# BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

### MINUTES

### September 27, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 8:08 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, 2016 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2016.

ROLL CALL:	Present:	Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Lipari gave the Invocation as follows: "."

### PRESENTATION: CERTIFICATE OF APRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Hasbrouck Heights Resident Ethel Ball for being a loyal, reliable and hardworking volunteer of the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry since 2006 with gratitude for her generosity, caring and concern for the patrons who visited the pantry.

Mayor DeLorenzo, Councilwoman Buckman, Councilman Traina and Rob Brady congratulated and thanked Ethel Ball for her volunteerism.

# PRESENTATION: CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Hasbrouck Heights Resident Anthony DiLascio for qualifying to compete in the USATF Jr National Championships in California, competing in the 100m dash; and being the first Recreation Track Athlete to ever qualify and compete at the National Level.

Mayor DeLorenzo, Councilwoman Buckman, Councilman Traina and Rob Brady congratulated Anthony DiLascio on this wonderful achievement.

# PROCLAMATION: Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day® October 10, 2016

Police Commissioner Lipari read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, October 10, 2016, has been declared Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day® by the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ;

WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused 35,092 fatalities in 2015, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and,

WHEREAS, In New Jersey, 562 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 28.0 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and,

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, 50 motorcyclists, 17 bicyclists and 173 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

Now, therefore, I, John DeLorenzo, III, Mayor of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2016, Put the Brakes

#### PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

on Fatalities Day<sup>®</sup>, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State. Dated: September 27, 2016

**PROCLAMATION:** Youstina Gerges, Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient

WHEREAS, attaining the rank of Gold Award is the highest award of Girl Scouting in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Youstina Gerges has exhibited outstanding achievement in her nine years in Girl Scout Troop 60469 beginning in fourth grade and continuing to her senior year in High School; and

Whereas, during these years Youstina has earned her Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards and performed countless hours of community service including visiting nursing homes and volunteer work which inspired her on her future life choices; and

WHEREAS, as her Gold Award Project, she conducted two seminars in which she presented to first generation college students and their parents the complicated college process, requiring her to compile a lot of research and information which included knowing what is needed during high school right through the college application and financial aid process;

*WHEREAS,* this governing body acknowledges the importance of encouraging its youth to participate in Scouting by recognizing their achievements;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby proudly congratulate Youstina Gerges on fulfilling the obligations of the Girl Scout Gold Award and further wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Councilman Peter Traina read the Proclamation, then he and Mayor DeLorenzo congratulated Youstina on this outstanding achievement along with her family and Scout leaders.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Adrian Kulesza as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter Grace Kruzelnick as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing appointments which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously

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

carried. The appointees were invited to come forward to be congratulated and have a picture taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS**: 1) Request for permission from Bill O'Shea's Florist and Gifts to host annual Halloween Window Painting Contest on Oct. 19 between 8 and 5:15 p.m. with a raindate of Oct. 20.

> 2) Invitation from B.C. County Division of Senior Services to a Brain Health Workshop, a HealthEast Senior Wellness Event for Adults Age 60+ on Tuesday, Oct. 4

3) Invitation from B.C. County Div. Of Senior Services to a Caregivers Conference on Thursday, Oct. 6

4) Notice from the N.J. Dept. Of Health re: Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackie virus)

5) Release from NJ Division of Consumer Affairs re: Fraud Alert

6) Notice from Dept. Of Homeland Security re: reporting suspicious activity

7) The Observer's Affidavit stating the official advertising rate

8) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes re: Firefighters Gregory Rubino and Jeffrey Rubino transfer from Truck Company 1 to Engine Company 2

9) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes re: resignation of Nimrod Shimrony from HHFD Engine Company One

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There being none, Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve request from Bill O'Shea's Florist and Gifts which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**RESIGNATION:** Nimrod Shimrony from HHFD Engine Company One

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the afore-mentioned resignation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(August 23, 2016 Executive Session, September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session)

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and otherwise unanimously carried.

# BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$115,071.19 specified in the Schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the accounts listed for payment of the claims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims be paid and checks be issued on the funds and accounts indicated on the attached schedule.

Signed Justin A. DiPisa Commissioner of Finance

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

# **REPORTS**:

**FINANCE:** The Current Fund cash balance at August 31<sup>st</sup> was \$5,554,263.84 and at July 31<sup>st</sup> was \$1,394,678.13 which represents an increase of \$4,159,585.71. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of August totaled \$8,975,364.80 of which \$8,342,276.56 was for Current Taxes, \$24,226.19 was for Delinquent 2015 taxes, \$6,523.74 was for Pre-Paid 2017 Taxes, \$465,832.35 was for State Aid and \$136,505.96 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

## FINANCE (cont'd):

Cash disbursements for the month of August totaled \$4,815,779.09 of which \$2,599,728.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$1,144,974.97 was for County Taxes, \$612,483.43 was for Salaries and \$458,592.69 was for Other Expenses.

**LAND USE:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report: The total receipts for this month were \$32,156. Last year we took in \$21,976. There were several new home permits as well as homeowners proceeding with repairs and remodeling. We also issued permits for the fit out of two commercial tenants.

75 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 71%.

The Property Maintenance Inspector had 49 inspections and followed up with those same residents. 5 warnings were issued, 2 court appearances, 1 summons was issued and he took pictures of 8 properties to support the warnings.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment met last week and the application for townhouses began the presentation of their witnesses but asked to be continued so the owner and engineers could address the board's questions. There has been a submission of a Soil Movement application but so far there are no applications for the Planning Board.

This town owes its overall appeal because of the wonderful job most residents and business owners do in keeping their property neat and clean. We are supporting those individuals by getting after the people who don't keep their property tidy.

**Library:** As Library liaison, Councilwoman Buckman reported there were 125 new library cards issued. Put on your Calendar –  $27^{th}$  annual Lego Night, Friday, November  $4^{th}$ .

Some ongoing Library Events include:

<u>Tai Chi short form</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every month from 7:99 p.m. to 8:45 <u>Crafts to Share – 2 times a month</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. And 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Crocheting and knitting for Charity. All levels welcome <u>Adult Book Club</u>, once a month @ 7:00 p.m. <u>Writers Group for Authors and Aspiring Authors</u>, once a month <u>Teen and Adult Halloween Craft</u>, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30

#### Library (cont'd:

Also available one on one computer training on Internet and email basics, intro to Word, Powerpoint and Publisher, call 201-288-6653 to make an appointment.

#### Children's Programs:

<u>Tiny Tots Playgroup, Book Buddies, Pre School Story</u> time, Book club for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades and another for grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, also Chess club, Craft Club, Lego club and little artist. K-3 Halloween Craft and story, October 27@3:30

Registration is required for all children's programs 201-288-0485

Or call library for more information at 201-288-0488 Or Hasbrouckheights@bccls.org

In conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library, the community is invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Taste of Hasbrouck Heights on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at the VFW. Cost is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Tickets available at the library. Last year we had over 200 attendees and 35 restaurants.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Commissioner Link reported there were 133 visitors to the Food Pantry from August 29, 2016 through September 26, 2016. We sincerely thank the churches and many, many generous residents who made donations this month.

We especially thank Meals with a Mission who donates food weekly, Corpus Christi R.C. Church, First United Methodist Church Women, First Reformed Church, St. John's Episcopal Church for your continuous donations, the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights, O'Shea's Florist Good Neighbor Day, Hasbrouck Heights Swim Club, Euclid Masonic Lodge, Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club, Josephine McClean, Latos Family, Elizabeth Conicer, Kathy Van Jura, Svendusky Family, Cookie, Terfuro Family, Barre Pankiw and Anonymous.

We appreciate the following volunteers who supervised the food pantry during these weeks. They are Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Audrey Gall, Barbara Juliano, Warren Nelson, Joyce Belbo, Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Marge Heeren and Rosemary Willard. Thank you all for your time and support. We would like to extend a very big thank you to Denise Betts who volunteered each week and wish her the best of luck.

### SOCIAL SERVICES (cont'd):

Although we receive donations everyday, the shelves empty pretty quickly. Items needed are nonperishable food items such as canned soup, sauces, cereal, fruits, juices, coffee and especially soaps, toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. All donations are accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Link reported the annual New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Right-to-Know report was submitted by Bill Spindler, DPW Superintendent. All chemicalS within the Municipal Complex, Public Safety Building, DPW facility, and Masonic Learning Center Building (old Library) are required by law to be reported. This even includes any type of aerosol cans and cleaning products. Material Data Sheets are kept at each facility along with information on First-Aid response.

Maintenance was performed on all HVAC units throughout all the buildings as part of the Fall service contract.

All fire extinguishers were service at the Public Safety Building.

The railings outside the Borough Hall were scraped and painted.

A power varistor supply switch (electronic component that regulates voltage) was replaced on the fuel pumps at the DPW facility.

The schedule of meetings was as follows:

Community Room	6
Caucus Room	9
Council Chambers	6
Senior Center	6 (not including senior activities)

**FIRE:** Commissioner Gonzalez read from a report submitted by Elizabeth Waring, from July 16 through August 15 that there were 113 EMS Calls and 24 Fire Calls. The volume for Teterboro continues to increase. As of August 31, Teterboro had 954 EMS and 259 Fire Calls, totaling 1,213 calls.

The HHFD was at Town Day and plenty of children got to use a fire hose spraying the demo portable house.

### FIRE (cont'd):

During the Annual Fire Convention from September 15 to 17, many of the members that stayed behind spent most of their time at the Fire House to ensure quick response to calls. One call in particular was a 4 a.m. mutual aid call in Wood-Ridge at Avalon with Engine 616 responding.

The HHFD went door to door on Sunday September 25, to deliver their Annual Appeal Letter.

The HHFD has responded to 756 EMS calls and 193 Fire calls as of September 15 (all in Hasbrouck Heights alone).

In Teterboro the HHFD has handled 954 EMS calls and 259 Fire calls as of August 31, and construction is still on going.

Please support the men and women of this department who VOLUNTEER and DEDICATE their time to serve our community!

**STREETS & SANITATION:** Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: The Department of Public Works responded to several sanitary sewer blockages this past month. Locations are as follows:

Route 17 southbound in the vicinity of White Castle. Assistance from the Police Department was required to close lanes as the main line runs under the highway. Grease was the cause of the blockage.

The Boulevard between Washington Place and Kipp Avenue. That main line affects connecting streets upstream from Jefferson Avenue on the west side of the Boulevard. Grease was the cause of the blockage.

The Sewer Camera Truck was dispatched to inspect a main line located on the 100 Block of Oak Grove to see if there was a breech. The homeowners were told by their plumber that Borough's line was in jeopardy causing their backup. After videoing the line it was determined that it was the homeowner's sanitary sewer lateral that was the problem.

PSE&G Forestry Division was in town for two days removing dead trees in the proximity of the high voltage wires.

### STREETS AND SANITATION (cont'd):

The DPW tree crew trimmed the 200 block of Lawrence Avenue and the 100 blocks of Madison, Central, and Washington Place. Low hanging branches around our schools were also trimmed. The DPW trimmed and cleared brush on a portion of Longview Avenue where the Borough owns a 12-foot frontage on the north side of the road.

New American Flags were ordered for the intersections on the Boulevard to be attached to the streetscape lamp posts. The Flags will be displayed for all holidays.

Bill Spindler along with Judy from the DPW chose cinch backpacks, lanyards, and the ever popular leaf bags as give-a-ways for our annual Town Day. These promotional items proudly display our town's colors of black and orange. There intended use is to bring awareness of the importance of recycling. Many of them were filled with educational information on ways to "Keep Hasbrouck Heights Clean and Green."

This past month, five tons of asphalt were used for pothole repair.

**POLICE:** Commissioner Lipari gave the following Police Report submitted by Chief Michael Colaneri: the HHPD would like to thank the DPW for painting the stop bars on Burton and Collins Avenues, north of Route 46; Stanley Avenue yellow zones and Oldfield Avenue yellow zone by Depken Field.

August 25 a DMV checkpoint was held with 15 summonses issued.

Schools have opened. School Marshalls are back on post. The Walking School Bus has started along Burton Avenue. One Lincoln School Walking Bus has over 20 students walking to and from school.

Daily walk through of all schools has resumed. SRO Ptl. Donohue is back at the Middle School/High School. Sgt. Baker has started the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Program.

We would like to thank the staff and students at Lincoln School for the banner signed by the entire school in honor of Police Officer Appreciation Day. The banner is proudly hung up at Police Headquarters.

Members of the Department attended the Hasbrouck Heights 9-11 Ceremony and a ceremony at Liberty State Park to remember those lost on the15th Anniversary of the attacks on America.

## POLICE (cont'd):

Total Summons Report: Parking: August 2016 - 330, August 2015 - 319, YTD 2016 - 2,714, 2015 - 2,811. Moving: August 2016 - 179, August 2015 - 281, YTD 2016 - 1,803, 2015 - 2,026. Totals: August 2016 - 509, August 2015 - 600; YTD 2016 - 4,517, 2015 - 4,488.

**HEALTH:** Commissioner Lipari gave the following Health report:

**Senior Wellness Luncheon:** This year's luncheon held on September 22 was a big success with over 100 seniors who enjoyed the complimentary lunch donated by CareOne of Wellington of Hackensack. Public Health Nurse Joanne Wendolowski spoke about Senior health topics.

Adult & Children's Flu Program: This year's Flu Program was held on Monday, Sept. 26 from 10 to 11:30 A.M. Nurses from H.A.R.P. administered the vaccine. Another Flu Clinic was held on Monday, Oct. 3 from 4-6 p.m. in the Senior Center.

**Blood Screening Program**: The Board of Health will host their Annual Blood Screening Program on Thursday, Oct. 13 in the Senior Center from 9-11 a.m. The program is an excellent opportunity to check on your body's internal well ness. Cost is \$26 cash only for a Blood Chemistry Profile, which will consist of a Chem. 23, Lipid Profile, CBC and T4 (Thyroid). A copy of the results will be sent directly to your private medical Doctor and another mailed to the participant. Additional screenings will be available. This program is available to everyone. For additional information please call 201-288-1636.

**PARKS:** Commissioner Traina gave the following report: The Department of Public Works moved the playhouse located on the property adjacent to the Circle to Borough property. A Hasbrouck Heights preservation group is undertaking the project to restore the playhouse. A concrete pad was poured next to the "Welcome" sign just off the Circle in the northeast quadrant. Upon completion of the restoration, the playhouse will be moved to that area.

The DPW assisted with the setup of the 911 Memorial Service by placing out 100 chairs and positioning the podium and sound system. When the event concluded, the DPW removed all of the chairs along with the equipment and returned it to the Borough Hall.

The reconstruction project of the playground at Woodland Park is underway. The DPW moved and repurposed the railroad ties and mulch by placing it in areas around the park that was overgrow with vegetation. A repair was made to the Comfort Station as a water pipe was leaking and had to be replaced.

#### PARKS (cont'd):

Our annual Town Day took place on Saturday, September 24 at Woodland Park. The DPW landscaped the park, moved all the picnic tables from under the pavilion to the grass area, set out extra trash containers and assisted where needed during the event. They also delivered the leaf bags and the promotional items to the Environmental Commission table. After the event the DPW cleaned the park and emptied all of the trash containers as a picnic was scheduled for the following day.

**RECREATION:** Commissioner Traina reported Adult Coed Volleyball and Men's Adult Basketball programs have begun. Registration is required for these programs. Town Day was held at Woodland Park this past weekend. Rec. Dir. Brady thanked Bill Spindler and the DPW for setting up and preparing the Pavilion, HHFD for bring down some equipment and putting on demonstrations throughout the day, HHPD, Chip Dee Music Academy for great live music, Chris Zamski and Funtime Entertainment for DJ and inflatable rides, Lovey's Pizzeria for food, HHHS Key Club volunteer students and the great town organizations for setting up tables and sharing with the community. This was one of the largest crowds ever at Town Day.

Halloween in the Park will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18, with raindate of Oct. 19. Ticket are still available at the recreation office. He noted there will be crazy clowns, flesh-eating zombies and revenge-seeking Cryus Grain! There will be costumed characters and face painting for the little ones. Rides begin at 6:15 p.m. and end around 9:45 p.m.

Recreation Basketball Registration will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11 7-9 p.m. in the Recreation office. Program is open to boys and girls in grades 1st-8th.

Recreation Wrestling registration is Wednesday Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 7-9 p.m. in the Recreation office. Program is open to boys in 2nd-8th grades.

Senior Halloween Party on Thursday, Oct. 20 in the Senior Center 12-3 p.m. This party is free to all senior citizens and it is suggested you sign up in the senior center ahead of time. This is a costume Halloween Party. Lunch will be catered by Mucci's Italian Deli, the entire party is sponsored by the HH Recreation Dept.

Call Robert Brady, Dir. Of Recreation at 201-288-4143 or email at <u>hhrec@aol.com</u> with any questions. You can also follow the recreation department on Twitter @hhrecreation and Facebook by liking our facebook page Hasbrouck Heights Recreation.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor DeLorenzo reported he was contacted and requested by many citizens to paint the blue line in support of the Police Department throughout the town. He spoke to Chief Colaneri and Mr. Spindler and we will be doing that shortly to show our support of the Police Department and law enforcement in general. He attended Town Day, weather was beautiful and a great day, with everyone putting in a lot of effort and great turnout. Mr. Kronyak and he spent a lot of time at the playground and new construction and many people who came down were very pleased to see its progress and hope to be done to get some use this Fall.

He said as Councilman Gonzalez reported, the Fire Department response and number of calls have been extremely high which was drastically changed over the last few months. He appreciated their efforts, noting our citizens come first, we will be addressing these issues in the near future. He thanked Councilman Gonzalez for manning the Environmental Transportation Committee table and giving out about many bags.

He thanked the Fire Department Honor Guard, Amanda DeLorenzo, Paul Carris, the Musicians, members of the clergy, and everyone who attended the 9-1-1 Memorial Service, DPW's preparation of that event and members of the Police Department who were there.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **CONSENT AGENDA:** 161. Authorizing an Application with the County of Bergen for 2016 Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement for Installation of a Poured in Place Resilient Surface Fall Protection Material in Woodland Park Playground
  - 162. Authorizing Sale of Unclaimed or Borough Owned Property No Longer Needed for Public Use
  - 163. Raffle License for Bergen County Council of PTAs
  - 164. Raffle License for Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library
  - 165. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Parents Assn for Athletes

### CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:** 166. Raffle License for Heightened Independence & Progress

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 166 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Transfer of Firefighters Gregory Rubino and Jeffrey Rubino from Truck Company 1 to Engine Company 2

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing transfer appointment which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

#### **ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

#### ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING: None

### MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Leonard Lamparello, 201 Berkshire Road, were present re: ordinance passed on Aug. 9 regarding the property maintenance code. They were very happy for the ordinance, saying the deterioration of a town is very insidious. They were concerned as Hasbrouck Heights has become an oasis among neighboring towns. Their concern was enforcement, is there experienced personnel and when will it begin. Mayor DeLorenzo said he realizes it is a problem and in speaking with Property Maintenance they agreed. He is asking for a full report of the properties, there have been summons issued. He said we can, follow up with Mr. Lamparello when they have the report.

Mr. Kronyak said in foreclosures a mortgage company is to take responsibility. There is a Property Preservation Department. They had a meeting with a contractor on site of the property in question, where pictures were taken and sent to this department for approval. They are still not maintaining the property. The new ordinance gives us a better position to impose an immediate lean and have an outside contractor. If someone walks away from the property, it takes 1-2 years. It could be added to a tax sale. The

contractor has no authority until it is approved by the bank. He also said next month we will have more information.

Mayor DeLorenzo agrees and it should not impact the neighboring residents. We are trying to find the area where we can enforce and work within that system for the best results. In passing two ordinances we are trying to fix these problems as soon as possible. He requested a status by the end of the week of the properties. Mr. Lamparello said we are concerned, especially with raccoons in the area. He looks forward to the enforcement.

Dolores Lamparello, 201 Berkshire Road, said her husband has said mostly everything She had articles about these"Zombie" houses. Referring to the house on their block, she said she noticed the grass was cut and four feet tall weeds between the curb and sidewalk, but it is still a mess. The article said under the state law passed, if the lender fails to do anything, the town can fine up to \$1,500 a day and place the lien on the property. There is a young couple living next door expecting a baby, it is a health and safety hazard. Mayor DeLorenzo said we will be pursuing this in a timely fashion and do our best.

Ron Ellis, 107 Paterson Avenue, spoke regarding the ordinance adjusting the organization chart of the Police Department. A recent article in the Community News called it a mistake. Is the mistake as reported going to be corrected any time soon. Mr. Chandless explained the error was his and when they were considering revamping the 2013 ordinance. At that time there were seven sergeants. Two months after that ordinance it was increased to eight. When he was preparing the ordinance he did not have that one in front of him and forgot about it. When he found out he immediately informed the council and would do an amended one, with Mayor DeLorenzo saying the police committee discussed there were four sergeants at present and concluded the number seven was adequate. Thereafter when it was discussed by the council the number was seven and no one mentioned anything about changing it. Mayor DeLorenzo said we agreed it should be seven. Types of organizational charts were discussed.

There being no one else coming forward, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilwoman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

# RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:

162. Possible Litigation at the request of the Borough Attorney

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to go into Executive Session which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

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# ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 10:48 p.m., Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, 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, 2016.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk