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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 26, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 8:04 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: None

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 Councilwoman Sonya Buckman

Sufi Prayer for Peace:

“O Almighty Sun, whose light clears away all clouds, we take refuge in you. Guide of all people, God of all deities, Lord of all angels, We pray you to dispel the mists of illusion from the hearts of the nations and lift their lives by your all-sufficient power, your ever shining light, your everlasting life.”

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Stephen Dilts, Commissioner, NJDOT, announcing award of \$150,000 for Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Project
- 2) Letter from Ellen M. Davenport, Secretary of the Senate, of receipt of Resolution No. 71 (Parole date of Joseph McGowan) and if any legislative action is taken, she will notify this office

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

3) Letter from B.C. Executive Dennis McNerney that applications for the 2009 funding round of the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund are now available

Items #1 and 2 were requested to be read into the record (copies attached).

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$239,706.98 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 Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Mayor/Commissioner Heck reported as follows: Under Summonses, for the month of April included 354 Parking versus 330 in April 2008 and 266 Moving violations, 267 in April 2008, with year to date totals for 2009 - 620 and in 2008 - 697. Under the General Complaints report, she noted there were 58 ambulance requests, 1 Teterboro, 15 ambulance w/paramedics, 9 animal complaints, 21 assisting other agencies, 8 Borough ordinance violations, 18 burglar alarm-commercial, 35 burglar alarm-residential, 1 burglary-auto, 1 burglary commercial, 1 burglary residences, 1 carbon monoxide alarms, 60 cell phone 911, 1 criminal mischief-business, 6 criminal mischief-motor vehicle, 3 customer disputes, 17 disabled vehicles, 1 disorderly conduct,

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5 domestic violence, 24 domestic violence orders, 4 DUI, 6 erratic driver, 3 family disputes, 2 fire alarms, 1 found property, 2 fraud, 1 gas leaks, 40 general calls, 60 general disputes, 2 harassment, 1 identity theft, 2 juvenile delinquency, 17 juvenile incidents, 2 landlord-tenant dispute, 9 lockout-mv, 2 lockout-resident; 3 lost articles, 1 lost license plates, 1 Megan's Law re-registration, 1 missing person, 3 neighbor dispute, 12 noise complaint, 3 notifications, 5 property damage, 1 recovered mv, 1 robbery, 5 subpoenas, 30 summonses, 25 suspicious incidents, 13 suspicious persons, 25 suspicious vehicles, 3 Teterboro 911 calls, 7 theft, 3 theft from auto, 1 theft from buildings, 19 traffic accidents on county roads, 7 traffic accidents on Borough roads, 10 traffic accidents private, 43 traffic accidents State roads, 144 traffic enforcement, 1 traffic light out, 33 traffic related services, 2 traffic warrants, 12 welfare checks, 317 Wood-Ridge 911 calls, totaling 988 for all general complaints. She read the following report from Chief Colaneri;

Prisoners from Bergen County Jail painted Police Headquarters and cleaned the carpets in the Detective Bureau and Record Room.

Chief Colaneri, Capt. DeLorenzo and Sgt. Rinke attended the annual Statewide Narcotics Action Plan (S.N.A.P.) Meeting hosted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. Representatives from the Borough schools also attended. Many topics were discussed from narcotics, steroids, bullying, street gangs, internet and sexting.

A solar powered school zone sign with flashing beacon and speed display was installed on Passaic Avenue Eastbound toward Euclid School. This sign was paid for by insurance of a motorist who damaged the wiring of the old sign.

The Department has received new pistols to replace the 15-year old pistols. All Members have received both classroom instruction and have qualified with the new guns. The guns were received at zero cost as the older pistols were traded in.

Chief Colaneri and Lt. Archer attended the County Law Enforcement Memorial on 05/20/2009 at the Police Academy in Mahwah.

Capt. DeLorenzo and Sgt. Rinke chaperoned the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.

The second grade students in all schools were fingerprinted and photographed.

Upcoming Events: June 18, 2009 the 8th Grade DARE Swim Party at the Swim Club, 6:00pm. June 24 – July 1, 2009, the Jr. Police Academy will be held.

FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Di Pisa read the following Finance Report: the current fund cash balance as of April 30, 2009 was \$447,986.18; on March 31, 2009 was \$1,562,709.55, which represents a decrease of

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\$1,114,723.37. The entire balance was invested and is earning approximately .90%. Cash receipts for April totaled \$3,132,657.94 of which \$2,997,415.62 was for current taxes, \$28,063.67 was for delinquent taxes and \$107,178.65 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for April totaled \$4,247,156.31 of which \$1,697,323.83 was local school taxes, \$1,161,064.00 was Pension Contributions, \$671,169.25 was salaries, and \$717,599.23 was for other expenses. He continued the 2009 municipal budget was adopted April 28, 2009 and transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services for approval, upon which the tax levy will be certified and the Bergen County Board of Taxation will calculate the total tax rate. This rate will be the basis for the final tax bill which will include the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2009 and 1st and 2nd quarters of 2010. Under Public Facilities, he reported the DPW excavated and set the new solar powered slow school sign on Passaic Avenue which has flashing yellow lights as well as a meter which alerts the drivers of speed that they are traveling. They also excavated an area near the Police Memorial to allow for installation of a utility box for an irrigation system. Police Headquarters was painted and carpets cleaned with the assistance of Bergen County Inmate Work Release Program. Elevator and emergency generators maintenance was performed at Borough Hall and the Public Safety Building. New mulch was dispersed in the flower beds outside Borough Hall and Daisy Troop 517 planted flowers around the electronic sign and other areas of the building. Meetings this past month were held in Borough Hall as follows: Community Room, 17; Caucus Room, 8 and Council Chambers, 5. He continued that the Street Fair was far beyond expectations and complimented Mayor Heck on its success.

PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner DiNanno reported the DPW completed a large project at the Circle which entailed excavation of five areas, 18 feet long by 6 feet wide, to add new flower beds of annuals and perennials. This project was the combined efforts of Mayor Heck, Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie Sees, William Spindler, Ray Vorisek, Ann Lustberg, Elizabeth Moser and Maria Proscia. Repairs to sidewalks at Polifly Park were completed as well as a new sidewalk at the Central Avenue Playground area along with a replacement of a new gate latch which had been broken. He thanked all the residents who attended the Memorial Day services. Thus far four picnics were held at Woodland Park, upon which the DPW cleans and opens all facilities at the park.

TRANSPORTATION: Under Transportation, Commissioner Altobelli reminded residents that Hasbrouck Heights offers regular bus service to nearby shopping centers for elderly and physically disabled residents, utilizing a new bus purchased with Community Development Block Grant funds and an older bus in reserve. Trips are made to the Lodi Shop-Rite on Wednesdays and Hackensack Pathmark on Fridays. In addition on the third Tuesday of each month it takes residents to Wal Mart and on the third Thursday to Paramus Park. Residents are picked up and dropped off at their residences and must be able to get on and off the bus on their own, must be 55 years of age or older or severely handicapped, in which case an aide may accompany them. Sign up was through the DPW at 201-288-7209. He complimented the first Street Fair event.

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LAND USE, RECREATION & SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Recreation, she reported Track and Field finished the last week of May with the children receiving shirts and nine weeks of training. Recreation Cross Country will have registration in mid-June for the September season. This program is open to all girls and boys in 5th through 8th grades. The Softball program will be sponsoring two U Gals traveling softball teams this summer, one 3rd and 4th grade team and one 5th and 6th grade team. The Recreation Center will be closing for the summer on June 20. Adult volleyball will be moving to Woodland Park June 24. Adult basketball runs until the end of June. Over 280 children registered for summer camp. 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 April the pantry had over 45 visitors in need. Thanks to the general volunteers who supervise the Food Pantry and to the following donors, Alissa DiChiara, Peggy Hillman, Karen MacDowell, Kathy Van Jura, Mrs. Bielecki, Corpus Christi Troop 606, Bob Corristown, Martha Pertuz, Helen Kormans, Shelly Assenheimer, Kay Hoffman, Connie Margagliano, Kathy Battiglia, Josephine McClean, Eve DeDomenico, Ron Ellis, First Reformed Church, Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus and Corpus Christi Church. Cash donations of \$50 by M. Sanders, Woman's Club \$1,320. A note was received from the First Reformed Church who collected \$781.50 from the Mardi Gras held in March. Under Land Use, Commissioner Buckman reported that in the Construction office, \$15,885.00 was received for permit fees. Under Property Maintenance, she reported from April 20 to May 21, there were 36 initial inspections, 40 re-inspections, 22 high grass and weeds summonses, 12 miscellaneous violations, 34 warnings issued, 12 situations resolved and six summonses issued. As Library Liaison, she reported over 80 items were collected for the Food Pantry and fines waived during Library Week. There were 52 in attendance for the Butterfly Program and 49 for the Piano Recital performed by Veronica Rose. Upcoming programs include Library Book and Table Top Sale May 30 and 31 and a Free Resume Seminar June 11. She also added her congratulations on the tremendous Street Fair.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the Fire Department held their annual inspection on May 9. Prior to the inspection the company had been called out to a house fire in Lodi, but were back in time for the inspection. Members of the department were on hand at the Street Fair. The department participated the Memorial Day Parade followed by a Memorial Service at the Firemen's Memorial. Under Streets & Sanitation, he reported the town held its auction last month to sell Borough equipment and generated \$9,952.00 which goes into the Miscellaneous Deposits Not Anticipated Fund. Some items sold were a Front-end Loader, Dump Truck with salt spreader, two police cars, bicycles, office furniture and computers. For the Street Fair the DPW placed barricades and closed off streets, put out trash and recycling receptacles, continually emptied them throughout the day, cleaned up the sidewalk and swept the streets after the event and assisted vendors who required electricity from the street lights. DPW Supt. Spindler attended a meeting to coordinate the planning of replacement of

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existing gas mains running west of Burton Avenue along Passaic Avenue to the Boulevard Circle and south along the Boulevard to Wood-Ridge. PSE&G will begin this work on July 1, 2009. Also in attendance were Police Chief Colaneri, Douglas Job of Job & Job Engineers, Michael Panas and Jonathan Koenigsberg of B.C. Roads Dept., Brian Intindola of Neglia Engineering and Ray Verdonik and Jim Urato of PSE&G. A new 2009 International Dump Truck with Salt Spreader and power angle plow has been received and should prove useful during snow and ice season. Repairs were made to the Back Hoe, Garbage Truck, Snow Plows and service and repairs were made to Police vehicles. He also complimented the very successful Street Fair.

HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Link reported that on May 13th, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health held its' monthly meeting (2nd Wednesday of the month).

Health inspector, Aysu Cesmebasi reported that she was preparing to schedule a Food Handlers Course here in the Community Room on Monday, June 22nd and Wednesday, June 24th 1pm to 4pm. She also informed the Board that a letter would be mailed to all food establishments at the end of May requesting copies of their current employees' Food Handlers Certificates by the end of August. Hasbrouck Heights Swim Club was on track and preparing for their opening on Memorial Weekend, but the two Hotel pools were still a work in progress. All inspections are on-schedule and issues being handled accordingly.

Board of Health Secretary, Laura French informed the Board of the following Annual Food License Renewals will be mailed May 26 and must be returned by June 30th. This includes all Retail Food establishments, Mobiles, Schools, Seasonal Events, Milk Trucks, and Massage Therapy & Tanning. The State Registrars Office has completed (May 8, 2009) their audits of all Vital Statistics and Registration and are being reviewed by State Registrar, Joseph Komosinski. Review comments are still pending. In accordance with the Board of Education Policy, all students in grades Pre-K to 8 were examined for head lice and none found.

Board President, Connie Doheny, initiated a discussion on "Prohibition Against the Feeding of Wild Stray Animals' and the Board passed a motion to introduce the Ordinance and open it to the public at their next meeting.

Sam Yanovich, Health Officer of Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission, reported to the Board an update of the Swine Flu with 20 suspect cases in Bergen County, but none confirmed. This concluded her report.

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

I wish to open my report by saying Our First Street Fair held on Sunday, May 17th was a great success. I am very proud of the work done by the Mayor's Business Community Committee, The Borough's Department Heads beginning with Borough Clerk Rose Marie

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Sees, Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler, Recreation Director Rob Brady and the Fire Chiefs.

Mayor's Business Community Committee Meetings were held weekly on Thursday mornings from April 30th thru May 21st; with mini Borough meetings held in between.

I have received numerous compliments and thanks from the people of Hasbrouck Heights. As for the suggestion to do it again at the end of the summer, we cannot afford to do so. We are planning another Outdoor Mall and information on that will be forthcoming.

We blocked off the Boulevard from Kipp Avenue to Raymond Street to give us enough space for the 90 vendors who participated. The restaurants all along the Boulevard never had such a busy day. Cliff Witmyer, president of Cliffhanger Productions who was in charge of the production estimated a crowd of over 10,000 people in attendance other estimates ranged from 10,000 to 15,000 people.

It was a fantastic success. Cliff met with the Mayor's Business Community on Thursday, May 21st and reported that he was pleasantly surprised at our first event numbers, especially since the weather was threatening all day. It did not dampen the crowd's enthusiasm or their appetites. He said there is not doubt in his mind that we will surpass the number of vendors who will want to participate next year. Hasbrouck Heights now has a track record and more food vendors will, no doubt, be willing to come in 2010. He checked with vendors who were there and they said they would be back next year; he said that is a very good sign.

We congratulated Cliff on a job well done. He and his staff were true professionals and were working the crowd, and the events all day. He expressed his appreciation for all of the Borough's staffers, including the Recreation Dept. and Mayor's Youth Committee members along with the Junior Auxiliary Police Members who worked the Street Fair in various capacities all day. The Safety Measures taken by the Police Dept. and the Borough's Volunteer Fire Dept. were given much praise along with the clean-up work done effectively throughout the event. Bill Spindler had his men come out to sweep the streets at midnight that night so that the business area was back in shape for Monday, May 18th.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the amusements, entertainment and rides and the parents were delighted with the entire event. Much to their surprise when they asked where to "BUY" tickets for the rides they were told they were free. The Concerts and entertainment going on all day at two locations were also "FREE" and they were a great success. Ashley Hollister even performed before a crowd of people who withstood a light rain shower later in the afternoon. Hasbrouck Heights own American Idol, "Ashley," was swarmed by groups of youngsters as she signed autographs. Anthony Liguori's group and his "Elvis" attracted a huge appreciative crowd. Applause was generously given to all the performers including the Sproviero Brothers group.

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Our Publicity was fantastic and our after the event coverage was great and is still coming. Newspapers; radio; billboards; flyers, and banners all added to the outreach and marketing of the event.

This Street Fair was put together in just three months and it was a very busy three months for the committee and of course Cliff. We all agreed that now that we have experienced this Street Fair, we can make next year's even bigger and better.

OUR STREET FAIR COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF IT WERE NOT FOR OUR SPONSORS. I am sending them each a personal thank you and giving them a full report. Our 2010 Street Fair is tentatively set for the same weekend next year and will depend of course upon the generosity of our Sponsors. We are hopeful that those who sponsored this year will do so again next year and be joined by additional sponsors.

Again A BIG Thank You To:

1. Platinum Sponsor: Costa Memorial Home;
2. Gold Sponsors: BeJay Drugs, CareOne Wellington Hall, Otterstedt Insurance, 101.9 RXP and Houlahan's;
3. Silver Sponsors: Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Hekemian & Co., Hennessey Heights Funeral Home, T.D. Bank, Valley National Bank, The Record newspaper and The Community Newspaper and
4. Bronze Sponsors: Anthony B. Bonura, DMD, Chandless, Weller, Kramer, Heights Flower Shoppe, The Hilton Hasbrouck Heights, IHOP, Teterboro Airport, Lenox Corp., Mason & Musella, Esq., Pepe Plumbing, Shop-Rite of Lodi, Stan's Sports Center, The Gazette, The Holiday Inn and The Observer.

Tuesday, April 28th: At 11 a.m. I met with Finance Committee Chair Justin DiPisa and Vice Pam Chair Pam Link and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak. We were given a presentation by Planner Leonard Faiola of Remington & Vernick. I have been looking at Planners since 2008 and at this point in time after much consideration I will be recommending that firm for appointment as our Borough's Planner; a position I have left open since January 2008.

Wednesday, April 29th, 10 am: Went on a tour of the Teterboro Tower and was given a briefing of the workings of Air Traffic Control. This is part of the special study and attention given to Air Traffic Safety in the area. I chair the TANAAC Committee that requested that work be done.

Thursday, April 30th at 7 PM I spoke at the V.F.W. on Loyalty Day program. Borough Juvenile Officer Sgt. Joseph Rinke, Borough DPW staffer Joseph Fadden and Fire Dept. Firefighter Derek Hernandez, who is currently serving in Iraq, were recognized by V.F.W. Post 4591 for their outstanding service to the community.

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Saturday, May 2nd, at 8 AM joined DPW Supt. Bill Spindler at Miers Park where he gathered volunteers together to join in the Town Clean-Up Day.

10 am Met with residents at the Library till Noon after which I performed a wedding.

At 1 pm attended a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Heights Bar and Grill with Councilwoman Pam Link.

Monday, May 4th, 7 PM. Councilman David Gonzalez and I met with the Environmental and Transportation Committee. We finalized the Annual Poster Contest, discussed the Route 17 D.O.T. problem and the new planting planned for the Traffic Circle.

Tuesday, May 5th 7 PM I held a special meeting with the Fire Dept. Chiefs and members of the Department.

Wednesday, May 6th Picked up Applications for HHHS Scholarships, Reviewed them and made my recommendations by the following week.

Saturday, May 9th Attended the Fire Dept. Inspection with Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Council Members Justin DiPisa, and Pam Link. The Department impressively displayed its equipment and the men and women were all in uniform as they gave us a tour of their departments' equipment and gear. My compliments to Chief Michael Ratkowski, 1st Asst. Chief Kevin Todd and 2nd Asst. Chief Richard Giarratana for a job well done.

Monday May 12th, 7:30 am attended the Mayors' League of Municipalities Breakfast meeting. Guest Speaker was Jim Kirkos who heads the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce. Many subjects of interest were discussed, including Xanadu, Traffic and Road Improvements and a special study group that is being put together with the President of Bergen Community College.

10 a.m that same day, Over 100 residents attended the Mayor's Senior Citizens Property Tax Freeze Forum. Finance Chair Justin DiPisa and Vice Chair Pam Link joined me in addressing the group. Forms and new information was made available that day with special instructions given by Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and Tax Collector Chita Parker. Both Chita and Mike have been helping residents on a one on one basis in the filling out of forms.

3 PM had a meeting with Mike Kronyak on a variety of matters including the Street Fair preparations. Also discussed was the work being done by DPW Supt and his men in preparing and planting of the five new 18 feet by 6 feet flower beds at the Traffic Circle. Ray Vorisek of Heights Florist worked with them on the layout design of flowers chosen by the Mayors Traffic Circle Committee; members also included Liz Moser, Ann Lustberg and

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Maria Proscia. I offer my thanks to each and every one for working with me to get everything ready before the Street Fair. It looks lovely. Thank You on behalf of the Borough.

By the way The Garden Club's Planters were not placed on the Boulevard till after the Street Fair. I thought it best for the newly planted flowers to be placed on the Boulevard by the D.P.W. after May 17th, just to be on the safe side. My thanks to the Garden Club for their continued work on the Beautification of the Boulevard. The cost of the flowers is done by the donations that the Garden Club solicits annually. It is a costly project for them. Their work cannot be measured in dollars. Thanks you so much.

Wednesday, May 13th, 1:45 PM – Attended the Anti Drug Council Meeting Co-Chaired by Supt. of Schools Joseph Luongo and me. Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Barbara Christensen reported that the Orange and Black Shirts would be ready to be sold at The Hasbrouck Heights Street Fair Reports on grant monies used for DARE events etc., were also discussed and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak gave a brief report on that subject. Since all of the business was completed, the Council adjourned till the start of the new school year in September.

Tuesday, May 19th the Special Youth Week Council Dinner and meeting was held.

Thursday, May 21st. Schools were asked to drop off Environmental Poster Contest Entries at the Municipal Building. Judging will take place and then posters will be displayed in the various local banks. Bill O'Shea's Florist will be donating flowers to the winners and those winners will receive their certificate awards at the first meeting in June.

Friday, May 22nd Attended a Special Service at the Police Memorial with Police Chief Colaneri and members of his department.

After that Borough Clerk Ro Sees and I met with the HHHS Youth Week Mayor Travis Malavi and Jhanna Arias. We went over duties of the Mayor as it applied to the communications received in the mail that week. Both students were very interested in what both of us had to say about the workings of the Borough and the need for constant oversight and work.

Memorial Day Weekend: Monday, March 25th Marched in the Parade and after that spoke at the Memorial marking the 90th Anniversary of the Council in 1919 placing of the War Memorial and the setting aside of the property now know as Veterans Memorial Park. After that attended and I spoke at the Fire Department Memorial Service held at the Fire Department Memorial site at the Boulevard and Passaic Street.

All of the Borough Department Heads along with Engineer Ken Job continue to be in contact with the D.O.T. in connection with the Route 17 Construction. Borough

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Administrator Mike Kronyak will give his up to the minute report to us at the June 9th Work Session. I have sent a letter inviting D.O.T. Commissioner Stephen Dilts and DCA Commissioner Joseph Doria to visit the site to witness our concerns and the concerns of our residents. We are awaiting their reply.

The Mayor's Celebrations Committee will hold the Townwide Garage Sale this coming weekend with 102 households participating.

Saturday Mornings from 10 to noon, I continue to meet with residents. That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: Christopher T. VanSaders to Fire Department Engine Company One

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS: 103. Approving Terms of Retirement - Memorandum of Understanding with Robert Kroncke

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

104. Authorizing Representative to the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

105. Authorizing Contract for Radio Maintenance

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

106. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue a Check for Mayor's Scholarship Award

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

107. Authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Check for the Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award

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

108. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue Checks from the Trust Fund for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards

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

109. Authorizing the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales by Businesses located on the Boulevard During Farmer's Market

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

110. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

111. Authorizing Change Order #1 with regard to Sanitary Sewer Repair - Oak Grove Avenue

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2213:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 261-33 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE III: ONE-WAY STREETS" OF CHAPTER 261 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO FURTHER DESIGNATE AS A ONE-WAY STREET KIPP AVENUE BETWEEN BURTON AVENUE AND THE BOULEVARD IN A WESTBOUND DIRECTION"** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed

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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 May 26, 2009.

On a motion by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman DiNanno voting Nay, and all other members voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2212 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2212 which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2212:

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 275-16 ENTITLED "YARD REGULATIONS" OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM THE IMPOSITION OF YARD REGULATIONS CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PREMISES WHICH ARE INTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE HANDICAPPED PERSONS"** 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 published and circulated in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried,

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

Jurgen Hofheinz, 250 Kipp Avenue, regarding introduction of the ordinance to make Kipp Avenue a one way street. He was asking to not introduce this ordinance, as a resident of Kipp Avenue for 22 years, as he believed it would not be fair to the residents of Kipp. He enumerated the hours of heavy traffic, that during school hours it is designated a one way street going west and that there has not been significant problems. He observed how other streets around schools were restricted during certain hours only and gave a report of each restriction to which he provided copies to the governing body. Mayor Heck said this was not done just for the safety of children, but also due to the problems with traffic going east and west. He suggested that the traffic studies be presented to the homeowners. It was noted by Councilwoman Buckman that cars have increased in size and activities are all day long. He was asking to consider other solutions, similar to the other schools. It was noted this was considered a different situation and had been studied carefully by the Police Department.

Samantha Kalmowitz, 246 Kipp Avenue, agreed with Mr. Hofheinz that it would be a problem for the residents of that street. She purposely avoided turning left to the Boulevard. She recommended closing the entrance into Kipp from the Boulevard. She also was concerned with speeders traveling west and that a one-way street devalued her property. She asked if the light lengths would be changed, to which Chief Colaneri said the County would adjust them. She was advised that safety issues far surpass any contingency. A traffic counter would be placed to check on speeders. She was advised that a public hearing on this ordinance would be held on June 9, 2009.

Jennifer Triverso, 251 Kipp Avenue, was also in agreement with her neighbors and was looking for any other solution than a one way street as she had two children going to two different schools and did not want to go past Corpus Christi School and have to sit in traffic. When she requested copies of the traffic studies, she was advised to meet with Chief Colaneri after the meeting.

Councilman Gonzalez asked if their main concern was with the light at the Boulevard and Kipp. Mr. Hofheinz answered with his concerns including safety of children, heightened traffic and preferred restrictive parking and asked to look at all avenues.

Mark Musarra, 143 Oldfield Avenue, regarding Route 17 repairs and the ditch that was put in, asked if rock was to be put in. Mr. Kronyak said the engineer was at the site today and advised that a drain was put in and rock will be placed, as well as special grass. An extensive report would be given at the next council meeting.

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

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RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 112. Personnel and Litigation

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the meeting for personnel which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded Councilman Gonzalez.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried at 9:42 p.m.

Mayor Heck said the meeting would reopen following the Executive Session.

MEETING OPENED TO PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to go back to public session at 10:08 p.m. which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION: 113. Authorizing a Professional Contract Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 Et Seq. and 19:44A-20.5 Et Seq.

Borough Attorney Chandless reported for the record that in one of the three cases a principal is a former councilman, in one of the three cases a principal is an employee of the Borough and in a third the principle is a business associate of his.

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve this resolution which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Altobelli, seconded by Councilman DiNanno 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 May 26, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk

