566 Municipalities and 616 School Districts. This is just the beginning of consolidation.

Again I refer to Sen Gordon's other quote... ***"Why should there be a Teterboro?"***

***Why should there be – you name it ....any small town?***

***Why not join South Hackensack and Little Ferry***

***South Hackensack has a small town population of 2,200 people – Yet they are getting 76% of the ratables. Why?***

***Well according to Sen. Gordon and Asw. Wagner we have too many small towns in this state. Okay, then why not join South Hackensack with its 2,200 people to Little Ferry with its population of 10,800.***

***And then there's Moonachie with a total of 2,754 people; they're going to celebrate their Centennial this year. Why not give them a present and dissolve them and merge them with Hasbrouck Heights population 11,662?***

According to the consolidation motivation and reasoning being offered by Sen. Gordon and Asw. Wagner, they could have eliminated three small towns in one bill. Poof disappear Teterboro! Disappear South Hackensack and Disappear Moonachie!

***Is this really a consolidation bill?***

Where is the rationale used in this division and eradication of the Borough of Teterboro?

What is the justification?

**TETERBORO (cont;d):**

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***Why wasn't Teterboro asked to sit at the initial meetings held with the other three towns?***

***Why wasn't Hasbrouck Heights given that opportunity, after we were told when at a first time meeting called by Sen. Gordon earlier this month, that we would be sitting with all the other mayors, including Mayor Watt of Teterboro, to come to a mutual understanding and agreement?***

Yes members of the Budget Committee that's what I was told in the presence of our Borough Administrator/Finance Officer. Next day after meeting with Sen. Gordon, I received a call from The Record saying that an Assembly Bill was being dropped by Asw. Wagner. It took time to get that bill number and we couldn't find a companion Senate Bill number until yesterday, when we received a call at 10:30 a.m. that not only did the bill have a number, but it was being heard by the Senate Budget Committee.

Could the decision not to include Hasbrouck Heights in the talks have anything to do with the fact that our town has the only recognizable Republican Council Majority?

Oh how could I possibly think that way? Why after all the sponsors of the Senate and Assembly Bills never even had the courage to approach the Borough of Teterboro until less than 2 weeks ago to give that Borough any clue that they would wipe them off the map in less than 6 months.

***I respectfully request that this committee investigate this entire matter not just because of what I have just said, but because of the hasty and non professional manner in which this bill came about and could destroy a project that has been on Teterboro's drawing Board for the past couple of years.***

Pro Logis Developers are slated to bring a project of such magnitude into Bergen County that it will produce at least 1,000 construction jobs and 2,700 permanent jobs at the former Honeywell, former Bendix Site.

I was at one of Teterboro's early meetings with Pro Logis because the Mayor of Teterboro and I have been working to bring a station to what we call the Teterboro/Heights train stop. We met with Pro Logis and New Jersey Transit was there in Teterboro's newly renovated Municipal Building, because this has been a project I have been proposing to NJ Transit and wanted to see happen. Mayor Watt and I both pushed to have Pro Logis donate a piece of their property to give NJ Transit space for a 250 to 300 car park and ride.

Pro Logis was to work everything out with Transit. I have always believed that was happening, but when I spoke with Mayor Watt very recently, he told me NJ Transit refused the idea.

He also told me that a National Coffee and Donut shop was willing to pay for the station to be built at that train stop if they could have a 20 year lease at the site and NJ Transit refused it.

**TETERBORO (cont'd):**

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This is something I am very anxious to speak to the new commissioner about. What a mistake that was? I hope it can be reversed.

***My point in being here today is to ask you to hold the bill until a thorough analysis has been made of all the pieces of this legislation and what, if any, fair and equitable handling of this very important, precedent making takeover is made.***

The last time a consolidation was made it was sponsored by then Asm. Leonard Lance and it was done in agreement with the two towns.

Hasbrouck Heights strongly objects to the passage of this poorly thought out and unfair piece of legislation.

***Two other points to be considered. Hasbrouck Heights is not part of the Meadowlands District which is referenced in the bill. And second: Part of that postage sized piece of property Sen. Gordon and Asw. Wagner proposed for Hasbrouck Heights contains a fuel depot, a pump station, which Hasbrouck Heights will have to maintain, and the Bergen County Animal Shelter; all non ratables.***

This completed the Testimony I had prepared.

The Assembly Budget Committee was to begin at 10 a.m. but did not begin till after 11 a.m. A-2939 was on the agenda, about fifth on the list of bills to be heard, but was skipped many times over. A recess was called close to 4 p.m. for 20 minutes. I took the opportunity to write a note to the Chairman, since I heard the bill might be held till Friday. I asked if that were so and if not I would stay until such time as the bill would be heard. Chairman Greenwald kindly came over to me to apologize and say he would call the bill as soon as the recess was over. He did so.

Senator Gordon and Assemblywoman Wagner presented the bill along with Assemblyman Prieto who was also a bill sponsor. After they had spoken I was allowed to present my statement.

Question was asked by the Chairman, Why since Teterboro and Hasbrouck Heights seemed to communicate so well didn't we consolidate. I told the Chair, when I was in the Assembly I had approached the Borough, but they didn't want to. I had cordial talks with Mayor Watt about two years ago to consider the move. He said he would think about it and then about a year ago, he said he really didn't want to do that, but would prefer going to Moonachie since his family originally came from that town.

Mayor Watt still believes the Borough of Teterboro is unique in its Business Friendly atmosphere and low taxes. He points to the many businesses that have come there and still come there and that the Borough brings jobs to the area that would otherwise not locate in the highly taxed County of Bergen.

**TETERBORO (cont'd):**

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After I gave my testimony, I then read the statement of Bill Dressel the Executive Director of the League of Municipalities objecting to the legislation in its entirety. Mr. Dressel had to leave to attend another meeting and asked me as a Member of the League to do so.

There was one more speaker representing Quest Diagnostics located in Teterboro. That company employs 2,000 people and stated their objections to the bill. Quest also objected to the legislation and also raised numerous questions.

***A vote was then taken. The bill was passed out of committee with the Democrats voting yes and the Republicans voting no.***

I left the hearings at about 5:15 p.m. as the committee proceeded to hear other bills.

My trip to Trenton began at 8:30 a.m. in Hasbrouck Heights and I arrived back home at close to 7 p.m. It was well worth the time since I was able to put many questions in the minds of the committee members. As a matter of fact the chairman told the sponsors of the bill to prepare answers to the many questions asked since they would more than likely come up when the bill reached the floor of the Assembly.

***I want the residents and taxpayers of Hasbrouck Heights to know that we all have been working tirelessly to pull maps together, the assessments in Teterboro and the history of the land that was given by Hasbrouck Heights to the Borough of Teterboro in 1918. Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak has worked nights and weekends on gathering information and creating the maps seen in this article. Work and information researched and gathered by Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, and Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless.***

***The Council voted unanimously to oppose this legislation. For those interested it appears on the town Web Site, [www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us](http://www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us).***

I also must thank my contacts in Trenton for their help in tracking this quickly put together and introduced legislation that enabled me to rush down to Trenton to testify. Without them, The Borough of Hasbrouck Heights would not have known what the bills looked like or when they were introduced. Keep in mind neither Sen. Gordon, nor Asw. Wagner gave us the courtesy of that information.

We will continue to fight for our Borough and keep you informed of our work to have Hasbrouck Heights treated fairly in these very questionable proceedings that could result in a loss of revenue for our town, and not only an unfair but an unjust division of the Borough of Teterboro.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** 142. Bingo License for Corpus Christi Church

**CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

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143. Bingo License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi School

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved.

- RESOLUTIONS:** 144. Authorizing Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations at 230 Franklin Avenue, Block 43, Lot 26, and Impressing a Lien for Costs Thereof upon the Premises

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

145. Awarding a Contract for Construction of the Tinted, Hot Resin Crosswalks for Boulevard Streetscape Phases I and II

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

146. Authorizing Contract with B.C. Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program for 2009 Award for Woodland Park Pavilion

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

147. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2010-0006 for Block 112, Lot 11

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

148. Calling on the State Legislature and the Governor to Enact Property Tax Reform with Passage of the 'Municipal Toolkit' and Mandates Relief

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2241:**



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**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 152 ENTITLED “GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE VII, OUTDOOR DUMPSTERS AND REFUSE CONTAINERS EXPOSED TO STORMWATER” TO REQUIRE THAT THE SAME BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES AND PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE THEREFROM INTO THE STORMWATER SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** as 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 August 10, 2010.

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2242:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 235 ENTITLED “STORMWATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE IA, PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING” GOVERNING THE RETROFITTING OF EXISTING STORM DRAIN INLETS THAT ARE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH REPAVING, REPAIRING, RECONSTRUCTION OR RESURFACING OR ALTERATIONS OF FACILITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY”**as 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 August 10, 2010.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2243:**

**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 PERMIT UNDER CERTAIN SPECIFIED LIMITS AND CONDITIONS “SANDWICH BOARD” SIGNS AS THE SAME ARE DEFINED HEREIN IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS IN THE B-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont’d):**

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**DISTRICT**” as 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 August 10, 2010.

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2244:**

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO ALLOW SIDEWALK CAFES AS A LAWFUL ACCESSORY TO CERTAIN PREMISES HAVING A PLENARY RETAIL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION LICENSE PURSUANT TO § 84-3 AND § 84-13 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** as 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 August 10, 2010.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

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

Patrick McCarthy, 123 Kipp Avenue, had attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA which was held at Bergen Community College on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He noted that Hasbrouck Heights received four awards for Woodland Park Accessibility which had been recommended by the Community Awareness Access for All Committee and that Aimee McCarthy had given the acceptance speech. Hasbrouck Heights was one of only six Bergen County towns to receive this award.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO RE-OPEN AND ADJOURN:**

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Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez 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 July 27, 2010.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk