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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 25, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 8:46 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, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Dingertopadre gave the Invocation as follows:

"I offer you peace. I offer you love. I offer you friendship. I see your beauty. I hear your need. I feel your feelings My wisdom flows from the Highest Source. I salute that Source in you. Let us work together for unity and love. ___Mahatma Ghandi

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Jr. Football Jr. Aviators 2010 Super Bowl Champion Football Team

Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates and congratulated the team members. Head Coach Jack DeLorenzo offered some words of congratulations and that this was the best team he has coached ever. Team members are: Mauro Altamura, Michael Blanco, Jawaun Carew, Kyler Ellerson, Matthew Faussette, Franklin Garcia, Jace Garcia, Oscar Granados, Joshua Hanrahan, Michael Ingram, Keith Mlenak, Jack Lalko, Justin Lapuz, Jonathan Mascis, Elwinson Miranda, Brian Moran, Richard Neumann, Nate Onorato, Kyle Perri, James Pikowski, Scott Salerno, Steven Salerno, Bryan Sanchez, Christian Sanchez, Seth

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PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Scalvino, Alex Sodora, Shawn Sodora, Matthew Sproviero, Anthony Stefanelli, Christopher Tattoli and Michael Thorpe. Head Coach: Jack DeLorenzo. Asst. Coaches: Dave Palmieri, Chuck Anderson, John Behr, Dom D'Amico, Rob Delcalzo, Ron Gyenes, Joe Rinke, Rob Riordan and Steve Soares.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Jr. Football Jr. Aviators 2010 Super Bowl Champion Football Team Cheerleaders

Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez presented certificates and congratulated the cheerleaders. Coach Lesley Giaquinto thanked the cheerleaders for their wonderful support. Cheerleaders are: Desiree Balboa, Diana Battaglia, Ornella Borsani, Katherine Campbell, Winona Coe, Summer Culkin, Ashley Cutruzzula, Danielle Dallara, Rachel Dallara, Jillian Digiacinto, Emma Frazee, Grace Garcia, Youstina Gerges, Jenna Giaquinto, Dikira Hill, Kristen Inglesby, Lisa Kashuba, Amanda Magno, Vasi Motsios, Samantha Parente, Melanie Parisi, Alessandra Pasqualone, Stacey Porzl, Juliana Quatrone, Megan Rinke, Hailey Ross, Daniella Rotella, Emely Santiago, Jillian Sears, Destinee Silva, Jamie Sudol, Amanda Todd, Gabriella Tuzzo, Jennifer Varga, Bethany Ventola, Alyssa Verdi and Rebecca Weber. Coaches: Lesley Giaquinto and Courtney Kelly.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Thank You to Mayor Heck for participating in Drug Awareness Rally at Euclid and Lincoln Schools

2) Invitation to Mayor and Council to be guest speakers at the Boy Scout Citizenship in the Community Assembly on March 11, 2011

3) Letter from Senator Robert Gordon re: A3603/S2588

4) Letter from Cablevision announcing franchise fee payment for 2010 in the amount of \$108,961.00

5) Letter from South Hackensack Fire Department thanking the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department for their assistance at recent fire at the Super 8 Motel

Items #3, 4 & 5 were requested to be read into the record (Copies attached).

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

PETITIONS: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(December 14, 2010 Regular Meeting and Work Session, December 28, 2010 Special Meeting and December 28, 2010 Regular Meeting, January 1, 2011 Sine Die Meeting, January 1, 2011 Reorganization Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$266,534.42 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 Pamela J. Link
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE AND LAND USE: Under Police, Deputy Commissioner Gonzalez as submitted by Chief Colaneri reported the Police Department news included that Ptl Cooke has completed his departmental training and has been assigned patrol duties. The Police Department participated in Euclid and Lincoln Schools Anti-Drug rallies and would like to thank the principals, teachers and PTA for the invitation. The Euclid and Lincoln Schools 5th Grade DARE graduation was held on January 13, 2011. The students did a great job. Sgt. Rinke did a fantastic job with the children. The students danced the night away at a party following the graduation. We would like to thank the Anti-Drug council for providing the D.J. and PTA for the refreshments. The Department's annual beefsteak to benefit Special Olympics was held on Friday, January 21, 2011. It was well attended with 360 people. We would like to thank the VFW, Nash Distributors, Kohler Beverages, Peerless Beverages, Stan's Sport Center, Modell's, PC Richards, New Balance, Quest Fitness and Colaneri Brothers for their donations. Statistics for 2010 included in December calls totaled 960 and year to date was 11,204. There were 296 motor vehicle violations. Statistics for the month of December included Under

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POLICE AND LAND USE:

Land Use Deputy Commissioner Gonzalez reported the frigid temperatures have affected the applications for home improvements as well as any commercial construction that would normally take place during this time of the year. \$6,199 was collected in permit fees. \$450 was collected in Continuing Certificates of Occupancy. Seventy-six UCC inspections were done during the past month with 70 passing on the first inspection. The property maintenance inspector made 37 inspections. He issued 6 warnings notices. 11 Summons were issued. Once again we are reminding residents of Ordinance 236.6 which states that sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 12 hours of daylight after snow has stopped falling. No warnings have to be issued prior to a summons being issued for this offense. It should be noted that you may receive multiple summons for the same snowfall – i.e. if snow isn't shoveled after the first 12 hour period and the inspector or police officer returns the following day and the snow is still not removed and every day thereafter. This is to insure the safety of pedestrians.

RECREATION & PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reminded Recreation Softball sign ups are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m. All Youth Basketball clinics for 1st and 2nd grade boys are being held in 24 Hour Fitness. The Recreation Center is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 7-10 p.m. for 6th-8th grade children, cost is \$30. The Recreation Wrestling Team finalized their competition schedule with the department hosting the Hasbrouck Heights Invitational Tournament scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6 and Andy Feintuch District Championship scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 20. The Recreation Wrestlastics program in its fourth year teaches the fundamentals to 1st grade boys. The Recreation Youth Basketball program is halfway through its season. This year personal fouls and carded referees at the 5th and 6th grade level. There are five traveling teams, 5th and 6th grade girls, 7th and 8th grade girls, 5th and 6th grade boys and two 7th and 8th grade boys teams. Al DeAngelo's 7th and 8th grade girls traveling team was congratulated for winning the South Hackensack tournament this week. Adult Basketball and Volleyball programs are ongoing. Daily Senior programs are held in the Senior Center. Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported The Department of Public Works is reporting that due to extremely large amounts of snow being removed throughout the borough, the DPW yard is nearing full capacity to stockpile snow. As in the past, once they have reached capacity the snow will be stockpiled in the rear parking lot of Woodland Park. This area is the lot at the western end of the park that borders Curtis-Wright property. As Library liaison, she reported in 2010 resulted in the highest circulation figures ever with a total of 118,961 items circulated. An average of 578 people use the computers every week. There are 7,782 card holders, 67% of the population has a library card. There were 4,954 people attending library programs, 184 groups used a meeting room, reference questions answered were 5159. The Crafts to Share Club donated 4,753 hours of knitted and crocheted blankets to Tomorrow's Children's Fund and the Hackensack University Medical Center. She thanked the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education and Corpus

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RECREATION AND PARKS (cont'd):

Christi's school administration for addressing the after school library behavior. A letter was sent to all parents of town school students.

STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION: As Commissioner, Councilman Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works has responded to five snow storms so far this season. The first was on December 26, 2010 which dropped 24 inches of snow in a blizzard that caused Governor Christie to declare a "State of Emergency". The DPW plowed the roads for 23 hours during that storm and then performed snow removal over the next two nights on the Boulevard, business district, churches, and school areas where the Board of Education had stockpiled the snow. The next storm was on January 7 that covered the streets with an additional five inches of snow requiring eight hours of plowing. Then on January 11 snow in the amount of ten inches fell on the Borough requiring more plowing time and again snow removal was performed on the Boulevard, around churches, and schools. The fourth storm was a mix of snow and sleet for an accumulation of four inches of an icy mix before turning over to all rain. Salt trucks were out on the roads during this event and the plows had to push off the slush. The most recent storm dropped six (6) inches of snow on January 20 again bringing out a full response from the DPW. Bergen County was billed for the snow plowing completed on the on the county roads within the Borough for a total of \$9,080. Also the DPW expenses related to the "State of Emergency" were submitted to Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak for reimbursement from the State. Repairs to vehicles were as follows:

1. John Deere Loader 444G – out of service for use of main line snow plow route due to a broken lift arm and malfunction of an electrical diode in the transmission.
2. 1979 Mack Garbage Truck – beyond repair and out of service since it would not be cost effective to make any extensive repairs to the truck based on age & rust erosion to the body.
3. Salt Spreader Truck – replace hydraulic hoses.
4. Snow Plow Blades – replace cutting edges on all plows.
5. Mason Dump Truck – replace fuel pump/new brakes, pistons, & rotors.
6. Dump Truck 206 – replace rusted oil pan & gasket.
7. Ford Bronco – replace universal joint.

As Environmental/ Transportation liaison, he reported

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES: The Current Fund cash balance at November 30th was \$4,185,148.47 and at October 31st was \$2,004,694.42 which represents an increase of \$2,180,454.05. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.50%. Cash receipts for the month of November totaled \$6,473,653.98 of which \$6,179,238.19 was for Current Taxes, \$180,898.48 was Grants and State Aid, \$12,273.20 was Pre-paid Taxes and \$101,244.11 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of November totaled \$3,893,199.93 of

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which \$1,919,932.75 was for Local School Taxes, \$974,279.00 was for County Taxes, \$592,744.74 was for Salaries and \$406,243.44 was for Other Expenses. The 2011 budget process is well under way with the Finance Committee meeting Tuesday mornings at 11:30. The food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need that has to register can do so with Robert Brady by calling (201) 288-4143. Thank you to the generous volunteers that help stock and supervise the food pantry. Thus far, during the month of January, there were 92 visitors to the Food Pantry who received food and a food store gift card each week. We would like to especially thank the following for their most generous donations of food or gift cards: Holy Trinity Church, Mrs. Ganz 3rd Grade Class at Euclid School for a huge bag of gloves, mittens and scarves; Corpus Christi "Meals on a Mission" and Brown Bag Sunday; Kathy Van Jura, Karen McDowell, Pertuz Family, Joe Manginelli, Phyllis Berman, Janine Dattalico, Josephine McClean, Lynn Petronella, Arlene Carreau, Janet Pinkus, Mion Family, Ron Ellis, Judy Marques, Joann Trippodo, Kathleen Hoffman, Joan Laguerre, Steve Reyndoudt and Mary DeSantis. The response from the residents and friends of Hasbrouck Heights continues to be outstanding and very much appreciated. Please call the Recreation office at (201) 288 -4143 or the Borough Clerk's office at (201) 288-0195 if you would like to make a donation. Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Link reported that at Borough Hall, the electrical relays that control the outside lights of the facility were malfunctioning and were replaced. All borough buildings were cleared of snow over the period of the five storms in time for the full operation of borough business. Facilities include Municipal Complex and its parking lots, Public Safety Building and its parking lots, and all sewer pumping stations. The schedule of meetings was as follows: Community Room – 12; Caucus Room – 3; Council Chambers – 2; Senior Center – 2 (other than Senior activities) and Lobby – 2 (Recreation Dept.).

FIRE: Under Fire, Commissioner Dingertopadre reported that the Fire Department answered 47 calls, Ambulance 117 calls. The Fire Department went around town clearing out the fire hydrants from snow and asked residents that while they were cleaning out the front of their homes, would they please clean around the fire hydrants. They also asked residents to please park on one side of the street to make it easier for emergency vehicles to get through.

HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported that the Board of Health would like to remind residents that their 2010 Dog License will expire on Jan 31, 2011. To date the Health Dept. has issued over 500 licenses and collected over \$6,000 in annual fees. If a resident no longer has a dog please contact the Health Dept. so they may update their records at 201-288-1636. Teterboro Animal Shelter offers free Rabies Shots to all Bergen County Residents, please call for dates and time.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Heck began her report by respectfully asking for a moment's silence in memory of Eileen Kiick who passed away last night. She was an active member of our community and a longtime volunteer member of our Recreation Dept.

January 1, Saturday. The Mayor's Annual Report was given by the entire Council and me. It was a very busy year of budget cutting measures and also a productive year in all departments. The Finance Committee recommendations for additional revenues such as the Cameras at the Red Lights on Route 17 were awarded and the groundwork for the paid EMTs was laid. The latter expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2011.

The Fire Dept. Hook and Ladder engine is out of service pending repair and coverage is arranged through mutual aid. This was an unexpected happening while the truck was in the hands of a service company for repair of the hydraulics system.

Remington Vernick our Planners have issued a draft for the review and recommendations from the Planning Board. Copies are also in the hands of the entire Council and Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk.

Jan. 4, Tuesday, 11:30a.m. Finance Committee Chair Pam Link, Deputy Chair Justin DiPisa, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I met to actively pursue the budget for 2011 to be introduced in late February or early March depending on the State's yet to be determined requirements. This is in a state of Flux due to the 2 % CAP and the pending Tool Kit requested of the legislature by Governor Christie. This is a difficult time for all Municipalities since much of the needed information pertaining to State Aid has yet to be given. It is anticipated that much of that information will be given when the Governor gives his Budget Message within the next two weeks.

7 p.m. Attended the Reorganization of the Access for All Community Awareness Program with Councilwoman Link. Dorothy McCarthy was elected the Chairwoman for 2011. Tentative plans were discussed.

Jan. 5, Wednesday, 7:30 pm. Attended the Reorganization of the Planning Board. Henry Dobbelaar was re-elected Chairman and Andrea Bocker re-elected Vice Chair.

Jan. 8th, 6 pm., Saturday. I along with the members of the Council attended the Fire Department's Reorganization Dinner Meeting held at GreyCliff. I had the honor of swearing in the officers for each of the departments. I extended the thanks of the residents of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights to all of our volunteer fire and ambulance personnel and their families for the thousands of hours they give in community service. They do an outstanding job.

Jan. 9th 1 pm, Sunday. I attended the Swearing in of County Executive Kathleen Donovan along with Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pamela Link and Russell Lipari.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Jan. 11th, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. attended the League of Municipalities Mayors' Breakfast Meeting held at the Arena Diner. County Executive Kathe Donovan was guest speaker. Later in the day watched the Governor's State of the State Speech on television.

11:30 am. Met with Mike Kronyak, Pam Link and Justin DiPisa for another Finance Meeting.

Jan. 13th, 7 pm Thursday: Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and I attended the Fifth Graders of Lincoln and Euclid Schools D.A.R.E. Graduation held at Hasbrouck Heights High School. The winners of the Writing Contest presented their essays and received their prizes which this year were backpacks. Sgt. Joseph Rinke is now in charge of the D.A.R.E. program and did a wonderful job. He was given that position by Police Chief Michael Colaneri after the retirement of Lt. Shawn Mullins who for many years served admirably as the Hasbrouck Heights D.A.R.E. Officer.

Jan. 14th, 9 am Attended the Euclid School Drug Awareness Week Culmination Program, followed at 10:30 a.m. the Lincoln School Culmination Program. The Children in both schools participated in daily Anti Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol educational programs held during that week.

Our Finance Meeting on Wednesday, the 18th was cancelled because of snow.

Jan. 19th, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Attended the Library Board meeting with Councilwoman Sonya Buckman. Had the honor of Swearing In the entire membership of the Library Board of Trustees. A full agenda of important Library matters was given full attention. Lisa Traina was re-elected President of the Board.

Jan. 21st, Friday, Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I attended a meeting with Dept. of Community Affairs Commissioner Lori Griffa sponsored by Sen. Bob Gordon. An overview of matters under her supervision was given, and that included discussion of shared services and possible consolidation.

Jan 24th, Monday, 7:30 p.m., Attended the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee meeting. Pat Link was re-elected Chair of that committee. Discussion and appointments of Chairs to the various events under that committee's leadership was discussed and members volunteered.

Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. I attended a special Library program featuring The Walt Disney Princesses on Ice. Our special guest was Belle from Beauty and the Beast. 160 people attended and the children particularly enjoyed the event. I presented a Key to the City

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to Disney Productions skaters one of whom read from a special Disney Princesses story book. That book is available in our library for children to borrow. I extend my special thanks to Mimi Hui our exceptional director who is always more than willing to

host programs such as these. I know how much residents of our town appreciate her and her staff.

7 p.m. Finance Meeting was held in Mike Kronyak's office. We have a big job to do this year and are hoping that we do not lose any more State funding. As you all know the State took away approximately \$279,000 from us last year. There is only \$100,000 remaining in State Aid and we hope this amount remains.

I continue to meet on Saturdays in the Library from 10 am to noon. This Saturday due to a conflict I ask those who plan to come to arrive as close to 10 am as possible since I have another commitment that will necessitate my leaving early.

As a reminder I also receive information through the various departments and the calls made to the Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees at 201-288-0195, and the Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak at 201-288-7209. You may also write to HOT LINE REPORTS, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

That completes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
23. Raffle License for Concerned Parents Association of Corpus Christi
 24. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2010-0002 for Block 10, Lot 46.02
 25. Suspension of Redford's Liquor License
 26. Authorizing Application for Tonnage Grants for 2010
 27. Raffle License for Corpus Christi Church

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

RESOLUTIONS: None

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ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2251 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2251:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2011”** 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 Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2251 which was made by Councilwoman Link seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

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

Justin Watrel, 506 Collins Avenue, representing the Executive Board of the Hasbrouck Heights Friends of the Library, wished to inform everyone that their Membership Fund Drive was now being held. Currently there are 46 members and a new program has been introduced including a Juniors Program for ages 4 through 17, with membership fee \$5.00 for junior members. The Friends are planning a Chinese New Year event on February 6, and all were invited to attend. Included with membership in the Friends is the Merchant Program which provides discounts within Hasbrouck Heights with Chamber of Commerce merchants. The Spring Book and Bake sale raised over \$2,000 and the Fall Book and Bake sale raised over \$1,800 which all goes to library programming. The Friends donated \$10,200 this year. He thanked the Council for all their support.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 9:01 p.m. Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman 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 January 25, 2011.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk