

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

M I N U T E S - REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2008

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 1, 2008 at 1:50 p.m. at the Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mayor Rose Heck and Councilwoman Sonya Buckman and Councilman David Gonzalez by Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees.

Mayor Heck declared the 2008 Reorganization Meeting in session and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, due notice having been made to all members of the Council on December 17, 2007 and to The Observer, The Record and the Herald News on December 17, 2007.

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

Absent: None

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

SINGING OF "GOD BLESS AMERICA": Tax Collector Conchita Parker led in the singing of "God Bless America."

INVOCATION: The Invocation was offered by Reverend Thomas Wisniewski, Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi R.C. Church.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO 2007 GROUP 1, NORTH 1 HASBROUCK HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS AND FOOTBALL TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS:

Mayor Heck, assisted by Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Buckman presented certificates to the following for their outstanding achievement: Cheerleaders Alexa Hollister, Alexandra Machtemes, Alyssa Connors, Ashley Moreira, Aundrea Georgatos, Caitlin Scanlon, Christine Whelan, Ciara Copell, Deanna Bright, Leigh Ann Ruroede,

CHEERLEADERS/FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS (cont'd):

Natalie Abramo, Nicole Inglesby, Nicole Onorato, Nicole Telepun, Rachel Doheny, Sandra Buffone, Tanya Gonzalez and Veronica VanJura; Varsity Football Team Members Brian Duran, Michael Ruggiero, Tenzin Kongpo, Kevin Delcalzo, Junaid Ahmed, Nick Brunetti, Steve Winka, Mike Eccleston, Bobby Kistner, Nick Stellato, John Cambridge, Shawn Zahn, Andrew Nass, Adrian Roman, Jimmy Ryan, Dave Palmieri, Zach Ketcho, Zach Anderson, Mac Sakchutchawan, Tyler Blake, Rocco Mangieri, Dave Stedman, Jordan Paige, Travis Malave, Nick Curci, John Halpin, Shoab Ahmed, Lorenzo Tattoli, Mike Denichiolo, Kyle Latorre, Michael Renna, Joe Romano, Vin Romano, Joe Olivo, Nick Pagano, Chris Christodoulou, James McKnight, Wilson Battle, David Tarabocchia and Michael Messeri; Head Coach Nick Delcalzo; Assistant Coaches Rocco Minichiello, Joseph Colangelo, Joseph Caruso, Frank D'Amico, Scott Vella, John Valenti, Frank Valente, Corey Lange, Mark Sonzogni, and Dale Sipos; and Athletic Trainer Maria Gaccione.

Mayor Jones recognized Councilman Valenzuela from Rochelle Park and invited Assemblyman Robert Gordon to say a few words. Assemblyman Gordon thanked the outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers for their service to the community and extended best wishes to Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez. He reaffirmed his commitment to working closely and maintaining the partnership he has had with this Governing Body, and as a Senator he would have the resources to bring to Hasbrouck Heights. He presented certificates to the incoming governing body members.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Heck administered the Oath of Office to First Assistant Chief Michael Ratkowski.

Mayor Heck then administered the Oath of Office to the following 2008 Fire Department Officers:

Secretary, Thomas Rubino, Treasurer, Patrick Hayes. Engine Co. One: Captain, Bernardo Valente; Lieutenant, Timothy Moots; Secretary, Justin Watrel; Treasurer, Christian Semenez. Engine Co. Two: Captain, Robert Knobloch; Lieutenant, Michael Thomasey; Secretary, Patrick Hayes; Treasurer, David Gumbrecht. Hook and Ladder Co. One: Captain, Brain Morrow; Lieutenant, Michael Christensen; Secretary, Michael LeSane; Treasurer, Laurence Donohue. Ambulance: Captain, Elizabeth Waring; Lieutenant, Michael LeSane. Rescue Company: Captain, Christopher Halloran; Lieutenant, Michael Greco; Secretary, Robert Knobloch.

She then read the following letter:

Dear Mayor and Council:

FIRE DEPARTMENT (cont'd):

“Due to personal reasons, I Angelo Roccamo must respectfully decline the position as the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chief for the year 2008. Please accept this as my resignation.”

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the resignation was accepted with regret.

She then read the following statement:

“In accordance with Section 28-11 of Borough Code entitled Conduct of Elections for the Volunteer Fire Department, I ask for a motion to call a special Election for the positions of Fire Chief, First Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief and Secretary of the Ambulance.”

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing special Election was approved.

2008 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Commissioner of Finance	Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Finance	Sonya Buckman
Commissioner of Police	Rose Heck
Deputy Commissioner of Police	Sonya Buckman
Commissioner of Fire	David Gonzalez
Deputy Commissioner of Fire	Stephen Altobelli
Commissioner of Health	Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Health	Anthony DiNanno
Commissioner of Streets	David Gonzalez
Deputy Commissioner of Strs..	Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Transportation	Stephen Altobelli
Deputy Commissioner of Transportation	Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Land Use	Sonya Buckman
Deputy Commissioner of Land Use	Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Sanitation	David Gonzalez
Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation	Maryetta Saccomano
Commissioner of Parks	Anthony DiNanno
Deputy Commissioner of Parks	David Gonzalez

2008 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Commissioner of Recreation	Sonya Buckman
Deputy Commissioner of Recreation	Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Public Facilities	Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Public Facilities	David Gonzalez
Commissioner of Social Services	Maryetta Saccomano
Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Anthony DiNanno
Senior Citizens' Ombudsman	Rose Heck
Juvenile Outreach Ombudsman	Sonya Buckman
Library Liaison	Sonya Buckman
Drug Alliance Chairperson	Rose Heck
Municipal League Liaison	Stephen Altobelli
Intergovernmental Services Liaison	Justin A. DiPisa
Chamber of Commerce Liaison	Justin A. DiPisa

Councilman Altobelli referred to the previous year, the council had some input and that each councilperson had primary responsibility for two assignments. Mayor Heck said historically the Mayor made the appointments. Councilwoman Saccomano referred to the by-laws, which state "The Mayor shall appoint all Commissioners after consultation with the Council." Mayor Heck said the method she used in the past was never argued and it worked well. If the council wished to discuss this with her, after the appointment and opinion of the Borough Attorney she would bring this up again.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
1. Petty Cash Funds
 2. Authorize CFO to Invest Idle Funds
 3. Authorize CFO to Prepare Payrolls
 4. Designate Official Depositories for Borough Funds
 5. Authorize CFO to Pay Medical Insurance Premiums
 6. Authorize Signatures for Borough Checks
 7. Designate Official Newspaper
 8. Set Meeting Dates for 2008 Council Meetings
 9. Temporary Budget

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

10. Continuing Tax Settlement Committee
11. 2007 Debt Service Budget
12. Designating Number of Hours per Week as Minimum Requirement for Full Time Status
13. Authorizing Rate of Interest to be Charged for Nonpayment of Taxes
14. Adoption of By-Laws for 2008

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting Nay on #7 and No. 14, Councilman DiNanno voting Nay on #14 and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay on #7 and #14, and Mayor Heck breaking the tie by voting Aye on #14, the foregoing Resolutions on Consent Agenda were adopted (Resolutions attached).

Councilman DiPisa read the following to Councilwoman Saccomano: "In your campaign literature as you were running for Mayor this past Fall, you stated and took credit for eliminating health benefits for all elected officials with no exceptions. In order to do that you needed conclusive information from the Democratic majority on how they would vote which means you discussed it among yourselves and/or met and violated the Sunshine Law. It was stated twice in two separate pieces of literature to further affirm the credit you took for something that you never voted on by this council. I submit that you have openly violated this law."

Councilwoman Saccomano rebutted that the article said post-medical benefits which were voted on by this council many months prior.

Councilman DiPisa said he would still stand firm on his statement.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Heck asked if there was a motion to nominate a council member as Council President for the year 2008. Councilwoman Buckman made a motion to nominate Councilman DiPisa, which was seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and approved, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting Nay.

COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor Heck asked if there was a nomination of a council member to the Planning Board. Councilman Gonzalez nominated Councilwoman Buckman as representative to the Planning Board which was seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008**NOMINATION OF PROFESSIONAL APPOINTEES:**

Mayor Heck made the following nominations and requested confirmation by the Council:

POSITION	APPOINTEE	TERM
Borough Attorney	Ralph W. Chandless, Jr.	1 Year
Borough Engineer*	Kenneth G. B. Job, P.E.	1 Year
Borough Auditor*	Paul Garbarini, Jr.	1 Year
Bond Attorney*	Steven Rogut	1 Year
Labor Attorney*	Mark Ruderman	1 Year
Appraiser*	Ernest DelGuercio, Jr.	1 Year
IT Specialist*	Cameron Arabi	1 Year

*Subject to adoption of resolution by the Governing Body authorizing contract and further compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Councilwoman Saccomano questioned why the Borough Attorney did not have an asterisk, which was answered that he was an employee. She said she did not receive any resumes or salary information. It was answered that the same salaries of a year ago would be in force, and any objection could be made in the future. On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Saccomano and Councilman DiNanno voting Nay, the foregoing appointments were approved.

NOMINATION OF APPOINTEES:

Chief Fin. Off.	Michael J. Kronyak	Tenure
Administrator/Treasurer/ Purchasing Agent/ Administrative Officer of Land Use	Michael J. Kronyak	1 Year

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

Borough Clerk	Rose Marie Sees	Tenure
Supt. D.P.W. /Recycling Coord.	William Spindler	1 Year
Construction Code Off./ Building Subcode Officer/Prop. Maint./ Zoning Enforce- ment Officer	Nick Melfi	1 Year
Property Maintenance Officer	Edmund Carter Jr.	1 Year
Plumbing Inspector	Richard Vanatta	1 Year
Electric Sub-Code Official	Scott Pomarico	1 Year
Fire Code Official	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
Hotel/Multiple Dwelling Inspector	Jesse D'Amore	1 Year
Court Administrator	Susan Paul	Tenure
Judge	Joseph R. Jones	12/31/08
Public Defender	Thomas Mason	1 Year
Public Defender Alt.	Mark Musella	1 Year
Prosecutor	Rosario Presti	1 Year
Prosecutor Alt.	Thomas Flynn	1 Year
DPW Liaison	Garrett R. Pepe	1 Year
Fire Dept. Liaison	Thomas E. Meli	1 Year
Finance Dept. Liaison	Steven Pikowski	1 Year
Borough Historian	Louise Davenport	1 Year

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

Board of Health	Pam Link	4 Years
	Mark DelCalzo	4 Years
	Tina-Louise Dowd -Alt. 1	2 Years
Local Assistance Board	Council Commissioner	1 Year
	Mary Jones	4 Years
	Audrey Ascione	3 Years
	Dorothy Petroulas	2 Years
General Assessment Board	Greg Condal	3 Years
Planning Board	Mayor Rose Heck	Incumbency
	Nicholas Melfi	1 Year
	Alt. Class II Dorothy Bernice	1 Year
	Alt. 1 Eric K. Mason	2 Years
	Alt. 2 Marlene Verrastro	1 Year
Zoning Board	William Kremer	4 Years
	Rosemarie DiPisa	2 Years
	Frank D'Amico	2 Years
	Alt. 1 John Mazza	2 Years
	Alt. 2 Andrew Heisey	1 Year
Free Public Library	Mayor Rose Heck	Incumbency
	-Mayor's Alt. Thomas Verrastro	1 Year
	Sch. Supt. Joseph Luongo	1 Year
	BOE Alt. Edwinna Carroll	1 Year
	Lisa Traina	5 Years
Rent Leveling Board	Ronald Monteleone	1 Year
	Suzette Pepe	1 Year
	Marie Cannon	1 Year
	Bryan Horowitz	1 Year
	Lois Hettel	1 Year
	Francesca Fitzgerald	1 Year
Recreation Programs Advisory Committee	Mayor Rose Heck	1 Year
	Council Commissioner	1 Year
	Mayor's Alt. Eve DeDomenico	1 Year
	Mayor's Liaison: Ronald Kistner	1 Year
	Michele Zahn	3 Years
	Peter McCrystal	3 Years
	Lora Ruroede	3 Years

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

	Anthony Bonillo	3 Years
	Gabrielle Reynaldo	3 Years
	Edward Gumbrecht	1 Year
Dir. Of Recreation	Robert Brady	1 Year
Committee of Community Celebrations		
	Audrey Ascione	1 Year
	Dorothy Bernice	1 Year
	Anthony Bernice	1 Year
	Madeline de Velasco	1 Year
	Patricia Link	1 Year
	Dorothy Link	1 Year
	Brian Willard	1 Year
	Rosemary Willard	1 Year
	Jack Coneys	1 Year
	Eugene Adamkiewicz	1 Year
	Elaine Adamkiewicz	1 Year
	Robert Call	1 Year
	Theresa Call	1 Year
	Lisa Quish	1 Year
	Karl Houghton	1 Year
	Dolores Tuosto	1 Year
	Julie Palummieri	1 Year
	Eve DeDomenico	1 Year
	Joyce Powell	1 Year
	John Dingertopadre	1 Year
	Maria Dingertopadre	1 Year
	Ann Lustberg	1 Year
	Jay Lustberg	1 Year
	Christine Rocha	1 Year
	John Rocha	1 Year
	Ralph Grano	1 Year
	Nicole Grano	1 Year
	Michael Latona	1 Year
	Rose Latona	1 Year
	Joan Spaldo	1 Year
	Madeleine Leddy	1 Year
	Cindy Minervini	1 Year
	Michael Minervini	1 Year
	Martin Adamkiewicz	1 Year
	Eleanor Popovich	1 Year

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

Environmental/Transportation Commission	Gilbert Hunt (Plan Bd)	3 Years
	Kathleen Dates	3 Years
	Elizabeth Moser	1 Year
	Ann Lustberg	1 Year
Mayor's Business Community Committee	Thomas E. Meli	1 Year
	Ronald Kistner	1 Year
	Fritz Rethage	1 Year
	Ray Vorisek	1 Year
	Bill O'Shea	1 Year
	Bill Kundert	1 Year
	Bill Lenox	1 Year
	Corinne Longo	1 Year
	Jack Zaorski	1 Year
	Sam Papasavas	1 Year
	Joseph Manginelli	1 Year
	Mary Ellen Courtney	1 Year
	David Fanale	1 Year
Joseph Costa	1 Year	
Community Awareness Access For All Committee	Mayor Rose Heck	1 Year
	Mayor's Alt.:Justin DiPisa	1 Year
	Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Mary Jones	1 Year
	Anne Ciavaglia	1 Year
	Robert Ciavaglia	1 Year
	Eric Bischoff	1 Year
	Police Chief or Designee	1 Year
	Pam Link	1 Year
	John Dingertopadre	1 Year
	Maryann Pisani	1 Year
	Brenda Colaneri	1 Year
	Dorothy McCarthy	1 Year
	Patrick McCarthy	1 Year
	Aimee McCarthy	1 Year
	Mark DiPisa	1 Year
Robert DiPisa	1 Year	
Joseph Bonelli	1 Year	
Mayor's Research Committee	Pam Link	1 Year
	Thomas Meli	1 Year
	Steven Pikowski	1 Year
	William Foley	1 Year
	John Baratta	1 Year

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

	Michael Flynn	1 Year
	Russell Lipari	1 Year
	Ronald Ellis	1 Year
	Kathleen Dates	1 Year
	Carol Ann Minimi	1 Year
Mayor's Senior Citizens Committee	Audrey Ascione	1 Year
	John Fitzin	1 Year
	Dorothy Fitzin	1 Year
	Peter Gallo	1 Year
	Thomas Mason	1 Year
	Andrew Link III	1 Year
	Madeleine Leddy	1 Year
	Dorothy Petroulas	1 Year
	Lois Hettel	1 Year
	Dolores Jones	1 Year
	Ethel Ball	1 Year
Mayor's Youth Committee	Robert Brady	1 Year
	Vincent Marchese	1 Year
	Kristen Marino	1 Year
	Joe Marino	1 Year
	Pat Mucha	1 Year
	Cadea Robinson	1 Year
	Catrina Valente	1 Year
	Jaqui Valente	1 Year
	Zachary Ketcho	1 Year
	Jon D'Onofrio	1 Year
	Gabriella Reynaldo	1 Year
	Cristina D'Costa	1 Year
	Mike Renna	1 Year
Chief Radio Communications Officer	Dr. Roger Szanto	1 Year
NIMS Coordinator/ Identification Officer	Dr. Roger Szanto	1 Year
Special Law Enforcement	Joseph Attilio	1 Year
	William Pols	1 Year
	Thomas Rubino	1 Year
	George Shihanian	1 Year

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

Police Matrons	Karen Carney	1 Year
	Frances L. Sanzo	1 Year
Borough Examining Drs.	Louis Napolitano, MD	1 Year
	Thomas Bellavia, MD	1 Year
	Mark Delcalzo, DC	1 Year
	David F. Porter, DO	1 Year
	Michael Shustyk, DC	1 Year
	Paul Kovatis, MD	1 Year
School Marshals	Esther Long	1 Year
	Karen Carney	1 Year
	Jean Reyngoudt	1 Year
	Arthur Horne	1 Year
	Joseph DiPrete	1 Year
	Marilyn A. Collum	1 Year
	Christie Harrington	1 Year
	Donald E. Lucas	1 Year
	Vincent Varelas	1 Year
	Frances Sanzo	1 Year
	Renita Goldsberry	1 Year
	Agnes Anderson	1 Year
	Michael Niekrewicz	1 Year
Paul Malin	1 Year	
Substitutes:	Edward Power	1 Year
	Peter Parrish	1 Year
Emergency Management:	Brian Donohue	3 Years
	Kevin T. Cappadona	3 Years
	Michael J. Cappadona	3 Years
	Joseph A. Costa	3 Years
	Vincent L. Costa	3 Years
	Robert DeNigris	3 Years
	John DeVoe	3 Years
	Patricia Godfrey	3 Years
	James Halloran	3 Years
	Harry Johnson	3 Years
	Robert Kubler	3 Years
	Kevin Mathe	3 Years
	William Mergo	3 Years
Susan Paul	3 Years	
Rodger Powell	3 Years	

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

	Thomas Rubino	3 Years
	Michael J. Jarvis	3 Years
	Eric S. Neumuller	3 Years
	Sidney Lehmann	3 Years
	William M. Unger	3 Years
	Dr. Michael J. Sanzari	3 Years
	Karen Anne Fels	3 Years
	Paul F. Fels	3 Years
	David A. Sireci	3 Years
	Maria E. Wojciechowski	3 Years
	Kenneth Kolodziej	3 Years
	Timothy P. Kolodziej	3 Years
Fire Official U.F.S.A.	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
Assistant Fire Official	Kevin Todd	1 Year
Fire Inspectors	Frank Pistilli	1 Year
	Albert Saulnier	1 Year
	Kenneth Kubler	1 Year
	Edmund Carter	1 Year
	Bruce Werner Jr.	1 Year
	Paul Elenio	1 Year
Fire Mechanics		
Eng. Co. No.1	Christian Semenez	1 Year
Eng. Co. No.2	Robert Thomasey	1 Year
Hook & Ladder	Peter Kolodziej	1 Year
Rescue	Robert Knobloch	1 Year
Ambulances - EMS 1	Christopher Halloran	1 Year
EMS 2	Michael Thomasey	1 Year
Crash/Foam Truck	Timothy Moots	1 Year
Public Info. Off.	Michael Ratkowski	1 Year
Dept. Safety Off.	Timothy Moots	1 Year
Dept. Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Pickard	1 Year

Councilman Altobelli questioned the DPW, Fire Department and Finance Department Liaisons, if this could prove a conflict with the Commissioner. Councilwoman Saccomano questioned if these were salary positions, and was told no. She

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 (cont'd):

questioned the liaison to the Recreation Department and why it was needed, why there were names omitted from last year's list and why two emergency management names who were not residents.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting Nay, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE:

Mayor Heck gave her Inaugural Message as follows:

"Our Fresh Start for 2008 Has Begun! I planned for this to be a day of Celebration.

Today, our promise to bring back our experienced professionals and volunteers has been kept. Add to that the fact that our new Mayor's Liaisons, Committees and Volunteer Workers are now positioned to bring about positive action to maximize our productivity.

I am very pleased that former Council Members Andrew Link III, Garrett Pepe, Tom Meli, Ron Kistner, and Marlene Verrastro have agreed to lend their expertise in the areas previously announced.

I thank all of the volunteers who have committed to the year ahead. We have much work to do and together, with our very able Borough Employees, we will work to bring about a brighter future for Hasbrouck Heights.

I quote these words most of you have know, "Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking."

My style of chairing meetings is not new. I like all background work to be done prior to the Council's formal meetings wherever possible. It has been said, "She runs a tight ship." And that is true. I will do my best to discourage public grandstanding and encourage the sharing of ideas in order to work for the betterment of good government and our community.

I want all of us to spend our time and energy to come up with ideas that can be put into action to improve our Borough and its image.

I encourage all members of this Council to give concise, informational reports. I encourage the public to reach out to this mayor and council whenever there is a need. Our web site will be updated to include our contact information.

As I said during the Campaign, The Mayor will be available on Saturday mornings in the Free Public Library so that people do not have to wait for a Council Meeting to ask questions, offer ideas, or just stop by for a chat. You will have that opportunity every

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

Saturday morning from 10 to noon, beginning Jan. 19, 2008 to do that. I thank our Library Director Mimi Hui for all of her help in this regard. I am most grateful to Mimi and her staff for agreeing to work on a Community Calendar.

Of course its success depends upon you, the public and representatives of our churches and organizations. More information will be forthcoming very soon.

I thank Police Chief Colaneri and Boro Administrator Mike Kronyak for all of the time they have given me to prepare for this coming year. We will soon announce a Police Sub-Station to be placed in Boro Hall.

I thank Building Inspector Nick Melfi for preparing an upgrade proposal on fees and fines for the New Year.

I thank DPW Supt. Bill Spindler and his department for their work on our expanded Recycling Program and for his cooperation in the discussing new ideas for his department.

I thank Recreation Director Rob Brady for his help in planning an expanded program for the coming year.

I thank Mike Kronyak for being the top notch professional he is and his willingness to work with a new committee to seek new grants among other things.

I thank Boro Clerk Rose Marie Sees for all her time and effort preparing everything for today's meeting and festivities.

I thank everyone who helped with today's events. Every employee helped make today possible in one way or another. I believe we call it "Team Work."

In closing, I invite the public to attend Council Meetings on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the month. Our next Council Meeting is set for Jan. 8th at 8 p.m. At that time I will go into more detail as to what we hope the liaisons and committees will help us achieve.

I want to recognize my family my two daughters Nancy and Rosemary along with my granddaughter Jessica. As you know I have four daughters and it is rare that they are all able to be in one place at the same time. Due to illness two daughters could not be here.

I want to congratulate former Mayor Ron Jones for his work and the damage control he managed over the past year. Thank you Mayor Jones.

Happy New Year to all and God bless us on our journey into 2008."

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilman DiPisa said to Mayor Heck that he could be counted on. He thanked his family for their support.

Councilwoman Saccomano thanked the outgoing members for their hard work, congratulated the new members, and encouraged residents to attend council meetings.

Councilman DiNanno said the council will be working together for the community, and welcomed feedback from the community.

Councilman Altobelli found the past year challenging, and looked forward to working with the council to make Hasbrouck Heights a better place.

Councilwoman Buckman thanked all the volunteers on their election, her family and looked forward to moving forward and that people would attend council meetings in the future.

Councilman Gonzalez looked forward to working with everyone. He thanked his wife, Lori for her support, in light of his recent car accident, his mother-in-law Marianne Niekrewicz and for his nieces and nephews, that today was like Christmas.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dorothy Petroulas, 215 Central Avenue, questioned the fence by the toddler playground, that it should be a chain link fence. She was advised that Councilwoman Buckman has spoken on this and will be meeting with the administrator and police chief to rectify this.

Ron Kistner, 75 Oak Grove Avenue, on Councilwoman's comment about his being the liaison to the Recreation Committee, said he was honored, and that he wanted to bring back Battle of the Bands and concerts in the park, which were missing this past year.

Elaine Adamkiewicz, 128 Oak Grove Avenue, listened to all the names appointed, that she was looking forward to having "Bedford Falls" back again and not "Pottersfield."

Gilbert Hunt, 117 Henry Street, noted that 14 years ago there was the Centennial Celebration with the only person remaining on that committee was Rose Heck, that there was no party affiliation. He said you have a right to disagree, but to not be picayune, that it was great to have Rose Heck back.

Tom Meli, 50 Central Avenue, thanked Mayor Jones, congratulated the new members, and looked forward to a good working team and said as a liaison, he was going to contribute a lot, but the commissioner was in charge.

John Baratta, 269 Walter Avenue, thanked everyone for their service, that as Councilman Introna said 80% of what is done here is agreed upon, that there is no room for unjustness

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE PUBLIC (cont'd):

or vengefulness. Taking away something that only affects one person isn't right.

Paul Mulle, 321 Kipp Avenue, congratulated Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez, that humor is good in the meetings, keep the high spirit.

Marlene Verrastro, 117 Oldfield Avenue, served nine years on the Council, that it is not easy and takes time, but you have to work together, with the people of Hasbrouck Heights.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public portion was closed.

BENEDICTION: The Benediction was given by Rev. Dianna L. Smith, Pastor of First Reformed Church. She had just received a call from her brother in Iraq, who said she should tell them about Peace. She offered the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi and the Benediction.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn which was given by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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 Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk