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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 22, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 8:34 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, 2012 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2012.

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

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Councilwoman Link gave the Invocation as follows:

As we meet this evening we humbly accept the responsibility set before us in our community to carry out each of those responsibilities abiding by the rules established those of trust, honor and ethics. May we always test ourselves in our efforts to be sure they are the truth good for all concerned and provide peace and understanding. Amen

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of Resignation of Frank Russo from Hook and Ladder Company One
- 2) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of Retirement of Laurence Donohue from Hook and Ladder Company One
- 3) Letter from Sen. Paul Sarlo, Sen. Linda Greenstein and Sen. Troy Singleton re: legislation to return dollars cut from municipal aid through energy tax receipts

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd): Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There was none.

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$440,820.86 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.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa reported the statistics for April are parking 335, compared to 363 in 2011; moving violations 370 compared to 214 in 2011 for a total of 705, versus 577 in 2011. Year to date are 2,302 compared to 2,114 in 2011. He commended Mayor Heck and all involved in the Street Fair, that it was a wonderful event, especially the Police Department that with 25,000 in attendance, there were no problems. He also commended the DPW for cleanup and thoroughness, that this was a real team effort .

RECREATION: As Library liaison, Commissioner Buckman reported the Library circulated 11,200 items last month with total circulation of materials to date shows a 3% increase compared to last year's figures. Total circulation 40,694 versus 9,350 from last year. 51 new patrons were registered, with total to date of 5,581 card holders. The staff discharged 9,254 items and 10,772 walked through the doors. The library was still accepting donations for the upcoming Book and Bake Sale.

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STREETS & SANITATION: Under Streets & Sanitation, Commissioner Gonzalez reported this past Sunday the Department of Public Works set up barricades to block off streets that affected the area of town for our Annual Street Fair. Throughout the Boulevard, electric power was provided by dropping extension cords from the street lights, garbage receptacles were placed throughout the area and continuous collection was carried out by the DPW. After the event, a garbage truck collected the remaining trash, backpack blowers were used to clean the sidewalks, and the sweeper cleared all debris on the streets. All landscaping equipment was serviced and all Borough properties are being maintained. New cherry trees were planted along the Circle area as well as on the Circle. As part of the Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Program, the DPW completed root-cutting the main lines on the Boulevard in our Business District. This procedure consists of using a device with a round saw tooth blade that cuts through any roots, grease build-up and other debris such as rags in the pipes. Then the Jet-Vac Sewer Truck removes the debris through its vacuum system. During this maintenance some mechanical difficulties occurred with the truck and eventually it broke down. The DPW mechanics made a temporary repair on the Boulevard and the equipment was transported to the DPW garage for further evaluation. Repairs were made and sewer maintenance resumed the following day. A letter was sent to a resident in the area of Hasbrouck Avenue to address a sink hole that appeared at the curb line. After investigation of all sanitary and storm water systems by the DPW, it was determined that the cause was from the homeowners sewer lateral. The resident responded promptly and made the repairs. He reported that Saturday, June 2 there will be a free shredding event sponsored by the BCUA at the Central Avenue parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., along with the satellite recycling center. He thanked the DPW and Police Departments on the Street Fair, and the Fire Department who had two booths patrolling the area for anyone needing immediate assistance.

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE: Commissioner Link read the following Finance Report: The Current Fund cash balance at April 30, 2012 was \$825,888.81 and at March 31st was \$678,211.45 which represents an increase of \$147,677.36. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of April totaled \$3,386,964.86 of which \$3,264,708.52 was for Current Taxes, \$13,241.16 was Delinquent Taxes, and \$109,015.18 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of April totaled \$3,239,287.50 of which \$1,944,378.58 was for Local School Taxes, \$578,883.65 was for Salaries, and \$716,025.27 was for Other Expenses. The 2012 Municipal Budget was adopted May 8, 2012, and copies have been transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services for approval. The Division has indicated that tax rates will not be certified until some time in July. This is what we expected and will require the issuance of estimated tax bills. The June 12th agenda will include a resolution authorizing the estimated bills.

PARKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION: Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Dingertopadre reported at the Borough Hall, the DPW replaced eight

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PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd): electrical ballasts and repaired the front entrance door. At the Public Safety Building, repairs were made on Fire Department combination block to the front door and repaired the A/C unit in the Radio Room at Police Headquarters. A bill was sent for the repairs from a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the Boulevard and Cleveland Avenue to the drivers' insurance carriers through the Borough Clerk's office. Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room 14, Caucus Room 6, Council Chambers 5, Lobby 3, Senior Center 2 (not including Senior activities).

HEALTH & LAND USE: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Lori French: The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health announces that the Annual Dog Census will begin on Monday, June 25th, 2012. School Crossing Guards will be making a door-to-door visit to verify that every dog owner received a current 2012 dog license. Dog's seven months of age and over must have a valid rabies vaccination and current dog license for 2012. The Health Dept. asks residents who may not be home to please leave a copy of their current 2012 dog license in a visible place for the crossing guards to see. The guards will be wearing their uniforms and will have Borough identification. The census will be conducted between the hours of 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions or doubts about the person visiting your home, please contact the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636 or Police Dept. at 201-288-1000. All annual licenses for Food Establishments will be expiring on June 30, 2012. Renewal applications will be 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, Barber Shops, Beauty & Nail Salons and Public Pools. The Senior Wellness Luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012. The luncheon will begin at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Care-One at Wellington of Hackensack will be providing the complimentary Lunch. As the warm weather approaches the Board of Health would like to remind all Food Establishments it is prohibited to leaving any door or window open for ventilation purposes without the protection of screening. All openings to the outside must be effectively protected against the entrance of insects and rodents. Just a reminder, the next Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, June 13th will be the last meeting before the summer months. There are no scheduled meetings in July and August unless it is necessary. The Board will continue their monthly meetings Wednesday, September 12th, 2012.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

April 27, Friday, 8:30 am till noon: I was invited to participate in the Hasbrouck Heights High School-Middle School Career Day. County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Councilman Russell Lipari and I spoke to a series of five different class groups about how we got involved and participated in our service in government. We gave an overview of our various backgrounds, what we do and why we love community service.

April 28, Saturday, 11 a.m. attended the Health Fair sponsored by the Board of Health. It was held in the Senior Center and it was very well attended. Board President Connie Doheny and other Board Members worked the event and Board Secretary and

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): Registrar Lori French did an outstanding job in gathering a diverse group of health providers and vendors to participate in the day's activities. A Bicycle Safety event was presented by the Hasbrouck Heights Police Dept. by Detective Michael Colaneri and old prescription drugs were collected for safe disposal by Sgt. Josephj Rinke. It was a very successful event and very well attended.

May 3 Thursday Met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and reviewed and helped judge the High School Scholarship Applications for Chris Heller Scholarships and Mary Quigg Scholarships, along with the Mayor's and Andy Feintuch Awards.

May 4, Friday morning completed telephone interview with the Record re: article pertaining to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

1 p.m., Attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Hackensack Medical Center University's Audrey Hepburn's Children House the Regional Facility for Child Abuse and Neglect. Guests of Honor included Actress Natalie Portman and Sean Ferrer, Audrey Hepburn's son. We were greeted by Hackensack UMC President and CEO Robert Garrett Foundation. I was recognized by him for having authored the legislation signed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman that established the Children's House; one of four Regional Diagnostic Treatment Centers in the State of New Jersey. Dr. Jeffrey Boscamp, Medical Director of the Children's Hospital and Dr. Julia DiBellis, head of the Children's House, noted that since its inception the Audrey Hepburn's Children's House has served the needs of 100,000 children.

7 p.m., Attended the Loyalty Day Service held at V.F.W. Post 4591 along with Council Members Pamela Link, John Dingertopadre and Russell Lipari.

May 7, Monday, 2 p.m. Was given an overview of the equipment at the D.P.W. by Supt. Bill Spindler and both Councilman David Gonzalez and I were able to view the newly purchased Garbage Truck that will go into service after the signage is placed on it. It replaces a 20 year old truck and is state of the art equipment. We also examined the extensive work being done by DPW. Mechanic Steve Daus in removing and replacing the entire base of an old truck.

May 8, Tuesday morning I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities Breakfast Meeting held at The Arena Diner along with Councilman Justin DiPisa. Former Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk was the guest speaker and discussed her new appointment as Director of the Housing Development. Invited guests also included Senator Paul Sarlo and The Record Editor Al Doblin.

At 11:30 am I attended a meeting with Councilman David Gonzalez, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Asst. DPW Supt. Jim Schneider and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak. Various topics were discussed along with the work being done as well as personnel matters.

7 p.m. I chaired a Police Committee Meeting attended by Police Commissioner Justin

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): DiPisa and Dep. Com. David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Administrator/Finance Officer. Various topics were discussed including the need to replace retired officers.

8 p.m. Council Meeting

May 9, Wednesday, I participated in the special Library

That evening Councilwoman Pam Link joined me in support of Shelter Our Sister Event.

May 10, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. I called for a final meeting of the Mayor's Business Community Committee. In attendance were Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Police Capt. Joseph Cronin, Rob Brady in charge of Youth Committee Volunteers, Cliff Witmeyer, Jimmy, Lori, Caesarene,(all of Cliffhanger Productions) Committee Members Sam Papasavage of BeJay Drugs, Fritz Rethageof the Gazette, Peter Gallo, Ray Vorisek Chamber President of Heights Florist, Joseph Costa of I HOP, Dave Fanale of Eudan Century 21 Real Estate,. and Mary Ellen Courteney of Gateway Realty. Everything was in readiness and now we prayed for good weather.

May 12 – Saturday, 7 p.m. Fire Department Inspection: Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez, Deputy Commissioner Sonya Buckman, former Fire Commissioner John Dingertopadre, Council Members Pamela J. Link and Russell Lipari and I were in attendance. Fire Chief Richard Giarratana spoke as did I and Councilman Gonzalez. We inspected the equipment and thanked each of the volunteers who were there on behalf of the residents. They are always to be commended and thanked for their service to the community and yes, the saving of lives and property.

May 15, Tuesday: I attended a 3:30 pm Development program at the invitation of HHHS Librarian Donna Mikulka. Guest Speaker Robert Lackie gave us an in depth talk and advice on I.D. Theft and how to protect ourselves on the Internet. It was one of the best informational programs I have attended on this subject and I will try to arrange to have one done at our municipal Building especially for our Seniors and Young Adults.

May 16, stopped at the Municipal Building to sign checks and met briefly with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

May 17, stopped by to support the Chic Charity Group who were holding an event at the Landmark for the March of Dimes. I was amazed at the wall to wall turnout of people and the wonderful products that were being sold by various vendors.

May 20th Sunday, What a Fantastic Day for the Fourth Annual Street Fair. My congratulations to all the participants and to The Observer Newspaper, the Gazette, The Record, The Community News and PATCH for all the pre-publicity even though there was one headline glitch saying the Street Fair was **Today** (in the Saturday newspaper).

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): The Vendors were out there in full force, the Children's rides and Amusements a big hit; The Cameos and Concert People were very well received; the children's Stage drew their usual crowds and the Dunk Tank was not only fun but made money for the Police Dept. Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Big Thanks to our wonderful Police Dept., our fantastic D.P.W., our Volunteer Fire Dept., Our Youth Committee Volunteers who came with Rob Brady and Michael Kronyak at 6:30 am that morning.

Hats off to Cliff and all the Cliffhanger Production Staff and Most especially to all of the sponsors without whom we would have no Street Fair. Special Certificates of Appreciation will be given to each one of them at a Council Meeting date to be announced.

And what can I say about our extra special Mayor's Business Community Committee – FANTASTIC! Without each of you we could never have done this – Four Years already – WOW! What can we do for the Fifth???

May 21, 6:30 p.m.: Finance Committee Meeting: Finance Chair Pam Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri to discuss several matters of importance.

6:15 p.m. Youth Week Dinner in the Senior Center followed by Fire Committee Meeting and then Council Meeting.

There are still a few weeks left for my Saturday Meetings at the Library. I will not be there this weekend since it is believe it or not already Memorial Day Weekend.

That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
90. Authorizing Approval of Installation by United Water of Approximately 400 feet of 6" Main Along Springfield Avenue for a New Townhouse Development
 91. Construction – Payment of Fees to State
 92. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue a Check for Mayor's Scholarship Award
 93. Authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Check for the Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

94. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue Checks from the Trust
Fund for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards
95. Authorizing Contract for Radio Maintenance
96. Authorizing Approval of Permit for Lions Club of
Hasbrouck Heights Fireworks Display

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

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESIGNATIONS: Frank Russo from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company One due to personal reasons

Laurence Donohue from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company One due to Retirement effective May 14, 2012

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignations were accepted.

TERMINATIONS: Danny Byun due to Non-compliance of By-laws

Deborah Greco due to Non-compliance of By-laws

Michael Sinatra due to Non-compliance of By-laws

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Terminations were accepted.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2278:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ENTITLED “CHAPTER 231, SOIL MOVEMENT,” AND FURTHER TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

ORDINANCE NO. 2278 (cont'd):

ENTITLED “§133-26A, FEES UNDER CHAPTER 231, SOIL MOVEMENT.” 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 June 12, 2012.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2279:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2012" 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 June 12, 2012.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2280:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2012”** 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 June 12, 2012.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2281:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2012”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on

ORDINANCE NO. 2281 (cont'd):

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 June 12, 2012.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Buckman, Councilman Dingertopadre and Councilman Lipari voting Yes and Councilman Gonzalez and Councilwoman Link voting Nay, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2282:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$425,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2011 AND 2012 CAPITAL BUDGETS, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$22,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$402,500.00” 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 June 12, 2012.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2283:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION K ENTITLED “SIDEWALK CAFES” OF §275-21 ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES” OF CHAPTER 275 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PERMIT UNDER VARIOUS CERTAIN SPECIFIED CONDITIONS THE EXTENSION OF SUCH USES INTO THE PAVED IMPERVIOUS SIDEWALK AREAS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF SIDE STREETS RUNNING A DISTANCE OF NO MORE THAN 50 FEET FROM THE BOULEVARD RIGHT-OF-WAY” 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 June 12, 2012.

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Ron Kistner, 75 Oak Grove Avenue, thanked DPW Supt. Spindler and his department for taking the class to train for moving the Showmobile. Mayor Heck thanked Mr. Kistner and County Executive Donovan for the use of the Showmobile for the Street Fair.

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 97. Personnel

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution to Close was accepted.

ADJOURN:

At 10:06 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 May 22, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk