

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS****YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S****MAY 22, 2012**

A Youth Week Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 8:09 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Mayor Rose Heck invited the Youth Week Mayor and Council to come forward and conduct the Youth Week Council Meeting. Ashley Trent took over as Youth Week Mayor.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Amanda Link 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.

Youth Week Mayor Trent requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Link conduct a Roll Call:

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Youth Week Councilmembers: Robert Klenk (*Councilman DiPisa*) Simon Shkreli (*Councilwoman Buckman*), Florence Pozo (*Councilman Gonzalez*), Yunjae Kim (*Councilwoman Link*), Daniella Macera (*Councilman Dingertopadre*), Daria Georgatos (*Councilman Lipari*)

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:** Youth Week Councilwoman Kim read the following Invocation: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you and I hope that I have that desire in all the things that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire and I know if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always, though I may seem to be lost in the shadows of death. I will not fear for you are forever with me and you will never leave me to face perils alone." *Thomas Merton Thoughts and Solitude*

**RECOGNITION OF BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS:**

Youth Week Mayor Trent announced the following who were present in the audience: Police Chief Michael Colaneri and his counterpart Matt Pedersen, Fire Chief Richard Giarratana and his counterpart Adam French, Recreation Director Rob Brady and his counterpart Alex Sisco, DPW Supt. William Spindler and his counterpart Grace DeQuinzio, Librarian Cecelia Giadatzi, Tax Collector Conchita Parker and her counterpart Pat McGrath, Administrator Michael Kronyak and his counterpart Megan Keenan and the Building Inspector Nicholas Melfi and his counterpart C J Garafalos

**PRESENTATION:** Winners of the Environmental Poster Contest

Mayor Heck, Youth Week Mayor Trent, Environmental Commission Liaison Gonzalez and Youth Week Environmental Commission Liaison Pozo presented Certificates to the following for their poster entries as well as a flowering plant from John Kosakowski, owner of Bill O'Shea's Florist. Councilman Gonzalez announced that the posters will be put on a 2-year wall calendar which will be given out on Town Day at the Environmental Table:

**Corpus Christi: Kindergarten :** First Place: Isabella Hernandez - Mrs. Rocha; **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** First Place: Melanie Morena - Mrs. Deppert.

**Lincoln School: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** First Place: Noah Gallagher - Ms. Cannizzo; First Place: Paige Mc Guire - Ms. DePalma; **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** First Place: Madison Murray - Mrs. Lutz; **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thomas Murray - Mrs. Chiu.

**Euclid School:** First Place: Haley Longo - Ms. Chapin. **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** First Place: Dylan Gasser - Ms. Lambe.

**YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** Youth Week Commissioner Klenk gave the following Police report: April 18, 2012 - Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Rinke attended the SNAP Conference with Barbara Christensen and Nick Delcalzo from the High School. Trends in drug abuse and other issues affecting our kids was discussed. April 26, 2012 - Chief Colaneri welcomed the students of the Jr. Leadership Program to Hasbrouck Heights, a combined project with Lyndhurst Police and both school systems. April 27, 2012 - Chief Colaneri participated in the High School Career Day. May 16, 2012- Chief Colaneri, Capt. DeLorenzo and Det. Baker participated in Euclid and Lincoln Schools Career Day. Euclid School's Kindergarten toured the Public Safety Building. Chief Colaneri and Capt. DeLorenzo attended the 200 Club Awards Luncheon. VFW Post honored Ptl. Jeff Werner at Loyalty Day for his service and volunteering to the community. A portable surveillance

**POLICE (cont'd):** camera was purchased using confiscated funds which was installed by the DPW at the children's play area and parking lot on Central Avenue.

**RECREATION/PARKS:** Youth Week Commissioner Shkreli gave the following Recreation report: Our recreation center is open on most Friday and Saturday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. The center is available for all boys and girls in the 6th-8th grades. The center will be closing for the summer months after Friday, June 7, Recreation Summer Camp has over 370 children signed up so far. The camp is available to boys and girls ages 6-14. It begins on June 25 and ends six weeks later on August 3, the camp is held at Woodland Park. With regard to Recreation Summer Camp Trips, this year we will be taking the campers on 12 different day trips over a six week period. There will be trips every Tuesday and Thursday during summer camp. The camp remains open while the trips are held. If you still need to sign up for Summer Camp please call Rob Brady at 201-288-4143. Recreation Track and Field will complete its season on May 24.

**FIRE:** Youth Week Commissioner Pozo gave the following Fire report: the following productivity report was submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring. There were 26 fire calls, 11 non-fire emergency calls and 112 EMS calls. The HHFD Annual Inspection was held May 12. Mayor Heck and Councilmembers Buckman, Link, Dingertopadre and Lipari attended the event. I would like to thank the Moonachie Fire Department for providing coverage during the Event. Euclid School Kindergarten students visited the Public Safety Building and had the opportunity to visit the Firehouse. The Fire Department also participated in the annual street fair, stationed at two booths and showed Fire and EMS apparatus to all visitors. I would like to thank the Carlstadt Fire Department for providing coverage during the annual street fair.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Youth Week Commissioner Kim gave the following Social Services report: The food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need that has to register can do so with Robert Brady by calling (201) 288-4143. For the month of April, there were 117 visitors to the Food Pantry. Thank you to the generous volunteers that help stock and supervise the food pantry, as well as to the following donors: Lincoln School Teachers donated \$375 in gift cards from Dress Down Day, Rista Family, Lynn Taylor, Bible Baptist Church, United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, Joan Spaldo, Kathy Van Jura, Mr. McGill, Dave Gonzalez, Karen McDowell, Donna Boyd, Vicki Brunski, Dave McPherson, Mrs. Kingsley, Kyle Werner, Delgado Family, Virginia Collar, Evelyn Davis, Ann DeScalfani, Robert and Helen Corum, Gary, Arlene Carreau, Mrs. Derco, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Ethel Ball, Dave Jackson, Bertha Spada, Marie Vecchi, Gloria Cotter, Greg D'Elia, Rosemary Smith, Bill Heeren, Aubrey Family, Mary Conner. The response for donations has been most generous and very much appreciated!! However, due to the increase in the number of people who are in need, the items collected go quickly and constant replenishing is needed. If anyone is interested in

**SOCIAL SERVICES (cont'd):**

donating items here are some ideas: canned fruit, juices, paper products, all kinds of soaps and cleaning products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, powdered milk, and snacks. Please call the Recreation office at (201) 288 4143 or the Borough Clerk's office at (201) 288-0195 if you have any questions.

**PARKS:** Youth Week Commissioner Macera gave the following Parks report: The Hasbrouck Heights Department of Public Works in cooperation with the Bergen County Parks Department picked up and towed the County Show Mobile from Van Saun Park in Paramus to the Boulevard for its use at the Street Fair. The Show Mobile is a portable stage that was set up to be used during the day by all the performers. On Monday morning it was returned to Bergen County Parks Department

**LAND USE:** Youth Week Commissioner Georgatos gave the following Land Use report: May is the month when people start to enjoy the outdoors once again. During this month this department issued 48 UCC permits totaling \$8,320, 17 local permits were issued for items such as sheds, driveways, patios, etc. totaling \$1,435 in permit fees, three certificates of occupancy for businesses were issued, nine for residential resale were issued and two zoning compliances for the Industrial Zone. These certificates brought in \$950 for a total of \$10,705. Fifty-five initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with 49 passing on the first inspection. The Property Maintenance Inspector made 27 inspections. Eight summonses were issued followed by a court appearance. Residents are reminded that a summons for high grass may be issued without being given a warning. This will also serve as a reminder that storage of construction material after construction is completed on residential property is prohibited.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Youth Week Mayor Trent asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Youth Week Councilman Klenk, seconded by Youth Week Councilwoman Georgatos, and unanimously carried.

When Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to come up and congratulate the Youth Week Council for such a great job, a round of applause filled the room.

Youth Week Moderator Catherine Cassidy congratulated the Youth Week Mayor and Council on doing a great job this evening and that she was very proud of them.

Youth Week Mayor Trent asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Youth Week Councilwoman Macera, seconded by Councilwoman Pozo and unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Youth Week Mayor Trent asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Youth Week Councilman Shkreli, seconded by Youth Week Councilwoman Kim and unanimously carried.

The Youth Week Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk