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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

June 28, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 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 3, 2011 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2011.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

Absent: Councilman John Dingertopadre

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

INVOCATION: Councilman DiPisa gave the Invocation as follows:

“A Summer Blessing. May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means...walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect and concern for the feelings of other. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Talking with God means...praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God’s help in all your decisions, expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk with God every day. Amen”

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Letter from Richard Heslin, Manager, Teterboro Airport regarding construction projects which may result in more than usual amount of aircraft traffic during certain times
- 2) E-Mail from DCA, State of NJ, re New Jersey HomeKeeper Program

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3) Letter from BCUA including check for Municipality's 2010 Sewer Connection Fee Rebate

4) Letter from Fire Chief Kevin Todd to re-appoint Danny Byun as a member of the Ambulance Squad

5) Thank you from Marissa Romano, recipient of Mary B. Quigg Scholarship

Items #1 and #3 were requested to be read into the record. Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(May 24, 2011 Youth Week Council Meeting, June 14, 2011 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilman Dipisa abstaining from the Minutes of May 24, 2011, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$98,502.35 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 Pamela J. Link
Commissioner of Finance

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

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ORDINANCE NO. 2260:

Mayor Heck noted that she and Chief Colaneri were advised by NJ Transit who ultimately gave permission to shorten the bus stop by 20 feet.

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 261-51 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WHICH SETS FORTH THE SCHEDULES OF BUS STOPS SO AS TO DELETE THEREFROM REFERENCES TO THE BUS STOPS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BOULEVARD AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH FRANKLIN” was withdrawn.

REPORTS:

POLICE AND LAND USE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa read a report submitted by Police Chief Michael Colaneri which noted that the Police Honor Guard attended the funeral of Retired Lieutenant Babula, marched in the Memorial Day Parade and supported athletes at the opening ceremony of the NJ Special Olympics. On June 3, the Department participated in the first Bergen County Chief for a Day where Chief Balke Freschi spent the day with Chief Colaneri by escorting Euclid School to Field Day, checked reports and Mayor Heck administered the Oath of Office to Chief Freschi. They then went to the B.C. Justice Department for photos and a police convoy to Lodi Memorial Park for special activities. Sheriff Saudino and his department were thanked for a great event. On June 10 the Department participated in the 28th Torch Run for Special Olympics. Over 150 children from Euclid, Lincoln and Corpus Christi schools also participated this year and over \$23,000 was raised for this event. On Monday, June 13 the DARE 8th Grade Swim Party was held. He read some letters of commendation including one where the writer's husband returned a wallet to the Police Department which was accepted by Lt. Thomas Tozzi whom she commended for his professionalism. Another letter was received commending Patrolman James Loos for his help when they had lost a driver's license which he helped them to find. On June 17, Probationary Patrolman Dominic D'Amico was made Permanent Patrolman. Patrolman Joseph Armeli received the NJ Division of Highway Safety 2010 Top Gun Enforcement Program Award. Under Violations, he reported under parking violations in 2010 there were 1,335 vs. 2011 - 1,854. Moving violations in 2010 were 566, and in 2011 were 695, with total violations from 2010 of 1,902 to 2,549. Noting the beautiful flower pots provided by the Garden Club along the Boulevard, vandalism occurred where some of the pots were turned over and the police had some information on the vandals.

RECREATION & PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported Rec Softball had a great 2011 season with all eight teams making the playoffs. Coach
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Blanco's 5th-6th grade team was congratulated for winning the South Bergen League Championship and Coach Gasparino's team finished second. The Rec Department is also hosting three UGAL softballs teams for more competitive play during the summer. Recreation summer Camp had over 200 campers attending the first day festivities. Overall there are 360 campers registered. Summer camp trips sold out include Bowcraft, Keansburg Water Park, Funplex, Liberty Science Center, Medieval Times, Wild West City, The Castle and Bronx Zoo. Still available are Six Flags Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor, both trips for campers 11 and older. There are a number of senior activities including line dancing, movies, fun bingo, aerobics, yoga and Wii bowling. Town Day is Saturday, Sept. 25 with a raindate of Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Woodland Park. All town organizations are invited to reserve a table by e-mailing Rob Brady at hhrec@aol.com; For more information call Rob Brady at 201-288-4143.

Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the DPW completed certain tasks at Woodland Park in preparation for the start of summer camp. Signs were posted at all entrances of the Park that inform all that the park is closed during camp hours. Eight barricades were put in place so that the camp counselors can close off all roads during the sessions. Every pot hole was repaired throughout the park to eliminate any trip hazard. The sanitation collection route was altered to allow pick up in that area before camp starts. Some maintenance at Woodland Park included the repair of a valve and some wiring in one of the zones of the sprinkler system. Plexiglass was placed over some of the block glass located on the Comfort Station that was smashed by vandals. In our other parks, trees were trimmed at Memorial Park, the Firemen's Bell, Polifly Park, and the Police Memorial.

STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION: As Commissioner, Councilman Gonzalez reported the DPW is operating currently with five less employees. Two employees are out on Workers Compensation, two are on extended sick leave, and one is on light duty. With less staff along with summer vacation schedules, services that the DPW can perform on a daily basis are limited. Solid waste collection, sanitary sewer system, and vehicle repairs are always a high priority without any interruption. DPW Superintendent Bill Spindler, Police Chief Colaneri, Traffic Officer Lt. Archer, and Borough Engineer Ken Job, all met on site at the Wholesale Auto Dealers area located on Industrial and Railroad Avenues to discuss the issue of car carrier tractor-trailers unloading of vehicles and implementing "No Parking" zones. When the vehicles are unloaded they block the area causing congestion and making it dangerous to maneuver around. After agreement by all in attendance, Ken Job will mark the areas and obtain quotes for yellow striping, no parking signs, and stenciling.

Regarding the Boulevard in Bloom project, the DPW has assisted in this project every year. In May 60 pots are placed along the Boulevard. From May 27 through Oct. 7 the DPW waters each pot twice a week. When the pots are removed from the Boulevard

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they are stored at the DPW facility in a safe area. In the spring many volunteers come to the DPW to plant new flowers in the pots. This program is very successful.

He reported that there was a sanitary sewer emergency on Burr Place. A blockage was reported and investigation showed the manholes for this main were buried. The premises were vacated. An outside contractor was called in who utilized a camera equipped with a radio transmitter to trace the pipe and locate the existing manhole located in the rear yard of 132 Burr Place. The unit was excavated and opened and found that the sanitary sewer main from this point was inundated with roots. The roots were cleared south 200 feet. At this point significant root intrusion caused the cutter to snag and additional investigation resulted in finding the downstream manhole at 116 Burr Place. Unfortunately this manhole had severe root inundation and extended through the remainder of the line. The severity was such that conventional means could not clear the line, therefore it was necessary for some portions of the main to be replaced. A new manhole was installed.

Under Recycling he reported that to date for the year of 2010 the Borough completed the Recycling Tonnage Report to the State of New Jersey DEP that indicated total monetary generated items in the amount of 1,045.67 tons. Funds received from recycling vendors was Atlantic Coast Fibers in the amount of \$30,835.96 and Cinelli Iron & Metal Co. in the amount of \$4,256.50. Avoided costs of solid waste due to recycling for 2010 was \$74,712.10, resulting in a total savings of \$109,804.56. Vehicles and equipment purchased with recycling funds are 2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid - \$30,000, 2008 Ford 350 Mason Dump Truck w/plow - \$36,000, 2008 Ford 250 Pickup Truck w/plow - \$28,000, 2010 Ford 150 Pickup Truck - \$24,720, 2011 Five cubic yard salt spreader - \$14,000 and 2011 Eight Foot Baker Snow Plow Balde - \$9,900, totaling \$142,620.

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link reported the Current Fund cash balance at May 31st was \$3,077,289.16 and at April 30th was \$526,750.75 which represents an increase of \$2,550,538.41. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.35%. Cash receipts for the month of May totaled \$6,417,179.71 of which \$6,182,589.39 was for Current Taxes, \$72,093.573 was Delinquent Taxes and \$162,496.75 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of May totaled \$3,860,927.36 of which \$1,919,932.75 was for Local School Taxes, \$941,292.00 was for County Taxes, \$579,419.74 was for Salaries and \$420,282.87 was for Other Expenses. She continued that estimated tax bills have been printed and mailed. The bills look a little different but are easy to understand. After the total tax levy is certified by the state, final tax bills will be mailed. The final bill will reflect the fourth quarter 2011 balance and the first and second quarter taxes of 2012.

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SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under Social Services, she reported the food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need can register by calling Rob Brady at (201) 288-4143. Thank you to the generous volunteers who help stock and supervise the food pantry. From May 23 through June 20 (5 weeks) there were 132 visitors to the Food Pantry who received food and a food store gift card when available. We would like to especially thank the following for their wonderful generosity in providing monetary donations, groceries or gift cards: Lincoln School who held a special Food Drive to help stock the HH Food Pantry in May, United Methodist Church who donated much needed soaps and paper products, Dorothy Petroulas, Marion Rolando, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday and Meals with a Mission, Tribeca Bakery and The Bread Man, Henry's Deli, Lynn Petronella, Martin Basner, The Spot Restaurant, Junior Woman's Club, Connie Margagliano, Yorkin Family, Kathy Van Jura, Patty Manis, Mike DePalma, Judy Marques, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Ron Ellis (150 lbs of pasta), Chic Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Bertha Spada, Amy, Jackie Mazza, Corpus Christi Rosary Society who brought in new children's clothing for three babies, Kathy McDowell, Josephine McClean, Joe LeConte, Margaret Schiro, Arlene Carreau and The Hund Family. As the pantry was running low on supplies, you can see from the list just noted, many took heed in our plea for donations. If you would like to donate, the items most needed are all types of toiletries, soaps, paper products, detergents, tuna fish, rice, beans, coffee, tea, canned fruit, juices and jelly. Please no pasta or vegetables as these are in abundance.

Under Public Facilities, she reported contractors have finished the installation of five natural gas heaters, a boiler, and new electrical light fixtures at the DPW facility as part of an Energy Grant received by the Borough. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities completed an inspection of the DPW facility to insure that all of the installations were in compliance with their standards. Lime Energy was the lead agency involved in the project. The DPW has planted flowers throughout the borough at the following facilities: Municipal Complex, the Circle, and the Firemen's Bell. Also at the Circle, PSE & G has planted two weeping cherry trees and two boxwood bushes by the Hasbrouck Heights sign that is adjacent to the circle as part of their agreement following construction which disturbed the area by their Electric Division. As requested by Michael Kronyak, PSE&G also planted five trees on the Boulevard – north of Williams Avenue, the project was followed up by DPW Superintendent Bill Spindler. The schedule of meetings was as follows: Community Room – 23, Caucus Room – 8, Council Chambers – 9, Senior Center – 5 (other than senior activities).

FIRE: Under Fire, Deputy Commissioner Buckman reported for the period May 15 through June 15, there were 23 Fire Calls, 9 Non-emergency Calls and 115 EMS Calls, Drills -5, Meetings - 4, Standby-1 and Special Events - 6, for a total of 163. Out of these events, 148 were in Hasbrouck Heights, the others were mutual aid. Total man hours is 1,060.

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HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported the Board of Health collected during the month of May a total of \$5,321.00 in fees. The Environmental Health Specialist performed over 24 Health inspections, investigated complaints and spot checks. Under Vital Statistics the Boro Registrar collected \$2,685.00 in certified copy fees, issued 179 certified copies, reported 86 death records, recorded 16 birth records, accepted two marriage applications and recorded three marriage licenses.

The Health Department issued 1,131 dog licenses and collected a total of \$16,048.00 in licensing fees during the first five months of 2011.

The Board of Health would like to remind Religious, Civic and Non-Profit Organizations who are sponsoring a food event they must obtain a Temporary Food License from the Health Dept. at least 2 weeks prior to the event. A temporary Food license is \$25.00.

All annual licenses for Food Establishments will be expiring on June 30, 2011. Renewal Applications were mailed the last week in May and must be returned by June 30th. This includes all Retail Food Establishments, Schools, Milk Trucks, Mobiles, Seasonal, Fraternal, Massage Therapy, Public Pools and Personal Grooming Establishments.

The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department has conducted over 20 Grease Trap inspections to specific Food Establishments. The inspections are periodic and unannounced with the intent of preventing any future buildup and blockages in the borough's wastewater disposal system.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

May 25, Wednesday: Attended the Teterboro Airport Scholarship Luncheon at The Dassault Hangar. Tiffany Amariuta was the recipient of their \$1,000 scholarship. I sat with her Mother, Father and Grandmother. It was a very special event.

May 26, Thursday, 9 a.m. Police Chief Colaneri called to advise that both he and Lt. Tom Archer spoke with the NJ Transit Bus people about the introduction of the ordinance to eliminate the Franklin Ave. Bus Stop. They expressed their concerns, as our concerns were projected and ultimately gave us permission to shorten the Bus Stop on the East Side of the Boulevard by One Car Length. So this morning I met with the Police, DPW and Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak to quickly take care of the matter. The Bus Stop Post was moved to allow for the car length parking space and the yellow curb painted white. This allowed for the Borough to address the Police Chief's and Chamber's concerns as well as the public who came to object to the elimination of the bus stop. This was a satisfactory resolution to part of the problem.

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The County is still addressing our concern as to the spaces they require on the side Streets of Franklin, Raymond, and La Salle. Those matters remain on our list of things to be done.

May 26, 7:30 pm Correction I did not attend the Zoning Bd. Meeting, but it was on my calendar.

May 30th, Monday, 9:30 am: I participated in the Memorial Day Parade and service along with Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pam Link, Dave Gonzalez, Sonya Buckman, John Dingertopadre and Russell Lipari.. I spoke of remembering all the mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. friends and relatives who stood over the years at that same monument to remember their loved ones who served this great country. Many of those people are now gone, but others have taken their place because we continue to remember those men and women who currently serve and are losing their lives in the fight to preserve our Freedom.

The Council Members and I also attended the Firemen's Memorial service on that same morning. I was invited to speak at the Firemen's Memorial and expressed my thanks to all those who served our community over the years; the names of those firefighters were read as the bell tolled in their memory.

June 2, Wednesday, 12 p.m., Attended the Shared Services meeting held at One Bergen County Plaza. Dep. D.C.A. Commissioner Betty Lou De Croce was the guest speaker. Approximately 50 people were in attendance including numerous Bergen County Mayors, and County officials. We were asked to fill out questionnaires. Hasbrouck Heights had already been given a DCA Questionnaire that was successfully completed.

At 6 p.m. I attended the joint Friends of the Library and Chamber of Commerce Wine and Cheese event. Bill Ervolino The Record Columnist was the featured speaker.

June 3, Friday at 11 am I had the pleasure of taking my grandson Michael Raymond LaCava, who recently graduated from St. Peter's College in Jersey City, on a tour of the Municipal Building, the Free Public Library and the Police Station. Michael is the oldest son of my daughter Laury (who attended and graduated from local schools) and her husband Tom. The family lives in Toms River. We had a great day together.

June 6, Monday, 7 p.m., Attended the Hasbrouck Heights High School Scholarship and Awards Ceremony. I had the privilege of presenting the Mayor's Scholarship and Award to Valedictorian Tiffany Amariuta; The Andy Feintuch Award to Nicole Marie Inglesby; The Mary B. Quigg Scholarships to Karianne Kacperowski, Jennifer Michelle

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Nass, Boris Plakalovic, Marissa Romano, Leigh Ann Ruroede, Matter B. Wipper and Crystal Ruth Wrede; and the The Chris Heller Scholarships to: Andrew Hodulik, Jakub Kozluk and Richard J. Mills. There were numerous recipients and Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pam Link and Sonya Buckman and I enjoyed the impressive event.

June 7, Tuesday, Election Day, Visited all the Polling Places beginning at 7:15 am with Justin DiPisa and Pam Link, after which at 11 a.m. we participated in the Finance Committee Meeting.

June 8, Wednesday, 1 pm Met with Bergen County Housing Authority representatives to discuss suggested improvements at the Senior Housing Building on Franklin Avenue. I was pleased at the results of the meeting and thanked Domingo Senande for all of his understanding and help.

June 9, Thursday, 9 a.m., Visited Corpus Christi School, Euclid School and Lincoln School with John K. owner of Bill O'Shea's Florist to congratulate the winners of the Environmental Commission's 7th Annual Poster Contest. John presented each student with a Begonia Flowering Plant.

11 a.m. Officiated at the Grand Opening of ReMax Realtors located at 335 Boulevard. Councilman Justin DiPisa also was in attendance.

June 10, Friday, 9:30 a.m. Was present at the Torch Run event at the Police Memorial on the Boulevard and Central Avenue as Corpus Christi students joined the Members of the Police Dept. Students from Lincoln and Euclid Schools as well as the High School and Middle School ran part way along the Boulevard with the Torch being passed along the way. Hasbrouck Heights raised approximately \$23,000 to support the Special Olympics.

11:30 am Toured and checked a number of roads including Springfield, Kipp and Ravine Avenues with Mike Kronyak.

6:30 p.m. Attended the Euclid Lodge Academic Honors Dinner. Spoke to the top ten HHS graduates and on behalf of the Mayor and Council presented them with Certificates of Achievement and Recognition. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pamela Link, Sonya Buckman and Russell Lipari were also in attendance.

June 11, Saturday: 7 p.m. Attended the first Hasbrouck Heights Relay For Life American Cancer Society event held at the Athletic Field to raise funds to fight cancer. I congratulated Event Chairwoman Lillian Romano on the success of the event and
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presented a Certificate to her and her committee. Councilwoman Pam Link then read the Proclamation she presented to the entire Committee and participants on behalf of the Mayor and Council. Approximately \$58,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society.

June 13, Monday, 8 a.m. Met with Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak, Police Chief Colaneri, DPW Supt Bill Spindler and Borough Engineer Ken Job at the 9-11/ Firemen's Memorial Site between Springfield and Passaic Avenues. The site was examined for improvements related to the Open Space Grant money, \$18,000 plus the required matching funds of \$18,000, to be used for improvements to the site. Included are: Connecting Electricity to the area to light the Flag Pole so that the Flag may always be flying; improvements to the 9-11 Memorial and Firemen's Memorial; addition of a sprinkler system and in-ground lighting and flower beds to be placed on either side of the walkways; addition of an Eternal Light; placement of steel from the World Trade Center at that site; plus two additional benches. The sidewalks from Springfield to Passaic would also be replaced.

7 p.m. The second 9-11 meeting was held. Minutes are attached. Under discussion were plans for that day as well as the various ways to raise money for the Matching Grant Fund. Discussed and now dismissed was the possibility of holding a rather large raffle. After due consideration subsequent to the meeting it was decided that large a raffle would be too complicated to handle in a short period of time.

June 14, Tuesday: Attended Council Meeting

Saturday: 2 p.m. Attended the Memorial Mass for a local resident at the Lutheran Church

June 21 10 a.m. Tuesday: Met with Police Chief Colaneri about a number of matters pertaining to street safety needs requested by a resident. Under discussion were the Graduation of the Jr. Police Academy students and a number of other personnel issues that might arise due to the changes in the State of New Jersey Pension and Health Benefits legislation.

After that I met with Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak and Borough Clerk Ro Sees. When that meeting was completed, I attended the opening of the Farmers' Market in the Central Avenue Parking Lot.

7 p.m. Chaired a Zoning Committee Meeting attended by members Councilmen Justin DiPisa and David Gonzalez. Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak and Borough

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Attorney Ralph W. Chandless were also present. Several matters were discussed and suggestions made that would require subsequent meetings.

June 27, Monday, 2:45 PM. Greeted Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority Bill Baroni at the Fire Department facility on Hamilton Avenue. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pamela Link, Sonya Buckman, David Gonzalez and Russell Lipari took the time to exchange greetings while awaiting the arrival of Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. Fire Chief Kevin Todd opened the formal ceremony and introduced Mayor Rose Heck who thanked both the Lt. Governor and Bill Baroni for taking the time to visit Hasbrouck Heights and for bringing with them the \$10,000 grant for the Fire Dept. I was happy to see Juvenile Officer, Sgt. Joseph Rinke, and members of the Junior Police Academy join us for the occasion. Special recognition was given to them by Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno who spoke of the courage of all First Responders; Police, Fire and EMTs. Both Baroni and she gave commendations to the Borough for all of its good work and support of its neighboring Teterboro Airport in times of emergency. The Mayor reiterated the Borough's thanks to the Port Authority for its generous donation of \$80,000 (those dollars came after requests made by then Fire Com. Gonzalez and the Mayor) towards the purchase of a much needed new ambulance last year.

7 p.m., 9-11 Meeting I invited all organizations, churches etc. to attend this meeting to bring them up to date on the 9-11 Tenth Anniversary plans and to ask their support to help raise or donate money to help with the \$18,000 Matching Grant Funds. In attendance at that meeting were Council Members DiPisa and Link, Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Mike Kronyak, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Ray Vorisek, Ed Sees, Katy Gasparino, Connie Doheny, Fritz Rethage, Paul Carris, Marie Gallo and Borough Clerk Ro Sees.

Representatives of Clubs/Organization who attended were: Michael Cahill and Mel Thompson from the American Legion, Michael Prendergast from the Men's Association and Lisa Mason, Alison Robayo, Maria Alvarez and Daniela Vitelli from the Chic Charity Club.

The minutes of that productive meeting are attached.

Please note that since the Library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer, I will now be in the Library on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

I continue to be available to residents to give all an opportunity to discuss matters of importance and concern to them and to also receive observations and suggestions from the public. Residents of all ages are welcome to visit with me.

This concludes my report.

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In attendance: Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Link, Michael Kronyak, Rev. Joseph Pickard, Fire Chief Kevin Todd, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Ed Sees, Rich Catalo, Cynthia Capozzi, Fritz Rethage, Paul Carris, Marie Gallo, Thomas Mason and Ro Sees.

Mayor Heck began by saying that she had conducted an on site meeting at the Firemen's Memorial. A grant had been applied for \$18,000, matching funds in the same amount would be needed. The two beams of light were put aside. Instead Councilwoman Link had suggested two spot lights shining on the two bushes beside the 9-11 Memorial with Borough Engineer Job suggesting an eternal flame lit all the time in front of the Memorial. Discussion included where to place the electric box. This would insure that the flag pole was lit all the time, there would be electricity for the speaker system and a sprinkler system would be installed to preserve the vegetation and grass. Two more benches (\$800 each) could be added, and the sidewalk needed to be replaced from Springfield to Passaic Avenues. Walkways with 1 ½ foot planting beds with bollards along the path were also suggested. The brick on the Firemen's Memorial needed refurbishing. An ordinance would be required for the matching funds.

Tom Mason was not present but had asked to see if a piece of memorabilia from the World Trade Center could be obtained. Mr. Kronyak did not know if it could be obtained in time for this year. Mayor Heck said she could ask Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY/NJ. Paul Carris said he was planning to have an unscheduled visit to JFK Airport to see the artifacts. He could look for something. Size and safety were mentioned as well as placing it in a prominent spot. Councilman DiPisa, Ray Vorisek and Fritz Rethage had discussed pins, bracelets and ribbons and had some quotes. Paul Carris had put together a slide show which he presented to Mayor Heck. Some pictures would need editing. Mr. Kronyak and Mr. Brady were looking into the blow up screen from Al DeAngelo. All the choirs would be invited to participate and could work together and propose their choice of music. The Junior Woman's Club had opted to hold a poster contest and the posters would be displayed in windows along the Boulevard. Mayor Heck asked if a raffle could be an option to raise funds, possibly using one of the town club's licenses. Discussion on selling the tickets, prizes, who would coordinate the distribution of the tickets, cost of printing the tickets, how many tickets, etc ensued.

Mayor Heck asked if Fr. Pickard, Paul Carris and Fritz Rethage would work on the Program. Councilman DiPisa suggested bracelets for the children, lapel pins for the adults. A slogan of "Remembering 9-11 in Our Hearts" was a suggestion. Later, Cindy Capozzi said the Juniors had suggested "Reflect * Respect * Remember." Marie Gallo had presented a gel glow stick which could be used during the procession rather than candles which could be dangerous. Cindy Capozzi said she would check with Oriental

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Trading or Dollar Tree.com to see what they offered. 300 gel sticks were recommended.

Fr. Pickard would contact the churches, with the procession beginning at Corpus Christi, proceeding to Burton Avenue and meeting with the First Reformed and St. John the Divine Episcopal Churches, proceeding on Burton with Holy Trinity and United Methodist Churches joining in to Passaic Avenue, turning right and processing to the Firemen's Memorial and 9-11 Memorial. Mr. Kronyak said he would contact PSEG to start the work order for the electric. Fire Chief Todd said the ladder truck with the American Flag and the speaker system would be provided by the Fire Department. It was noted an essay written by the Cioccia boy was very good and he would be asked if it could be copied and distributed that night.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 11 at 7 p.m. This date was changed to June 27, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers in Borough Hall.

Minutes of Mayor's 9-11 Committee Meeting - Monday June 27, 2011 at 7 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Link, Michael Kronyak, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Ed Sees, Katy Gasparino, Ray Vorisek, Connie Doheny, Fritz Rethage, Paul Carris, Marie Gallo, and Ro Sees.

All clubs and organizations had been invited to attend this meeting. Michael Cahill and Mel Thompson from the American Legion, Michael Prendergast from the Men's Association and Lisa Mason, Alison Robayo, Maria Alvarez and Daniela Vitelli from the Chic Club were welcomed.

Mayor Heck informed everyone that an B.C. Open Space Grant of \$18,000 was received and the Borough needed to match those funds. She was asking the clubs to help fund the matched funds so as not to affect Borough taxes. For the 10th anniversary it was proposed to improve the Firemen's Memorial where the 9-11 Memorial was located by installing an electric meter and service to allow the American Flag to have light 24 hours, an eternal flame light in front of the Memorial and possibly small lights on the two hedges behind the Memorial.. Also an irrigation system to help keep the grass green, replacing the sidewalk from Springfield to Passaic Avenue including plantings along the walkway and two additional benches. The process included surveying the lot and contacting PSEG for the electricity. An ordinance will be introduced at the June 28 Mayor and Council meeting which includes the \$18,000 grant and \$20,000 for matching funds from the Capital Budget. This ordinance should be adopted on July 12, 2011. Borough Engineer Ken Job is drawing the specifications and informal quotes will be solicited as well as the DPW performing some of the work.

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Mayor Heck had met with Bill Baroni, Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY/NJ earlier today who had presented a check to the Fire Department. She had asked him about securing a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. He said he will send a draft of a letter to request this, and that yes, we will be getting the piece of steel. Paul Carris was also invited to help in this. Mr. Kronyak and Mr. Spindler were asked to measure the Memorial to see what size would be good.

Mayor Heck asked the American Legion representatives for suggestions. They suggested mounting it on something so it wouldn't be dangerous. It was reported from the audience that some schools had obtained a piece of the steel which was polished to smoothness or welded into "USA." Any clubs who donated would have their name put on a plaque at the site. They were invited to hold their own fundraisers. A time frame was asked. In the ensuing years, grants will be requested for Veterans Memorial Park and Polify Park. If anyone had questions, they should call the Borough Clerk.

Councilman DiPisa suggested refreshments following the event, but it was advised to not do this at the Memorial site. It was suggested to see if TD Bank would allow this in their parking lot. Ray Vorisek who was working with Councilman DiPisa on wristbands offered to donate the wristbands but that they should be sold for \$5 each to raise funds. Colors were suggested as red, white and blue, and some slogans suggested were "Remember Reflect", "Never Forget 9-11," "HH Remembers 9-11". The Chic Club and Men's Association said they were interested in helping to sell the wristbands. 300 Glow lights had been purchased and Marie Gallo from the Kiwanis Club said they were interested in donating the money to pay for these.

The choirs from all churches would be invited to participate. Ringing of the bells as the procession went by or near each church was suggested. A rough draft of the program would be prepared.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 112. Approving Conveyance by Memorial Post Building Association of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ to APC, LLC Pursuant to a Subdivision Granted by Board of Adjustment
 - 113. Authorizing Raffle License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi School
 - 114. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2009-0010 for Block 47, Lot 3

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

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- 115. Authorizing Release of Construction Performance Guaranty related to Parking Lot Resurfacing Project at Hasbrouck Heights Hilton, BRE/Prime Properties LLC
- 116. Authorizing Emergency Repair of Sanitary Sewer on Burr Place
- 117. Appointing Representative to the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee
- 118. Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Request for Proposals for an Electronic Ticketing System for the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department
- 119. Authorizing Representatives to the Community Development Regional Committee

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

APPOINTMENTS: Danny Byun to the Hasbrouck Heights Ambulance Squad

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

RESIGNATIONS: Linda Stumper from Ethical Standards Board due to a clerical error

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2262:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN DAMAGED PORTIONS OF THE SANITARY SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS**

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ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):**ORDINANCE NO. 2262 (cont'd):**

OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$70,000.00" 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 July 12, 2011.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2263:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL PARK LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WITH APPURTENANCES THERETO AND TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$38,000.00 CONSISTING OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND \$18,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT"** 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 July 12, 2011.

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

Mayor Heck noted that based on a decision made by the arbitrator, the following salary ordinances were being introduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 2264:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102"** 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 July 12, 2011.

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ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):**ORDINANCE NO. 2264 (cont'd):**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2265:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2011 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102"** 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 July 12, 2011.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2266:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2010 and 2011"** 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 July 12, 2011.

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

Mayor Heck noted that these salary ordinances were for the years 2010 and 2011 and through a long and difficult process an impasse was reached, which precipitated an arbitrator, who took one year from the date he was appointed to come to a decision of a 2.5% increase for 2010, 2% increase for 2011 and 2% increase for 2012.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, 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.

Manigeh Saadatian, 41 Jefferson Avenue, speaking on behalf of herself and her husband, Andrew Rusin, thanked the Mayor and Council and Chief Colaneri for retaining the bus stops at Franklin Avenue.

Arthur Smith, 156 Oldfield Avenue, asked what had come out of the Zoning Committee meeting. Mayor Heck said a report could not be given at this time, that two meetings had occurred and recommendations were being looked at which will be presented to the Council and then made public. He complied by removing his trailer from the VFW parking lot. He was told this was due to a complaint. He questioned why the Elks lot contained vehicles which were not being removed and asked if he should file a complaint. He was told it was his prerogative.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 120. Possible Litigation

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close for Closed Session which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

At 10:10 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman 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 June 28, 2011.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk