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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

February 24, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 8:15 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 5, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

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

Absent:

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilman Gonzalez who noted these words were spoken by Mother Theresa

“Make us worthy Lord to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread and by our understanding love give peace and job.”

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from PSE&G announcing that residential gas bills will decrease by an additional 7 percent effective March 1, 2009 for a total reduction of about 12 percent since January 1.
- 2) Thank You Letter from The Costa Family
- 3) Letter from Kathleen A. Donovan and Certificate of Compliance for participation in the Public Records Image Processing System.

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

4) Letter from Barbara Christianson, Race Director for HHEA requesting permission to hold the 11th Annual Rau-Fitzgerald 5K Run and Terlemezian 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk on April 26, 2009.

5) Letter from County Executive Dennis McNerney announcing the 2008 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund award of \$80,000.

Items #1, 2 and 5 were requested to be read into the record (copies attached). The Clerk asked for a decision on Item #4, which was unanimously carried.

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 10, 2009 Regular Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$1,052,552.59 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 DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

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REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Mayor/Commissioner Heck reported as follows: Under **Summonses**, for the month of January included 458 Parking violations versus 441 in January 2008, with year to date totals for 2009 - 458 and in 2008 - 441. Moving violations were 155 versus 166 in 2008, with a year to date of 155 in 2009 and 166 in 2008. Total Violations were 613 in January 2009 and 607 in January 2008, with a year to date of 613 in 2009 and 607 in 2008. Under the **General Complaints** report, she noted there were 68 ambulance requests, 1 ambulance request Hackensack responded, 2 ambulance requests Lodi responded, 3 ambulance requests, Teterboro responded, 24 ambulance w/paramedics, 6 animal complaints, 28 assisting other agencies, 18 Borough ordinance violations, 8 Borough ordinance complaints, 30 burglar alarm-commercial, 35 burglar alarm-residential, 3 burglary residences, 3 carbon monoxide alarms, 47 cell phone 911, 2 criminal mischief business, 1 criminal mischief mv, 1 criminal mischief residence, 2 customer disputes, 28 disabled vehicles, 3 disorderly conduct, 17 domestic violence, 8 domestic violence orders, 1 DUI, 2 erratic driver, 2 family dispute, 4 gas leaks, 35 general calls, 5 general disputes, 2 harassment, 2 phone call harassment, 1 hold-up alarm, 2 identity theft, 3 juvenile delinquency, 11 juvenile incidents, 10 lockout-mv, 1 lockout-resident, 2 lost articles, 2 lost license plates, 2 missing person, 1 neighbor dispute, 6 noise complaint, 4 property damage, 2 recovered motor vehicle, 1 robbery, 3 sewer backup, 1 simple assault, 3 subpoena, 31 summonses, 20 suspicious incidents, 15 suspicious persons, 15 suspicious vehicles, 3 Teterboro 911 calls, 3 theft, 1 theft from auto, 36 traffic accidents on county roads, 17 traffic accidents on Borough roads, 4 traffic accidents private, 33 traffic accidents, State roads, 104 traffic enforcement, 46 traffic related services, 4 warrants, 10 welfare checks, 43 Wood-Ridge 911 calls, totaling 1,028 for all general complaints. Under **Department News**, she continued that under the direction of Capt. J. DeLorenzo, Detectives Michael Colaneri, Alan Baker, Scott Adamo and Joseph Rinke had a busy month solving old criminal cases. Working with the B.C. Sheriff's Department, A DNA hit was confirmed on a suspect who was then charged with burglary of copper from a PSE&G substation. Another DNA hit confirmed a 2006 burglar of Kentucky Fried Chicken and the suspect charged. A fraud check in the amount of \$250,000 was solved, and an investigation of fires set at the high school resulted in a juvenile found and charged. Patrolman John Behr made an important arrest through a MV stop with the driver in possession of 14 bags of cocaine. Being the first department in southern Bergen County to have one, the Alcotest has been placed in service replacing the breathalyzer which was 60 years old. On January 30, Chief Colaneri, D/C Kroncke, Capt. DeLorenzo and Det. Rinke attended an Emergency Responders breakfast at St. Joseph's Pre-School in East Rutherford.

FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Di Pisa read the following Finance Report: the current fund cash balance as of January 31, 2009 was \$2,169,859.21; on December 31, 2008 was \$2,478,053.87, which represents a decrease of \$308,194.66. The entire balance was invested and is earning 0.25%.

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FINANCE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd): Cash receipts for January totaled \$2,862,700.66 of which \$2,574,469.78 was for current taxes, \$63,592.15 was for delinquent taxes and \$224,638.73 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for January totaled \$3,170,895.32 of which \$1,699,410.85 was local school taxes, \$610,458.76 was salaries, and \$861,025.71 was for other expenses. He continued that the financial records for the year ended 12/31/2008 have been closed out the Annual Financial Statement was filed by the due date of 2/10/2009. The Tax Collection Rate for 2008 was 98.86%, a little better than 2007's rate of 98.69%. Cash surplus at 12/31/2008 was \$1,548,932.03 prior to tax appeal adjustments which should reduce by approximately \$150,000.00 leaving a cash surplus balance of \$1,398,932.03. The process of formulating the 2009 Municipal Budget continues with introduction scheduled on or about March 17, 2009. The Finance Committee meets weekly, with individual members also meeting with the Chief Financial Officer in preparation for weekly meetings. Two CAPS must be met this year, a Budget Cap and a 4% Levy Cap which imposes a limit on the increase in the Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes. The current draft is within the Budget Cap but we cannot determine if it is within the Levy Cap until additional information is received from the Division of Local Government Services. As of today's meeting the draft of the budget indicated an increase for Local Purposes of approximately 4 tax points. This draft includes all pension obligations although we do not yet know what our requirements will be under the new regulations. Also, this budget does not include the \$200,000.00 in Extraordinary Aid received last year. Copies of the 6 Year Capital Budget were circulated to the governing body at this meeting. Under Public Facilities, he reported the DPW, in preparation of its NJ DEP storm water inspection which takes place in March, installed a canopy over its waste oil recovery recycling area at its facility. A new thermostat was installed and roof repairs made to the Public Safety Building. Meetings for the month in Borough Hall included 23 in the Community Room, nine in the Caucus Room, six in the Council Chambers and five in the Senior Center (not including senior activities). He commended the DPW, Police and Fire Departments for answering an emergency by providing a portable generator to his neighbor when the electricity went down.

PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner DiNanno reported the parks are continually maintained by the DPW. He also mentioned monies were allocated for parks improvement, \$46,208 in Community Development Block Grand Funds plus \$80,000 in B.C. Open Space Funds for improvements to Miers and Woodland Parks, to include new playground equipment and walkways, as well as a new basketball court at Miers Park.

TRANSPORTATION: Under Transportation, Commissioner Altobelli had no report.

LAND USE, RECREATION & SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported the Recreation Center is open on Friday and Saturday evenings. To find out if it is open, call 201-288-4143 and hit #4 key. The Recreation Wrestling Team

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LAND USE, RECREATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES: hosted the Andy Feintuch Twin County District 5 Championship with ten towns participating. The wrestlers who placed first or second will advance to the Twin County Regional Championship on Feb. 27 in Hackensack. Recreation Softball has over 80 girls registered who will be split by grade and be part of the traveling league with three teams in the 3rd and 4th grade division, two teams in the 5th and 6th grade division and two teams in the 7th and 8th grade division. Recreation Summer Camp registration will be held March 23 and March 30 from 7-9 p.m. in the Recreation office. Adult basketball and volley ball programs are ongoing, as well as an active Senior Center. Under Social Services, Commissioner Buckman reported the Food Pantry is open Monday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need that would like to register can do so by calling Rob Brady by calling (201) 288-4143. During the month of February the pantry served over 65 individuals in need. Thank you to the generous volunteers who help stock and supervise the food pantry, as well as the following donors: Women of First Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, St. John the Divine, Corpus Christi, First Reformed Church, Lynn Bright, Laura Baker, Eileen Carow, Kay Hoffman, Millie Lennox, George and Martha Pertuz, Diane Robertson, Santana Family, Kathy Van Jura, Dorothy Gagliardi, Michele Zahn, Woman's Club, Arlene. Carreau, Joan Turner, Dawn Balcer, Albert Kingsley Family, Janine Tattoli, Tom White and the Avila Family. She continued that if anyone wishes to donate food items here are some ideas: canned fruit, juices, paper products, all kinds of soaps and cleaning products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, powdered milk and snacks. Under Land Use, Commissioner Buckman reported the Construction office from February 1 through 23, collected fees in the amount of \$4,358. Property Maintenance Officer Ron Monteleone for his first month on the job conducted 19 inspections, 16 follow up, seven notices were sent, six summonses issued and nine situations were resolved. As Library liaison, she reported that in the Director's report to the Library Trustees, during January there was a total circulation of 8,247 compared to January of 2008 which was 6,852 items. Head of Circulation Laurie Steinbacher reported that the biggest mover was media which is DVDs up 25%, CDs up 36%, and an increase in traffic from neighboring towns. Councilwoman Buckman reported a program scheduled for March 10, 2009 from 7-8:30 p.m. is titled "Job Search Tips and Resume Writing".

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported that at the last council meeting, Mayor Heck had reported that Ralph Tragale of Port Authority of NY and NJ had presented her with a check for \$80,000 to be used toward the purchase of a new ambulance. He noted that the ambulance to be replaced is 10 years old and thanked Susan Bass Levin, Ralph Tragale and Pam Phillips for their time and effort on this. He reported from February 1 through 22 there were 28 fire calls, 7 non fire emergency calls and 96 EMS calls. Under Streets & Sanitation, he reported the DPW responded to a snow storm on January 28 with salt trucks dispatched until 4:30 a.m. and the entire crew plowing the streets until 12 noon. On February 3 the salt trucks were dispatched to remove the light snow throughout town. Payment was received from Bergen County for plowing services of county roads. Cleaning of sanitary sewer lines on Hasbrouck Avenue from Williams to Ottawa Avenues and the intersection of

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FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Ottawa and Hasbrouck Avenues down to the Ottawa House were completed. One of the motors at the Franklin Avenue Sewer Pump Station was rebuilt and new control switches installed. On January 13, a preconstruction meeting was held at Borough Engineer Job's office at which DPW Supt. Spindler, Police Chief Colaneri, Mr. Job and Montana Construction Corp attended to discuss the sanitary sewer repair projects on Oak Grove Avenue between Ottawa and LaSalle Avenues including the 100 block of LaSalle Avenue. The Oak Grove project was completed on February 17. In-house repairs to vehicles included replacement of rear suspension, water pump and hydraulic hoses on Garbage Truck 102, rear suspension on Roll-off 104, packer blade pistons on Garbage Truck 106, and removal, rebuilding and reinstallation of transmission on Police Car 612. He gave dates for BCUA Household Hazardous Waste Collections: March 14 and July 18 at the BCUA, foot of Empire Boulevard; April 5, June 28 and Oct. 4 at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, May 16, Sept. 12 and Nov. 21 at B.C. Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Roadm Mahwah. Computer and Tire Recycling events are April 26, Aug. 22 at B.C. Community Services Bldg., 327 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus; June 13 and Nov. 7 at B.C. Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah. On March 7, the Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Container will be in the Central Avenue parking lot from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mayor Heck noted she had sent a personal note to Susan Bass Levin at Port Authority.

HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Link reported that on February 11th, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health held its' monthly meeting (2nd Wednesday of the month). **Health inspector, Aysu Cesmebasi** reported HH sanitary inspections are on schedule and any concerns are being followed closely. Aysu is continuing to check our establishments to ensure recalled products are not being sold in regards to the Peanut Butter/Salmonella outbreak. The US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has confirmed that the source for the ongoing outbreak is a peanut processing plant in Georgia and as of Feb 20th in Texas, owned by the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). Refer to the FDA website (www.fda.gov) for a list of all product names recalled. **Board of Health Secretary, Laura French reported:** Over 800 dog licenses have been issued. Reminder letters are being mailed at the end of February to those who have not responded. Free Rabies vaccine is being offered by the Teterboro Animal Shelter on the 26th, between 3:30pm and 5pm to NJ residents. Certificate of current Rabies vaccine and proof of residency are required. The Board has started planning its Senior Wellness Luncheon and its Health Fair VII. Mark your calendars; Thursday, August 20th and Saturday, October 17th respectfully. They will keep us informed as more details are formulated. **Board President, Connie Doheny,** announced that the NJ Local Boards of Health Association is sponsoring a free workshop for Board of Health members on Saturday, March 7th at 1pm at the Englewood Public Library and asked all members interested to contact her. **Joanne Wendoloski of Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP)** informed the Board that they will begin immunization audits at our schools at the end of February and reported a positive response from Hasbrouck

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HEALTH: Heights residents at the flu vaccine program run by Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission on January 29th to accommodate the new state mandate. **Sam Yanovich, Health Officer of Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission** informed the Board that 20 vials (10 inoculations per vial) of flu vaccine are ordered for Hasbrouck Heights. The program's date is being discussed for an October time frame. Actual date and specifics will follow as we near this time. He informed the Board that the County Local Information Network Communication System (LINCS) team is currently organizing regional town hall meetings regarding development of a regional **Point of Distribution (POD)**. PODs would be established in the event of a large-scale public health emergency as a means to administer vaccines, dispense medication, or distribute other critical supplies to the population. March 4th, the south-west regional meeting will be held at the Carlstadt Municipal building at 7:30pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Heck gave her Mayor's Report as follows:

Monday, Feb. 2, I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Mike Kronyak. A number of matters pertaining to public safety were discussed among other things.

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24th I attended Finance Committee Meetings with Chair Justin Di Pisa, Pam Link, and Michael Kronyak in preparation of the Budget Introduction. Other matters were also discussed including last year's budget and the retirements of two Police Officers and a member of the DPW.

Feb. 4 attended the Southwest Community Development Meeting with Councilman Justin DiPisa at which time I was elected Chair of that Grant Committee. That automatically places me on the Countywide Grant Committee which will meet on March 2nd. On Feb. 11th attended the second meeting of the Southwest Community Development Grant Committee with Mike Kronyak. Two additional meetings were held here in the building to discuss the allocation of funds to the 12 participating towns. Vice Chair, Rutherford Councilwoman Maura Keyes, Mike Kronyak and I completed that work yesterday and I thank Mike for all of his help and the work he did to expedite the percentage formula used. We will vote on the recommendations tomorrow night in East Rutherford at the Boiling Springs Nutrition Center.

I would like to add that Justin, Mike and I will be inviting The Nutrition Director to give an overview of all of the benefits of that Nutrition Center. A number of Hasbrouck Heights people do attend, but we believe more people could benefit if they were made aware of the programs and services. We will report more on this when we have a date certain to invite Hasbrouck Heights Seniors to the meeting.

Feb. 6, Presented the Costa Family with a resolution proclaiming that day as The Costa Family Day. They all were being honored by Care on the Corner. Council Members Link, Buckman and Gonzalez also attended. And Mrs. DiPisa was there representing her husband who was unable to attend due to business commitments.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Sunday, Feb. 8, I was a judge at the Junior Woman's District Spelling Bee held at Hasbrouck Heights High School. The top three winners will go on to the State Contest.

At 1 pm that day I attended the Chinese New Year Luncheon sponsored by the Friends of the Library at a restaurant in East Rutherford. Mimi Hui and the committee was commended for a very successful and well attended event.

Feb. 10 attended the Police Committee Meeting with Dep. Commissioner Di Pisa, Chief Colaneri and Michael Kronyak. That was followed by a Finance Meeting.

Feb. 13, Friday: Attended a special meeting in Secaucus with Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless re: the Passaic Valley Sewer Authority Law suit.

Feb . 17, Tuesday, Attended the Community Awareness Access to All Committee with Councilwoman Pam Link. I congratulated the New Chair Maryann Pisani.

Feb. 19, Thursday: Met with Ro Sees and Mike Kronyak to go over the contract for the Street Fair. I gave them an update on the facts as they stood at that time. The evening after the Resolution for the Street Fair was defeated, I e-mailed the entire Committee to advise them of that fact and my proposal to seek commitments of \$10,000 by the Feb. 24th Council Meeting. They worked with me on obtaining those commitments. I delivered a number of packets and spoke to all involved to promote the Street Fair sponsorships. As of Friday night we had \$7,500 committed in Sponsorships. As of this evening we have \$13,500 in sponsorships; more than half of the total of \$20,000. Other commitments are going through the corporate route. And are on the way. Right Now I am very pleased and grateful to all of those early commitments. They include:

Costa Funeral Home	\$5,000	Platinum Sponsor
Cosimano (Otterstedt Insurance)	2,000	
Wellington Hall	2,500	Gold Sponsor
TD Bank (formerly Commerce Bank)	1,000	Silver Sponsor
<u>Corporate Sponsors:</u>		
The Hilton	500	
Chandless, Weller and Kramer	500	
Ray Vorisek (Heights Florist)	500	
IHOP	500	
Mason & Musella	500	
Dr. Anthony Bonura, DDS	500	

This total as of the moment is \$13,500.

Friday, Feb. 20th I met with Ro Sees and Mike Kronyak to discuss the Street Fair, COAH and Southwest Community Development Grant.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd)

Sunday, Feb. 22nd, I presented Resolutions to the Cub Scout Master of Cub Scout Troop 17 at their Blue and Gold Dinner.

Monday, Feb. 23rd, Attended The Mayor's Business Community Celebrations Committee at 9 am along with Borough Clerk Ro Sees and Mike Kronyak. Upon a recommendation from David Fanale, we all agreed that we will encourage the wearing of Orange and Black by residents and Heights businesspeople to show our support of our town and its Street Fair. We are promoting our town as Hasbrouck Heights, The Family Friendly Town. . .Which we definitely are.

Had another Meeting with Mike Kronyak at 4 pm.

At 7 pm attended the reorganization of the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee Reorganization. I congratulated Pat Link who was re-elected Chair and Rosemary Willard who was re-elected Vice-Chair. The meeting was well attended and Co-Chairs for each event volunteered.

Except for Saturday, March 7th, I continue to meet with residents from 10 am till noon on Saturday Mornings in the Library from 10 am till noon. On Saturday March 7, I will be attending a special seminar with Council Members Buckman, Gonzalez, and Link.

That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: Darin R. Oddo to Fire Department Engine Co. #2

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

A picture was taken of Mr. Oddo with Chief Ratkowski, Councilman Gonzalez and Councilman Altobelli

RESIGNATIONS: Karl Houghton from Mayor's Committee of Community Celebrations

Cindy Minervini from Mayor's Committee of Community Celebrations

Michael Minervini from Mayor's Committee of Community Celebrations

RESIGNATIONS (cont'd):

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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted with regret.

CONSENT AGENDA: 42. Raffle Licenses for Corpus Christi Rosary Society

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda resolution was approved.

RESOLUTIONS: 43. Authorizing Application for Tonnage Grants for 2008

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

44. Certifying Submission of Expenditure of Taxes Paid Pursuant to P.L.2007, Chapter 311

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

45. Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Overpaid Due to Inability to Locate Premise Owner

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

46. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2008-0011 for Block 157, Lot 20.01

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

47. Authorizing Contract with Cliffhanger Productions for Street Fair in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

Councilman Gonzalez remarked after seconding the motion, that Mayor Heck had proposed to come back with \$10,000 in sponsorships which she had exceeded in such a short time.

Councilman DiNanno was very pleased that the committee and Mayor Heck had done a fine job getting a committed \$13,500 in sponsorships, that it would be no cost to the Borough and voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

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

Mayor Heck thanked the council for voting yes, that there will be something special for all age groups. She asked the public at large to wear orange and black on that day, and welcomed any groups who wanted to sell T-shirts.

48. Raffle Licenses for Junior Woman's Club

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2204:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled : **“AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 45 ENTITLED “OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE VI ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON” ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT”**as 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 10, 2009.

Councilman DiNanno asked that in creating this position if there was a separate salary designated. He was told no and there never was. He was advised that this was a position already established, but now required an ordinance. The position has been held by the Borough Clerk.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2202:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2202 which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

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ORDINANCE NO. 2202 (cont'd):

unanimously carried. There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 181 ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, LICENSING,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WHICH REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR THE COMMERCIAL SALE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH SETS FORTH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH LICENSE AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE FOR THE SAME”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2202 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2203:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2203 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried. There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 133 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN RESPECT TO THE FEES CHARGED FOR THE LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODE”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2203 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

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

CLOSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

49. Resolution to Close for Executive Session

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close for Executive Session for litigation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, Mayor Heck adjourned the meeting at 9:24 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 24, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk