

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 8:02 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 2, 2007 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 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.

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Saccomano gave the Invocation by reading a prayer on peace.

PRESENTATION: Certificate to Former Fire Chief Angelo Roccamo

Mayor Heck, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Altobelli presented Former Fire Chief Angelo Roccamo with a Certificate for his service as Fire Chief for the year 2007 and for his many years as a volunteer fireman.

PRESENTATION: Certificates to Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football Cheerleaders on 2007 Superbowl Championship

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman, Councilman DiPisa and Chief Colaneri presented certificates to the following: Desiree Balboa, Diana Battaglia, Nicole Bevacqua, Jessica Bowman, Bridget Buckman, Katherine Campbell, Julianna Chedid, Emily Condal, Brittany Correa, Summer Culkin, Ashley Cutruzzola, Grace DeQuinzio, Kristin DelCalzo, Jenna DiGiacinto, Kaitlyn Eavarone, Maggie Filia, Emma Frazee, Shannon Fuhro, Daria Georgatos, Jamie Giaquinto, Melanie Gumbrecht, Wasfich Hammad, Rachel Hanrahan, Alyson Harden, Kayra Herrera, Lauren Hicks, Meghan

PRESENTATION (cont'd):

Incantalupo, Kristen Inglesby, Kelsie Inserra, Marley Joza, Sydney Ketschke, Allison Lallo, Sarena Latona, Angelica Leventhal, Daniella Macera, Amanda Magno, Elisa Maurell, Natalie Miller, Melanie Parisi, Alessandra Pasqualone, Regina Pellegrino, Jasmin Pimienta, Florencia Pozo, Juliana Quatrone, Daniella Roman, Hailey Ruroede, Daniella Rotella, Youstina Salib, Alexis Sardella, Casey Sardo, Mary Scalone, Casey Shenloogian, Natalie Shufane, Jessica Simpson, Amalia Smith, Jamie Sudol, Amanda Todd, Diana Torres, Gabriella Tuzzo, Rebecca Weber, Carissa Wolf and Bethany Ventola; Coaches Linda Condal, Kathy Iappelli and Francine Salerno; and Assistants Amanda Condal, Leigh Ann Ruroede and Nicole Telepun.

PROCLAMATION: *Read Across America - NJ*

The Borough Clerk read the following Proclamation:

“WHEREAS, the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students’ future academic success, their preparation for America’s jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Hasbrouck Heights has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community’s well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA’s Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 3, 2008, which would have been the 104th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, Saturn-UAW, Staples, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community’s students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, calls on its citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 3, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses *NEA’s Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America’s children the best readers in the world.”

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter from Farouk Ahmad, Director of B.C. Dept. Of Planning and Economic Development inviting Mayor Heck to the Safe Routes to Schools Workshop
 - 2) Letter from Leonard Kaiser, Executive Director of the BCUA regarding the BCUA Proposed Amendment to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan
 - 3) Note from Joan Hecht regarding her's and Abraham Chol Kuany's visit to the high school on February 11.

A request was made to read Item #1, to which Mayor Heck said she and Mr. Kronyak would be attending; and Item #2 (Copies attached).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(January 8, 2008 Regular Meeting, January 8 2008 Work Session, January 8, 2008 Closed Session, January 15, 2008 Special Meeting, January 15, 2008 Closed Session)*

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

PETITIONS: None

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$54,244.65 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefore.

Signed Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

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

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Mayor/Commissioner Heck reported that the Annual Beefsteak to raise money for Special Olympics held January 18 raised \$13,000; January 29 a

REPORTS:**POLICE (cont'd):**

department meeting was held; training days were held for CPR/Emergency medical dispatch and pepper spray training; Jan. 23 Universal Safety Squad premier of video at Hackensack University Medical Center which teaches children the need to wear seat belts; this film will be shown to school children; Corpus Christi DARE Graduation was held Feb. 13; she enumerated several programs the Chief and various members of the Department attended. Police headquarters was painted and the carpets cleaned by the Work Detail from Bergen County Jail. The Department has two certified child passenger safety technicians available for assistance with the proper installation of child safety seats. The cell phone law goes into effect March 1. She reported for the month of January 606 Motor vehicle summonses issued several adult arrests, 23 administrative calls, 69 ambulance requests, 8 with paramedics, 2 animal bites, 16 animal complaints, 15 assisting other agencies, 30 commercial burglar alarms, 34 residential burglar alarms, 44 cell phone 9-1-1 calls, 18 disabled vehicles, 10 domestic violence calls, 8 fire calls, 24 fire alarms, 3 juvenile delinquency, 15 juvenile incidents, 8 motor vehicle lockouts, 4 lost articles, 13 noise complaints, 6 property damage, 9 sewer backups, 30 summons, 17 suspicious incidents, 8 suspicious persons, 12 suspicious vehicles, 21 traffic accidents on county roads, 10 on borough roads, 38 on state roads, 114 traffic enforcement, 41 traffic related services, 2 warrants, totaling 974 compared to 526 in 2007.

FINANCE , HEALTH & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Councilman DiPisa read the following Finance Report: the current fund cash balance as of January 31, 2008 was \$2,008,124.53; on December 31, 2007 was \$2,122,693.09, which represents a decrease of \$114,568.56. The entire balance was invested and is earning 4.07%. Cash receipts for January totaled \$2,887,554.51 of which \$2,704,407.21 was for current taxes, \$38,090.92 was for delinquent taxes, and \$145,056.38 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for January totaled \$3,002,123.07 of which \$1,663,770.25 was local school taxes, \$561,670.02 was salaries, and \$776,682.30 was for other expenses. He continued that the CFO completed and submitted the Annual Financial Statement by February 11 and the Finance Committee continues to meet every Tuesday with the latest draft of the budget circulated to the council for its review with a request for their input. Under Health, he reminded residents that dog license renewal is due, that the Bergen County Animal Shelter is offering free rabies vaccinations on Thursday Feb. 21. Over 790 dog licenses were issued to date. He reported on the Child Health Conference free program for children. Under Environmental/Transportation Commission, as liaison, he reported the new officers for 2008 are John Stavash as new chair and Kathleen Dates as vice chair, with commitment to the new recycling program. Under Public Facilities, he reported the library roof lead is to be repaired, Police headquarters was painted with the help of the Inmate Work Release Program, and carpets were cleaned at the same time. The Public Library carpet is in the process of being cleaned as well, with the DPW

FINANCE, HEALTH AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):

purchasing an industrial carpet cleaner for this type of service. The DPW has also aided the Library with various projects throughout the year.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Social Services, Commissioner Saccomano reported the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights residents continue to keep the Food Pantry stocked and ready for those who come to shop on Monday mornings. Donations were received from William Ryan, Rose DeSantis, Nancy Eisenberg, Pat Thomasey, Lincoln School, Larry Lesho, Mae Gallagher, Lisa Thomas, Joan Turner, Ginny Santana, Connie Margagliano, In Memory of Jo Ann Vrobell, Fran and Bob Derco, Kitty Gallagher, Josephine McClean, Rosemary, Lynn Bright, BeJay Drugs, Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Lynn, Marge Heeren and Holy Trinity Church, Ethel Ball, Laura French, Gina DeFlorio, Karen McDowell, Magda, Kathy Van Jura, Millie Lenox and Marty Saccomano.

PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner DiNanno reported the DPW dispatched workers to shovel the park sidewalks at the Circle and town parks, which is standard procedure after any snowstorm. Regarding the Central Avenue park, he reported changes to the fencing to allow for better visibility were under review. Construction of the fitness park and playground at Depken Field were slated for the Spring. The Swim Club parking lot will be relined and new curb cuts to allow better ingress and egress are proposed. He thanked Chief Colaneri for police presence on the Boulevard and La Salle Avenue in the mornings.

TRANSPORTATION: Under Transportation, Commissioner Altobelli reported the State Department of Transportation announced that it has committed more than \$90 million to projects this year that will involve rebuilding and replacing some of north Jersey's oldest roadways and bridges, some in Hasbrouck Heights and in surrounding areas. Included is Route 17 interchanges in Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford and Hasbrouck Heights, \$14 million spend to improve traffic signals and add turn lanes and curbing. The Essex Street Bridge is being replaced at a cost of \$34 million, with drainage improvements on Route 17. Route 80 at the Hasbrouck Heights eastbound exit will be repaired.

LAND USE & RECREATION: Under Land Use, Commissioner Buckman reported eight neighbor complaints of property maintenance, seven summonses over violations with properties, six verbal and five written warnings for snow clearing of walkways, one summons to a business on Terrace Avenue for not clearing its walkway of snow and ice, a letter sent to a Boulevard resident to have hedges cut back and three summons to the owner of a rented home on Burton Avenue for extensive property maintenance issues. There was approximately \$5,370 in building department fees, 106 inspections of which 92.5% passed. Under Recreation, she reported the winter programs were winding down, the traveling teams playing a 12 game season, with playoffs in late March, the wrestling team hosting the Andy Feintuch Twin County District

LAND USE AND RECREATION (cont'd):

Championship on Feb. 24. The wrestlastics program was well received. She was a strong advocate of the wrestling program. Adult programs and Recreation Center are ongoing. A Battle of the Bands will be held March 8 at the Recreation Center for high school students. The Senior Citizens Activity Center has many programs. The Director will be purchasing a Wii for the Senior Center. Spring and summer programs registration will be announced soon.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported total calls for January 42, of which 13 in Teterboro, one in Moonachie, 77 EMS calls, 8 in Teterboro, one in Lodi, one in Hackensack. For February he reported there were 42 total calls, six in Teterboro, two in Wood-Ridge, and EMS 94 calls, with 11 in Teterboro, four in Hackensack and one in Lodi. There were 149 fire alarms to date. New radios were installed in the Rescue Truck. A meeting with Port Authority was held with Mayor Heck, Chief Ratkowski, 2nd Asst. Chief Giarratana, Fire Department liaison Tom Meli and Commissioner Gonzalez to meet the new administration including Christina Lato, Ralph Tragale, Richard Heslin, Pam Phillips and Paul Bolognese. Offered was use of their mechanic for repairs of the Crash Truck and refresh training at Teterboro Airport. Under Sanitation, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the Franklin Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station was flooded during a recent heavy rainstorm with normal operations restored within three hours. Four Salt Spreaders were dispatched at the first sign of snow on February 12, with followed by plowing until the end of the storm. He commended the Department on a phenomenal snow clean up. Repairs were made to a Salt Spreader, Garbage Truck and Roll-Off. He also reported on grass pick dates and that no construction or demolition materials will be picked up from now on. Under Streets, he reported potholes were continuing to be repaired. Tree trimming has been started along with stump grinding as per the lists. The street sweeper, garbage truck and roll off truck repairs are now complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

“Jan. 23rd, Attended TANAAC Meeting in Moonachie - continued to pursue a change in Landing Approach to Teterboro Airport that brings planes dangerously close to not only Hackensack University Medical Center where over 7,000 people are employed and thousands of patients are treated, but to a heavily populated residential area. Our group has consistently asked the FAA to make that change with no success and continues to ask FAA to come to one of our meetings to address the problems we are having. They have given us lip service and we are hopeful with the help of U.S. Senators to obtain some needed attention to this matter.

As Chair of the Legislative Committee I placed a motion on the floor to ask the Department of Environmental Protection to respect our group of town representatives and to give us a briefing and/or something on the web site as to the results of The Environ Study. The motion was seconded and carried and subsequently a letter sent to

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

the DEP. The letter resulted in a Conference Call that included invitations to both U.S. Senators, District 9 Congressman, State Senate and Assembly Members, The County Executive, Bergen County Freeholders and Mayors. I participated in that Conference call. A copy of the findings in brief was faxed and e-mailed to us and at the last work session, I distributed them to the entire Council. A flyer was circulated on Jan. 23rd that a public meeting would be held in East Rutherford on Feb. 11th. Kathleen Dates Vice Chair of the Hasbrouck Heights Environmental and Transportation Commission attended on behalf of the Borough. It is my understanding that Councilmen Altobelli and DiNanno also attended.

Jan. 25th I presented an award to H.H. Coach Nick Delcalzo on behalf of the Mayor and Council at an event held in his honor as Coach of the Year.

Jan. 26th, Feb. 2nd, Feb. 9th, 16th and 23rd, I continued to be available to the residents in the Library from 10 till noon or thereafter. It has proven to be a very interesting and informative meeting time with the public. I enjoy meeting with the public and prefer face to face meetings wherever possible and this is working out very nicely for all concerned. People know I will be there and they come to spend some time, offer their opinions and ask questions, etc.

Jan. 22nd, 29th, Feb. 12, 19th and 26th attended Finance Committee meetings with Chair Justin DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Boro Administrator Michael Kronyak.

Jan. 30th, 7:30 am. Attended the 200 Club Breakfast at Seasons in Washington Township– Special Guest Governor Corzine. Over 400 people were there.

At 1 pm The borough had the first meeting with the Anti Drug Council. Programs for the year 2008 were discussed – no meetings were held last year and a limited amount of events. This year full participation is anticipated and expected by Co-Chairs Mayor Rose Heck and Supt. of Schools Joseph Luongo. The next meeting is set for tomorrow afternoon.

Feb. 4, Attended Sign Committee meeting with Councilman DiNanno and Boro Clerk Rose Sees and members of various organizations. Since that time I have met with Boro Administrator Mike Kronyak, and Recreation Director Rob Brady to discuss the Message Sign being considered for purchase and placed at the Northeast Corner of the Municipal Building.

Feb. 5th attended the Reorganization of the Environmental and Transportation Commission at which time Jack Stavash was elected Chair to fill the vacancy left by me, and Kathleen Dates was elected Vice Chair. Gilbert Hunt agreed to be the Environmental Poster Contest Chair again for this year. This will be the fourth annual contest for children in grades K-thru 5 in all Borough schools.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Feb. 6th Attended the Bergen County Executive Supt. of Schools meeting with Hasbrouck Heights Supt. of Schools Joseph Luongo and the Schools Business Manager. Hasbrouck Heights is a receiving District for High School students from Teterboro. They send their younger children to the South Hackensack School District. Since the State has moved to promote more K through 12 Schools South Hackensack is being asked to become part of another school District that is K-through 12. State believes this will help save costs. This will be mandated within 3 years.

7 pm, attended the Planning Board Meeting as a voting member.

Feb. 7th met at 8 am with Michael Kronyak on miscellaneous business. At 10 am met with Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Boro Clerk Rose Sees and Webmaster Fritz Rethage. We discussed expansion and updating the Borough's Web Site, its links to the Police Dept. Site, The Library and the Board of Education. Councilwoman Buckman has been doing an excellent job in overseeing the work to be accomplished. Up to date information will be available pertaining to the Recreation Department and Senior Activities headed by Director Rob Brady. Borough departmental information and forms will also be made available.

Feb. 8th 8 am went on a Tour of the Town with Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Construction Code Official/Building Inspect Nick Melfi, Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak. We traveled through town viewing various construction sites, zoning ordinance infractions that were being given summonses, and various existing conditions (complaints received) in various parts of the town. Procedures and work with Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless' input was discussed along with strict enforcement of local ordinances and a review thereof.

Feb. 9th, 9 am Met with the Research Committee to go over the work they are in the process of doing. DPW Supt. Bill Spindler gave them an overview of his Department and what is being done in the area of recycling. Michael Kronyak was there as well. Chair Tom Meli and Steve Pikowski are in the process of coordinating Grant information and other initiatives discussed by members of his committee.

Feb. 11th, Attended Hasbrouck Heights High School Assembly chaired by Mrs. Lora Geftic who did an outstanding job in cooperation with the school faculty, administration and PTAs along with members of The Pilot. Guest Speaker included Joan Hecht Author of "The Lost Boys of Sudan," and one of those "Lost Boys" Abraham Chol Kuany. It was a very moving and informative program. I presented Abraham with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Mayor and Council and the people of Hasbrouck Heights and designated Feb. 11th Abraham Chol Kuany Day in Hasbrouck Heights.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Feb. 13th, 7 pm attended the DARE Corpus Christi Graduation with Police Chief Colaneri and Lt. Sean Mullins along with other members of the Police Dept. I spoke and congratulated the graduates on behalf of the Mayor and Council and the residents of Hasbrouck Heights.

Feb. 15th, 8 am attended the NJ Conference of Mayors Program at Bergen County Community College. The program ran till noon and I took notes of the various information given to us by the speakers. Dept. of Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph Doria chaired the Panel consisting of a variety people who spoke on various aspects of The State, County and towns, "Going Green." I typed my report and gave copies to the Borough Administrator. Copies were also given to members of the Research Committee since references were made to various grants that might be available.

4 p.m. joined Councilman David Gonzalez, Fire Dept. Liaison Tom Meli, Fire Chiefs Mike Ratkowski and Richard Giarratana at a meeting with Port Authority officials. More information was given by Fire Commissioner Gonzalez in his report..

Feb. 20th had an 11:30 am meeting with DCA Commissioner Joseph Doria who is also Chairman of the NJ Meadowlands Commission. We discussed a number of matters including the need for grants for infrastructure. I gave a typewritten report of that meeting to Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and will share more of that information as I seek further input from various state and county sources. This information will be discussed with the Research and Business Community Committees as well as the Senior Citizens Committee and Youth Committee for their input. The latter two committees will meet with me in March. They will meet on a quarterly basis.

At 7 p.m. I attended the Southwest Community Development Grants Committee at which time applications were presented. I presented our Hasbrouck Heights application for Miers Park at that time. The next meeting is set for March 12th at which time the Funding Chairs will make their recommendations as to how much each town will receive. As is well known there is a limited amount of HUD money slated for these grants and we are hopeful we will receive a fair share of the funding. Then it goes to the County for their final approval. We will know how that works out some time in the spring and the monies should be approved by HUD by the end of summer.

Feb. 23rd, at 9 am, the Business Community held its first meeting. It was well attended and many ideas were discussed. I took notes and gave a copy to the Borough Administrator. The Committee will meet again next month to report its progress.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

On Sunday Feb. 24th, I had the honor of representing the Council at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Pack 17 that was held in the Corpus Christi Cafeteria from 2 to 6 p.m. I presented Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation to the Troop and individual Scouts on behalf of the Mayor and Council and the Residents of Hasbrouck Heights.

Prior to that at 1 pm, I met with Library Director Mimi Hui and Judy Ferrari, a Heights resident who has been helping to organize the William H. Imken Heritage Room. A number of projects were discussed and will be presented to the Library Board along with my recommendation for Mimi to speak with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak about various plans and needs.

On behalf of the Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights I would like to invite the members of the Council to attend a special "Golden Age of Radio" program that will be presented at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, March 4. The public is invited to attend and if they wish to attend please call President Audrey Ascione at 201-288-9051 to advise her. Refreshments will be served after the program to be presented by Dave Zwengler.

The Library has some very interesting evening programs on their calendar and I suggest you check their web site. The Library Director is to be congratulated along with the Library Board for their efforts. In particular by Spring Mimi Hui expects the Community Calendar to be in place, so cooperation of all the town organizations is of the utmost importance for this to be successful. I also thank Borough Clerk for all of her work in sending out meeting notices for all the new Mayor's Committees and getting a list of all the pertinent information needed to make them a success.

My thanks to both DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Police Chief Colaneri, the Fire Chiefs and Ambulance Personnel for all of their work during the two recent storms. Hasbrouck Heights is still number one in keeping our streets clear and its people safe during these storms. Thank you on behalf of the people of Hasbrouck Heights," concluded her report.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 43. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club
- 44. Opposing Revisions to the Wrongful Death Statute

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

45. Approving List of Volunteer Fire Department Members Who Qualified for Credit Under the LOSAP Program for 2007

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

RESOLUTIONS: 46. Authorizing 2007 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved. (Copy attached)

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2173:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO INCLUDE THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE VIII, ANTI-NEPOTISM”** was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on March 11, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Gonzalez voting Aye, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, and Mayor Heck breaking the tie by voting of 3-3 by voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2174:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2008”** was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on March 11, 2008.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to continue Ordinance No. 2172 on public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 2172:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2166 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER, TO BE TITLED ‘ANTI-NEPOTISM GUIDELINES,’ WHICH OUTLINES PROHIBITIONS AGAINST THE HIRING BY THE BOROUGH OF FAMILY RELATIONS FOR PERMANENT FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME PAID POSITIONS” ADOPTED OVER THE VETO OF THE MAYOR ON DECEMBER 27, 2007.”**

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance was Continued on Public Hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, with respect to the anti-nepotism ordinance, questioned why the committee reached the conclusion that a 2/3 vote would be required to approve any candidate related to a borough official. Councilman DiPisa reported on the scope of the committee with four drafts devised for review. A copy of the ordinance was provided to Ms. Skiba. Borough Attorney Chandless said the 2/3 concept never changed in the four drafts, to make the process as transparent as possible with a 2/3 vote required.

Chris Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, was confused on the committee, at the introduction of an ordinance council members should be addressing problems. The Mayor said procedurally before the vote is taken, discussion takes place.

Mayor Heck reminded Councilman Altobelli of his promise to distribute ordinances from other Bergen County towns, which he produced to the Mayor at this time. Councilwoman Buckman requested that copies be distributed to all council members.

Lois Carlson, 208 Longworth Avenue, was confused and asked the process.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 47. Personnel and Litigation

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution to Close was accepted.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 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 Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk