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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 27, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 8:05 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Acting Borough Clerk Michael Kronyak 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 3, 2011 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2011.

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

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Councilman DiPisa gave the Invocation as follows:

Councilman DiPisa asked everyone to take a moment to think about one thing that they were thankful for today. "Dear Lord thank you for all the things that we take for granted, our health, our families, help us as a Mayor and Council to make decisions that are in the best interest for all residents of Hasbrouck Heights. Give us the grace and wisdom to be able to do that each and every meeting. Thank you. Amen."

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Invitation from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Porto to attend the October 17, 2011 Superintendent Community Outreach on new regulations regarding Anti-Harassment and Bullying
2. Letter from Colleen Jarvis resigning from the Board of Health

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

3. Letter from Cynthia Capozzi of the Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club regarding 9/11 10th Anniversary Memorial Committee

4. E-Mail regarding Flood Response Contact and Disaster Assistance Information field office location

Items #1, #2 and #4 were requested to be read into the record (Copies attached). Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$186,512.69 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 DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE AND LAND USE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa reported that as submitted by Police Chief Colaneri, two new patrol cars were received, one of the vehicles paid from funds from outside contractors. Schools were open on September 7 with all school guards and walking school bus guards were on post. The DARE program has started with Sgt. Rinke visiting the 5th grades on a weekly basis. New

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POLICE AND LAND USE (cont'd): oxygen and first aid kits have been received and placed in all patrol cars. A DWI checkpoint was held on September 3, fully funded by the B.C. Prosecutor's office utilizing confiscated funds. Twenty-seven summonses were issued including five DWI's and two persons were transported to Hackensack University Medical Center under the ATRA program by Lt. Archer who also coordinated the entire event. The Police Color Guard participated in the Borough's 9-11 Memorial Vigil Program. A letter of thanks was sent to Chief Colaneri for their prompt response on Aug. 18 from Gloria Braun. Year to date statistics for 2010 total parking summonses were 2,058 compared to 2011 of 2,700. Moving violations were up from 2010 of 894 to 975 in 2011. Totals are 2010 were 2,952 and 2011 3,675. Under Land Use, he reported that due to Hurricane Irene many people were affected with construction due to flooding. He noted there will be a Town Forum on this as it relates to illegal sump pumps.

RECREATION & PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported, as submitted by Recreation Director Rob Brady, that Town Day will be held on the rain date, October 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Woodland Park. Halloween in the Park will be held on October 18, with a rain date of October 20. There will be two wagon trips every 15 minutes starting at 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Recreation Youth Basketball registration is October 6 and 13 from 7-9 p.m. in the Recreation office. Recreation Wrestling registration is October 5 and 12 from 7-9 p.m. in the Recreation office. Wrestlastics registration is October 5 from 7-9 p.m. Two health screenings from Cardiac Scan Imaging will be held on October 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are requested. The Recreation Center is open on most Friday and Saturday evenings for sixth, seventh and eighth grade children with registration at the door. The Senior Halloween Party will be held on October 26 from 12-3 p.m. in the Senior Center for borough resident seniors. Adult basketball and volleyball programs are ongoing. For more information contact the recreation offices at hhrec@aol.com or on Facebook and Twitter. Under Parks, as submitted by DPW Supt. William Spindler, Commissioner Buckman reported the DPW carried out the task of preparing the Firemen's Memorial Park for the 10-year Anniversary Ceremony of 9/11 as a tribute of remembrance and honor. Coordinating construction of new sidewalks, electrical power box, lighting for the Flag pole, 9/11 Memorial stone and the actual preparation of the beams received from the World Trade Center (WTC) along with flower beds was met with success at the dedication. The WTC beams themselves needed to be prepared for proper installation into concrete footings. With honor and pride, Steven Daus, DPW mechanic, undertook the role of preparing these sacred steel beams, fabricating a base, and securing the beams. DPW Supt. Spindler was proud of his talented efforts along with all those in his department who were involved in the project. Flower beds encompass the walkways that lead up to the eight foot beams which resemble the actual footprint of buildings along with the 9/11 Memorial Stone, and the gazebo. The other walkway that leads to the Firemen's Memorial Bell is also flanked with flowers. The floral design was accomplished by the vision of Ray Vorisek of Heights Flower

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RECREATION AND PARKS (cont'd): Shoppe with his array of different flowers and plants that were planted by the DPW. Ray has been instrumental in raising funds to defer the cost of the flowers. In preparation of the ceremony, 200 chairs were set up, podium and canopies were erected, and barricades were put in place to accommodate all those who attend. A large crowd turned out for the evening dedication making the event complete. With regards to Parks, several branches had to be removed from Woodland Park as every area of the eight acre park had storm debris throughout it. This was completed without interruption to any park picnics.

STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Gonzalez reported, as prepared by DPW Supt. Spindler, that Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee kept the DPW busy with multiple emergencies. Early morning on Aug. 28, Irene hit the Borough bringing down six trees that caused some streets to be closed off until they could be removed. Some of those trees were involved with electrical power lines. PSEG was notified and the DPW had to wait until the hazardous wires were cleared to begin the removal process. Heavy rain caused flooding on streets and crews were out clearing storm water catch basins and picking up branches throughout town. Police called the DPW to barricade off the area and close Route 17 North by Route 46 that was flooded with rain water. DPW crews then tried to clear the State DOT storm water catch basin at that location only to discover that the basins were clear and that the State DOT has a draining problem in that area. Eight inches rainfall from the storms reduced the amount of absorption to the already saturated ground. A major concern was the Sanitary Sewer System that was infiltrated and overwhelmed by sump pumps. This issue was discussed in detail at the last Council Meeting during the Work Session. The DPW had been monitoring the sanitary sewer flows at the areas of overflow as well as all pumping stations. At Franklin Pump Station, which was in flood mode – meaning all three pumps never stopped operating – was not on an alternating cycle of operation. This caused Pump #3 to malfunction and a replacement pump had to be installed. Now Franklin Pump Station has three rebuilt units that the Borough has invested in the amount of \$9,000 – and a spare unit must be rebuilt to have on standby. Over the last two years upgrades to all pump stations have taken place including the installation of emergency generators, pumps, electrical switching devices and electronic float systems. All routine procedures were followed with regards to clean up of branches, storm water basins and all emergencies. Commissioner Gonzalez noted that the DPW received the NJDEP Stewardship Award for its recent inspection of its facilities.

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link reported the Current Fund cash balance at August 31 was \$3,203,532.42 and at July 31 was \$147,983.24 which represents an increase of \$3,055,549.18. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.35%. Cash receipts for the month of August totaled \$7,829,583.98 of which \$7,207,117.88 was for Current Taxes, \$18,950.24 was Delinquent Taxes, \$429,788.25 was State Aid and \$173,727.61 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of

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FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd): August totaled \$4,771,939.20 of which \$2,191,494.08 was for Local School Taxes, \$963,928.32 was for County Taxes, \$723,466.37 was for Salaries and \$893,050.43 was for Other Expenses. Final 2011 tax bills have been mailed. Included on this final bill is the fourth quarter payment, due November 1, 2011, as well as the first and second quarter payments due in 2012. The Tax office would be open on Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Under Social Services, Commissioner Link reported that during the month of September over 71 residents in need were helped. Thank you to the generous volunteers who help stock and supervise the pantry as well as the following donors: Joanne Rensch, Arlene Carreau, Joe Lacek, Rosemary Smith, Saabye Family, Bethy Conester, Mr. & Mrs. Cole, Margaret Shere, Vickie Avala, Kingsley Family, Josephine McClean, Karen McDowell, the Ciano Family, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Corpus Christi Church, Linda Burke, The Van Jura Family, Harold Jacobs, Vickie Grunski, Dave Macpherson, Bill O'Shea's Food Drive, Lincoln School Food Drive, John Rizzo and Ron Ellis.

Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Link reported as prepared by DPW Supt. William Spindler that as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, the basement of Police Headquarters was flooded with four inches of rainwater. The DPW responded and pumped out the water and cleaned the entire area. The removed all articles that were damaged under Police supervision. Upon drying out the carpet in the meeting room, an odor remained and mold was present throughout the carpeting. The carpeting was immediately removed, the room disinfected and new carpet installed. At Borough Hall water had penetrated through the basement wall in the area of the Electrical Room. The water was removed and all electrical panels were checked for damage. No electrical power was lost in the building. In the Library, water had leaked from an area that caused damage to some ceiling tiles. The damaged tiles were removed as well as cleanup of the water and new tiles were installed. At the DPW facility, in anticipation of Hurricane Irene, 16 vehicles and pieces of equipment were relocated from Plant Road to the parking lot on Central Avenue. As the area surrounding Plant Road is usually flooded in heavy rain conditions, access to those vehicles would not have been possible. The office equipment was also elevated and as it turned out the DPW facility was not accessible during the storms, including the fuel pumps. Arrangements were made that all Borough vehicles were fueled prior to the event and local gas stations were used during the flooding period. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection performed its annual inspection of the DPW facility the week after both storms. The inspection reviews the DPW facility and maintenance of all 137 storm water catch basins throughout town. Although the DPW was under a heavy burden to clean up debris that remained from both storms, the Borough passed the inspection. Commissioner Link congratulated DPW Supt. Spindler.

FIRE: Commissioner Dingertopadre had no report.

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HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported that during the months of June, July and August the Board of Health collected \$28,472.60 in fees. The Environmental Health Specialist performed over 102 health inspections, investigated spot checks and complaints along with 23 grease trap inspections at specific food establishments. Under Vital Statistics, the Borough Register collected \$6,315 in certified copy fees, accepted 412 certified copies, recorded 197 deaths records, 28 birth records, accepted 13 marriage applications and recorded 15 marriage licenses. Following Hurricane Irene, many people in Hasbrouck Heights were affected in different ways such as loss of electricity, flooded basements and property damage. The Health Department put together a list of information available to residents on the following topics: Post Hurricane Food Safety, Swimming Pools, Commonly Asked Questions about Mold, Flood Clean Up, General Environmental Safety, Boiled Water Advisory, Food and Water Safety during outage and floods. This information was released to The Observer, the town website and Nixle. The Senior Flu program will be held on Thursday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Senior Center. Advanced registration is required. An Annual Blood Screening Program is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Senior Center. He read a report about lung cancer rates from the U.S. Dept. of Human Services that from 1999 to 2008 lung cancer rates decreased in both men and women, mostly as a result of smoking patterns nationwide.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Aug.25, Thursday, 10 a.m: I was invited to read to the children At Care on the Corner. The book was chosen by the Ms. Giarrartana their teacher and the children chose the sections they wished me to read. We then had discussions about books and their importance. The children were also given an opportunity to ask me about my "job" as mayor of Hasbrouck Heights. It was a most enjoyable day for all of us.

Aug. 27th, The Emergency Management Team was briefed on the coming of Hurricane Irene to our area of New Jersey. DPW Supt. Bill Spindler had done preliminary work checking the sewers; Chief Colaneri prepared for every emergency along with Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak. Mike K. kept me advised of all the happenings in the Borough, as each emergency call was answered.

I was one of those calls- at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday morning, I heard a big noise outside my home as the storm raged, I took my flashlight to examine the front of my home and saw what I thought was the entire tree in my driveway and on my front lawn. I called the desk to have them check, since my land line, internet and television all went dead. I was grateful I still had electricity. The Police Officer checked and there were no live wires down and my car that I had pulled way down my driveway was spared. The DPW came in the morning to take what I learned in the morning was a major part of the

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): tree, subsequently in a few days the entire tree had to

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be removed. A number of my bushes were damaged, but salvageable, flower beds were torn up but all in all I was lucky. It took 5 days before I had my torn out Cable wires replaced. I was happy to be able to keep in touch with my Blackberry during those 5 days and I was kept in the loop daily by the various department heads.

Mike Kronyak kept in contact with me as all lead departments were answering all the calls. Some power outages were reported and PSE&G notified.

Calls to report raw sewage backups, one particularly severe, were received. I also participated in telephone calls made nightly by Gov. Chris Christie where progress reports were made by all involved Cabinet Members along with the head of the State Police.

Aug.29th Monday, 7 to 8 pm. completed my meetings with residents at Library during their summer schedule.

Aug. 30, Tuesday, 2 p.m. Met with Michael Kronyak at Borough Hall to discuss progress updates on storm related matters. We also discussed the progress of the 9-11 site and program.

7 p.m. Met with Mike K. Paul Carris and Rob Brady for a run through of the Slide Show using the screen and projector borrowed for 9-11 program. Library Director Mimi Hui also gave her input.

Aug 31, Wednesday, 6 p.m., Performed a wedding at Borough Hall

Sept. 2 Friday. Prepared with Jean Curci a Certificate of Recognition for the Ciavaglia Family.

Sept. 4, Sunday, 4 p.m. Met with Justin Di Pisa at the V.F.W. We presented the Ciavaglia Family with the Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation on behalf of the entire Council for the 40 years of service and volunteerism to the cause of MDA. I spoke of having fond memories of the founders, Rose and Ralph Ciavaglia who gave so much of their lives to help others. I praised the children beginning with Bob Ciavaglia who worked with me as the Sports Reporter for The Observer for many years; Anne who achieved so much in her career working with the State and County to better the lives of those in need and her immeasurable help to me when I served in the legislature to create much needed support bills; and last but not least the "baby" of the family Bobby and his wife Linda and children who remained an integral part of the MDA Telethon as it reached its culmination at the V.F.W. Post location for M.D.A. There were hundreds of people in the room who gave the family a huge round of applause and **MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** praise.

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Sept. 6 Tuesday, 9-11 Dress Rehearsal was postponed due to rain

Sept. 8, Thursday, 7 p.m., 9-11 Dress Rehearsal was held in the Senior Center due to the wetness of the ground at the site. Participants, including the Council, went through their parts of the slide show. And the Community Choral Group was briefed on their role in the ceremony. The Mayor thanked all for their diligence and gave a final briefing to all in readiness for Sunday's processional and ceremony.

Sept. 9 Friday, Met with Junior Woman's Club Poster Contest Chair Cindy Capozzi as she announced the winners of the 9-11 Poster Contest. They are displayed in the Library area.

Sept. 10, 11 a.m. Saturday, Both Councilman DiPisa and I participated in the Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Salon Nouveau on the corner of Hamilton and the Boulevard.

Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. I attended the 9-11 Ceremony held at Hackensack University Medical Center. President Bob Garrett and HUMC Board Chairman Joseph Sanzari participated with others in the program.

6 p.m., Met with the marchers at Corpus Christi Church where the Processional began with the ringing of church bells, sounded 10 times in memory of the 10th anniversary of 9-11. The Processional was led by a car driven by Police Chief Michael Colaneri and the Fire Dept. Honor Guard proudly carried the flags as a large crowd including Boy Scouts walked down to the First Reformed Church where their bells tolled 10 times and then past the other churches along the Burton Avenue Route including passing St. John's Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church and then down Passaic Avenue to the 9-11/Firemen's Memorial Site where hundreds of people gathered. The Processional itself picked up marchers as they walked the route, the people walking covered over three blocks.

Three Honor Guards including Police, Fire and the V.F.W. Post 4591, participated in the ceremony

Estimates of those attending the 10th Anniversary of the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony were between 1500 and 2,000 people.

I am attaching the Program to this report and again thank all who participated and all who attended the ceremony on that Sunday night. I also wish to thank TD Bank for providing refreshments in front of their bank after the ceremony.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): All the participants are invited to attend the first meeting

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in October which is October 11th at which time they will receive a Special Certificate of Thanks for their participation from the Mayor and Council.

Sept. 13, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities meeting held at the Arena Diner in Hackensack. Speaker was a representative from the Board of Public Utilities who heard the complaints and suggestions of the mayors as it pertained to the problems that arose during Hurricane Irene.

7 p.m. I attended a meeting requested by several Prospect Avenue residents. We met with Michael Kronyak in his office. We listened intently to their storm related problems and spoke of the need to take some action.

8 p.m. Attended the Council Meeting. Report of that meeting is to be found in the Minutes.

Sept. 14, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Met with Chief Colaneri, Mike Kronyak and Bill Spindler about the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. I officially proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist due to the subsequent problems experienced by residents caused by sewer backups in their homes and on their properties. As per the Engineer's Report, even though the sewers were at a low 30 % level prior to the storm, afterwards it was evident that there are many sump pumps that are illegally connected to the sanitary sewer and caused problems to homes in other areas. I asked that we review every means possible to get the word out to the public and it was determined that news alerts, articles in The Observer, on PATCH, The Community News, and an insert in The Gazette would be the fastest way to get the word out. We asked residents to check their sump pumps and French Drains and to disconnect any and all that are attached to Sanitary Sewers. A call to the Property Maintenance Department would help to give them any extra information they might need.

We also enlisted the aid of the Health Department, along with the Building Department and the Department of Public Works and of course, the Police and Fire Departments. Councilman Russell Lipari was given the information to pass along to the Leisure Club since they were meeting in the Senior Center that day.

Those with illegal connections would be given 60 days to act, after which other action would commence and could result in heavy fines.

7 p.m. I attended the Environmental Commission meeting chaired by Councilman David Gonzalez. That Commission would also take part in the sump pump investigation.

Sept. 15, Thursday, 12:30 p.m. Both Councilwoman Pam Link and I attended the Good Neighbor Day held at Bill O'Shea's Florist. John K. was giving out roses to those
MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): bringing in bags of groceries to be donated to the

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Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry.

Sept. 17, Saturday, 10 to noon, Met with residents at the Library.

Sept. 21, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Attended the Library Board Meeting. Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, the Council Liaison also attended. Numerous matters were discussed as well as a special closed session attended by Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless and special Labor Attorney Ellen Horn.

Sept. 22, Thursday, 11:30 p.m. I attended the Wellness Luncheon sponsored by Wellington Care One. Councilman Russell Lipari was the M.C. along with Health Board President Connie Doheny. Council Members Justin DiPisa and Pam Link were also in attendance. Justin gave a very informative talk on Good Nutrition along with information to those on medication. Sign up for the Flu Shots were held by Lori French and the nurse. The Flu shot requires the filling out of a form. Sept. 29th is the date they will be available at the municipal building.

Sept. 23, Friday, 8:30 a.m. Attended the BVMI Breakfast meeting held at their facilities in Hackensack. It was a most informative meeting. A number of patients are actually from Hasbrouck Heights. Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc. health care for the uninsured. provides free primary and preventive medical care to Bergen County residents who are working, have income between 100% and 200% of the prevailing federal poverty income guideline, and have neither medical insurance nor the means to pay for care. Doctors volunteer either mornings or afternoons each week. There are 6 treatment/examining Rooms. To obtain more information about the free service call the Healthcare Center at 201-342-2478.

Tuesday, 11 a.m. Met with Mrs. Laura Geftec at the High School to discuss the Borough Business Bulletin. She will have a student involved in working on The Pilot newspaper who will format the photos for this newspaper. I will again be the Editor and Ro Sees the Assoc. Editor with writers from every department in the Borough.

8 p.m Council Meeting.

Please take notice I will not be in the Library this Saturday morning since I will be attending the Junior Woman's Club Brunch with Councilwoman Pam Link, after which we will attend Town Day.

I will be back to my regular weekly Saturday Morning meetings with residents in the Library on October 8th.

That concludes my report

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NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 153. Approve to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Boulevard Streetscape Phase V
 - 154. Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Division Avenue
 - 155. Authorizing submission of a Bergen County Community Development Grant for Barrier Free Curb Ramps Along Burton Avenue and Summit Avenue
 - 156. Confirming the submission of a 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application for the acquisition of a Computer Aided Dispatch System
 - 157. Authorizing Change Order #1 with regard to the 9-11 Firemen's Memorial Sidewalk Replacement
 - 158. Raffle License for Lincoln School PTA
 - 159. Authorizing Change Order #1 for 2010 Road Resurfacing Program

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

RESIGNATIONS: Colleen Jarvis from the Board of Health

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

APPOINTMENTS: Linda Stumper to the Board of Health
Christopher Niekrewicz to the Environmental Transportation Commission

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION: None

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ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

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.

Shirley Giammetta, 124 Burr Place, a resident of 48 years, said that for the last 15 years the streets have not been kept cleaned and the property across the street which is an empty lot. So far six trees from across the street have fallen on her property. Most recently a tree fell on a car in her driveway. She questioned if the property along Henry Street is town property. Mr. Spindler said this was the property off the street in between Henry and Burr Place. The six trees she talked about were from property not borough owned. He said in the past they cleaned up to ten feet as a courtesy and that the Apartment complex has been alerted it is their responsibility to maintain. She then began talking about the tree in front of her property which she was told required PSEG as high voltage wires were involved. At this point Mrs. Giammetta became excited and left the chambers.

Mayor Heck requested the Borough Attorney send her a letter as to PSEG responsiveness, consulting with Mr. Spindler and Mr. Kronyak.

Frank Coccaro, 66 Cleveland Avenue, asked about the traffic that will come from Avalon Station on Passaic Avenue. Mayor Heck said that Passaic Avenue is a County road. Chief Colaneri has been in contact with the County and that traffic will increase. There should be less trucks. Mayor Heck asked the Chief to keep in contact with the County and offer his suggestions. The Chief said there will be outlets into Wood-Ridge streets as well.

Mark Nazzaro, 143 Oldfield Avenue, again questioned the signs at the Athletic Field and bushes in front of the fence. He talked to Borough Engineer Ken Job who told him that the Board of Education requested the bushes be put there. He asked if there could be a sub-committee to pursue where the signs could be placed. Mayor Heck said the Administrators input was needed. Councilman DiPisa asked to be part of that committee as this could be a great source of revenue. Chief Colaneri said it was pretty much set and that the former School Superintendent had been holding out for a billboard. Borough Attorney Chandless said the zoning ordinances were amended to allow signage. Mr. Kronyak said the contracts were recently sent back to the County regarding the fencing.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd): There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

At 9:17 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa 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 September 27, 2011.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk