

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**M I N U T E S**

**MAY 28, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 8:03 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 2, 2013 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2013.

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

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Heck gave the Invocation as follows:

“We Gather, Prayer to Begin a Meeting. We gather together here today intent on doing good work. We seek to represent fairly and well, those who have given us this task. May our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding and wisdom. We seek to serve with respect to all. May our personal faiths give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us.”

**PRESENTATION:** Mid-Bergen County Rotary Club Presentation of Awards for Ethics Training: The 4-Way Test Essay Contest

Yvonne Hasset, Newly-elected President of Mid-Bergen County Rotary Club who said she was performing her first official duty, assisted by Joseph Loreni and Carmen Elena Cedeno, Rotary Ethics Committee and Branch Sales Manager of Valley National Bank Hasbrouck Heights presented an award to Youstina Gerges for her winning essay.

**PRESENTATION:** Presentation of Certificates to State Finalist Jenna DiGiacinto and

**PRESENTATION (cont'd):** Participants Darien Cheng, Katherine Lynn Gasparino, Megan Keenan, Erin Palmieri and Kenny Partyka in the NJLM Louis Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition

Mayor Heck presented a Certificate and a \$50.00 Barnes and Noble Gift Card to Katherine Lynn Gasparino, the only participant who attended, noting that all the entries were exceptional and worthy of recognition.

**PRESENTATION:** Presentation of Certificates to Environmental Poster Contest Winners

Mayor Heck and Councilman Lipari presented certificates to the 2013 Environmental Poster Contest Winners from Euclid and Lincoln Schools who were present. Corpus Christi School Winners would be receiving their certificates at their school at a later date:

**CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL:**

Kindergarten

1st Place

Neil Donnelly – Mrs. Rocha

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Julia Lurch – Mrs. Rocha

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Taylor Daves – Mrs. Rocha

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Addison Passarella – Mrs. Torebka

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Ryan Daves – Mrs. Torebka

Honorable Mention

William Taylor – Mrs. Rocha

Honorable Mention

Raquel Moya – Mrs. Rocha

First Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Isabella Hernandez – Mrs. Carris

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Sofia Ferrante – Mrs. Donovan

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Rocco D'Amico – Mrs. Donovan

Third Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Daphne Dzugay – Mrs. Palladino

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Emily Cosgrove – Mrs. Palladino

**PRESENTATION (cont'd):**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Anthony Alava – Ms. Lemaire

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Francesa D'Amico – Mrs. Paladino

Honorable Mention

Sofia Sarracino – Ms. Lemaire

Fifth Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Annabel Hazrati – Mrs. Scanlon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Chiara Colletti – Mrs. Scanlon

**EUCLID SCHOOL**

Kindergarten

1<sup>ST</sup> Place

Dean Gasser – Mrs. Farruggio

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Mae Veliky – Ms. Colaneri

First Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Sia Bawa – Mrs. Chapin

Second Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Param Malik – Mrs. Sabin

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Claudia DeGennaro – Mrs. Sabin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Annabelle Swalsky – Mrs. Sabin

Third Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Dylan Gasser – Mrs. Gallucci

**LINCOLN SCHOOL**

First Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Kairy Martillo – Ms. Reynolds

Second Grade

Honorable Mention

Emma Reynolds – Mrs. DePalma/Mrs. Robertson

**PRESENTATION (cont'd):**

Third Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Chiara Alvarez – Mrs. Lutz

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Heather Cali – Mrs. Lutz

Fourth Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Madison Murray – Mr. Mertz

Fifth Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Thomas Murray – Mrs. Latorre

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Certified Letter that 259 Polifly Realty has applied to Hackensack BOA for proposed development of 78 dwelling units.
- 2) Letter from NJ State DOT re: Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Program re: Grant for Franklin Avenue denial
- 3) Letter to Bill Spindler from Gabriel Andino, Manager, Noise Abatement & Environmental Compliance, Teterboro Airport, thanking him for providing HH Recycling vehicle for Earth Day April 23.
- 4) Request from Cub Scout Pack 17 to hold Pack Camping Night at Woodland Park on June 7.
- 5) Letter from Senator Robert Gordon re: First Responders Protection Act which is under review of Senate Labor Committee

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Item #5 was requested to be read (copy attached). Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Semenech and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (None)

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$456,865.75 specified in the

**BILLS (cont'd):**

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 read the following report: the Police Department participated in Youth Week. This year three chiefs, JT Rinke, Mark Hoffman and Richard Newman, toured Headquarters, rode with Chief Colaneri and saw the Police Pistol Range. This year's DARE Trip to Space Odyssey was another success with over 180 DARE students and siblings attending. Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Rinke, Dets. Baker, Colaneri and Behr chaperoned. Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Rinke, Det. Baker and Det. Colaneri attended the Bergen County SNAP Conference with HHHS School Principal Linda Simmons, Vice Principal Nick DeCalzo, Vice Principal Joe Mastropietro and SAC Barbara Christenson. The latest trends affecting our children were discussed. Officer Adamo represented the HHPD at Joan's Vigil in Park Ridge. The DEA Operation Take Back was held with 3,046 lbs of unused or outdated medication collected in Bergen County. In Hasbrouck Heights, two large containers were collected by Sgt. Rinke. He commented that a lot of people are taking medication and flushing it down the toilet which goes into the draining system and eventually will affect the population as some of the chemicals are toxic. This program is very useful. The Department provided traffic control for the Health Department's 5K Run at the Health Fair. Under Statistics, he reported parking violations year to date are 1120 versus 999 in 2012. Moving violations year to date are 860 versus 705 in 2012 with 2013 Totals for this year are 1,980 versus 1,704 in 2012. As an observer and resident of Hasbrouck Heights he commented that the Boulevard looks so great with the pots of flowers with this year numbering 60 pots. He commended the DPW and Ann Lustberg and the Garden Club. Mayor Heck said the DPW waters the pots all summer long.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report as submitted by Director of Recreation Robert Brady: Summer camp will begin Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks until Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> the camp is open to all registered campers from 9am-3:30pm. If you would still like to register your child you can contact

**RECREATION AND PARKS (cont'd):** the recreation office at [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com). The following summer camp trips are sold out, Bowcraft, The Castle, Funplex, and Funtime America. The other trips are available at this time. Wild West City, Bronx Zoo, Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, Medieval Times, Liberty Science Center, and The Ice House. Summer Sports Squirts Program, this is a NEW program we are offering for 3-5 year old boys and girls. It is a week long activity hour of sports and activities at Woodland Park. The program is run by the US Sports Institute in conjunction with the HH Recreation Dept. the camp will be held Monday July 15- Friday July 19 with 2 classes available 4pm-5pm and 5pm-6pm. The cost is \$79.00. To register go to [www.ussportsinstitute.com](http://www.ussportsinstitute.com). Recreation track and field had a great season, congratulations to Miliki Burrell who won the 200m at the NJ Striders regional Qualifier meet last weekend. Our recreation center is open on most Friday and Saturday nights from 7pm-10pm. The center is available for all boys and girls in the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The Center will be closing for the summer the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The recreation Department will also be hosting UGALS teams in the summer for more competitive play, and a U14 travel team that will play in competitive tournaments. We still offer free adult basketball and volleyball through the spring months to check the schedule call (201) 288-4143. Of course we still have a very involved Senior Schedule all programs are held in our Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard. For a free schedule of events call (201) 288-4143 and hit #3 key, or stop by the center or recreation office and pick up a schedule. Special Needs Recreation: registration is now open for Outdoor Play time! This program will start in June and be held at Woodland Park to register or to receive more information email [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com). If you have any questions about any recreation programs please call Robert Brady, Director of Recreation at (201) 288-4143 or email him at [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com)

**PARKS:** Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported this year's flowers were planted with a combination of perennials and annuals throughout the 911 Memorial, Fireman's Memorial, and Veterans Memorial Parks. Also, completed were the plantings at the Circle. Honorable Mayor Heck met with DPW Superintendent, Bill Spindler and Ray Vorisek of Heights Flower Shoppe to discuss a plan for different species and colors of flowers for this season. All plants and flowers were ordered and delivered in time for the Memorial Day weekend. At the 911 Memorial Park the lights that border the flower beds were repaired after being vandalized. All the lights at Veterans Memorial Park were repaired by PSE & G after three (3) letters were sent to inform them of the outages on their lamp poles. A new chain link fence was installed at the Central Avenue Park playground as the white PVC fence was destroyed by vandalism over the past year. Certified playground mulch was placed at the fence line border. The Woodland Park Comfort Station is now open from Monday to Friday, dawn to dusk, and on weekends when picnics (by permit only) are taking place. Picnic tables that are usually placed under the pavilion were placed throughout the area adjacent to the playground and comfort station until the construction is complete. The road and parking lot that traverses through Woodland Park from Harrison Avenue to Cleveland Avenue has been resurfaced and is now open for use. Also, resurfacing from Roosevelt Avenue to the basketball courts in the park has been complete.

**LIBRARY:** As Library Liaison, she invited everyone to the Library Book and Bake Sale to be held June 1 and 2 in the Senior Center, in conjunction with the Townwide Garage Sale.

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following productivity report was submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring. From April 15 to May 15 there were 17 fire calls, 9 non-emergency calls and 103 EMS calls. On Monday May 20, Hackensack UMC held their 22<sup>nd</sup> annual EMS Excellence Awards dinner at the Stony Hill Inn. Andrew Waring, David Gumbrecht and Patrick Mucha were awarded for a CPR save in March. Some of the events the HHFD was involved in were The Board of Health 5K Run, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Fair and the Memorial Day Parade. He thanked everyone who attended the Firemen's Memorial Service which took place after the Veteran's Memorial Service. The HHFD Annual Inspection was held on May 11. All Council Members were present as well as Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and former Councilman and Fire Commissioner Tom Meli. He also thanked all the Mutual Aid Chiefs who attended this inspection. All apparatus and gear were prepped for inspection by the public.

**As Streets & Sanitation Commissioner,** Councilman Gonzalez reported the DPW office staff participated in the training of the 911Swift Reach Program. This program is designed to reach Borough residents in the event of an emergency or to notify them of any another important information. The Tree Replanting Program has been completed this year and residents may call the DPW to request a tree for 2014 to be planted within the public right-of-way. A sinkhole was reported to the DPW located at 265 Williams Avenue. After investigating the area it was determined that United Water Company was responsible and they completed the repair. As part of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater regulations, the DPW is currently inspecting, cleaning, and repairing the Borough's 144 catch basins. The stormwater basin on Industrial Avenue was repaired due to a collapse. This was done under an emergency exigency, approved by the Mayor and Council. This road is heavily traveled by commercial vehicles. The DPW responded to the flooding of the Franklin Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station as a result of a broken sump pump. The flooding occurred on the dry pump side of the station which did not affect any sanitary sewer flow and the repair was completed. The DPW prepared the Boulevard for the Borough's Annual Street Fair by placing out barricades and traffic cones for street closures along with electrical cords, power strips, and additional garbage receptacles. Cleanup consisted of a garbage truck to remove all solid waste, backpack blowers and street sweeper to clean the sidewalks and streets. The DPW performed all necessary setup for the Memorial Day Parade which included providing electrical power for a PA system at Veterans Memorial Park.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE:** Under Social Services, Commissioner Link offered sincere thanks to the generous residents of Hasbrouck Heights who continue to donate to the Food Pantry and keep the shelves stocked. There were 115 visitors to the Food Pantry from April 29, 2013 through May 20, 2013. Thank you also to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these

**SOCIAL SERVICES (cont'd):** weeks including Dolores Jones, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Leddy, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Ethel Ball, Elaine Ruroede, Joyce and Andy, and to the following who provided grocery items, gift cards or monetary donations: Karen McDowell, who provided bags of summer clothes for six children, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, Methodist Church Women, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Bible Baptist Church, Mankind of Paramus, Eileen Baker, Kathy Van Jura, Josephine McClean, Phyllis Burman, Joanne, Mrs. And Mrs. Roy Perham, Mrs. Pertuz, Mary and Lida, Mrs. Kinsley, Rick DiPiazza, Cookie, Tom White, Arlene Carreau and Bob Weiner . Most of these donors come in several times during the month which is most appreciated. Donations are accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 8 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The food pantry is open on Monday mornings (on Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday) from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need who would like to register can do so with Robert Brady by calling (201) 288-4143.

**FINANCE:** Under Finance, Commissioner Link read the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at April 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1,031,981.07 and at March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$378,585.12 which represents an increase of \$653,395.95. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of April totaled \$4,066,983.48 of which \$3,875,864.73 was for Current Taxes, \$23,367.95 was for Prior Years Taxes and \$167,750.80 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of April totaled \$3,413,587.53 of which \$2,012,876.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$620,386.89 was for Salaries and \$780,324.64 was for Other Expenses. The 2013 Municipal Budget was adopted April 23, 2013, and copies have been transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services for approval. As of today, the county and state budgets have not yet been adopted, which will hold up the certification of the tax rate. The Borough can not issue final tax bills until the tax rate has been certified. If the rate is not certified within the next couple of weeks we will authorize the issuance of estimated third quarter tax bills. The final project worksheet required for FEMA reimbursement for costs associated with Hurricane Sandy was signed and submitted today. A total of 4 project worksheets were submitted totaling \$372,062.03 and if approved the Borough should receive approximately \$279,046.00 as reimbursement for incurred costs representing 75% of the total. An exact time schedule for the reimbursements is not known at this time.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. School Crossing Guards will be making a door-to-door visit to verify that every dog owner received a current 2013 dog license. Dog's seven months of age and over must have a valid rabies vaccination and current dog license for 2013. The Health Dept. asks residents who may not be home to please leave a copy of their current 2013 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-**

**HEALTH (cont'd):** 288-1636 or Police Dept. at 201-288-1000. The Board of Health in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of Hackensack Medical Center is offering a free HeartSaver AED CPR course on Thursday, June 6 from 5:30-8:30 pm in the Community Room located at Borough Hall. The Heartsaver AED CPR course will teach how to perform CPR skills on an adult/child victim. You will also learn how to use an AED, Automated external defibrillator. Also learn the signs of choking, and how to help a choking victim. A course completion card will be issued upon successfully completing the course requirements. Pre-registration is required, and the cost of CPR manual is \$12.00. To register please call Laura French in the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636.

All annual licenses for Food Establishments will be expiring on June 30, 2013. Renewal applications will be mailed the last week in May and must be returned by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This includes all Retail Food Establishments, Schools, Milk Trucks, Mobiles, Seasonal, Fraternal, Massage Therapy, Barber Shops, Beauty & Nail Salons and Public Pools. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 2013.

As Senior Citizen liaison, Councilman Lipari reported the following highlights are happening in our Senior Center. There is a monthly calendar of events available at the senior center for all senior residents of Hasbrouck Heights. The activities include: line dancing, senior yoga, senior aerobics, advanced yoga, Bingo, mahjong, games and cards. Residents can enjoy free coffee and snacks while attending the recreation sponsored activities. Senior Lounge is open every day to watch TV and socialize with friends. If you have any programs that you would like to see added to our calendar of events just call 201 288 4143 and ask for Robert Brady, the Senior Program Coordinator. Center is open Daily 9am-4:30pm.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Commissioner Semenez reported the Department of Public Works had advised that all Borough Buildings underwent their Annual Fire Sprinkler Inspection and all buildings are in compliance. At the Borough Hall, top soil and grass seed was applied in the area of the library entrance where new sidewalks were replaced and the irrigation sprinkler heads were repaired. At the DPW facility, the wash room sink was repaired and resurfacing of the Recycling Center area should be completed by today. The wet weather has delayed the resurfacing of this area which was slated to be completed last week. The DPW carried out the resolutions set forth by the Mayor and Council to remediate overgrown properties at 151 Henry Street, 256 Williams Avenue, and 429 Hasbrouck Avenue. A statement was submitted to the Borough Administrator for the cost and a lien is applied to the properties. Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room, 17; Caucus Room, 12; Council Chamber, 7; and Senior Center, (not including Senior Activities).

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Two longtime residents celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays this month, Frances Niosi and Marta Peters. We wish to congratulate them on their very special birthdays and wish them much happiness. (They will be sent Certificates and flowers.)

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.** I called a Mayor's Business Community Committee Meeting to discuss plans for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Fifth Street Fair. Borough Clerk Ro Sees, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Traffic Bureau Officer Ian Robertson, David Fanale of Century 21 Eudan Realty, Craig Williams Manager of the Hilton Hotel, Betty Martinez also of The Hilton, Vickie Oller Manager of TD Bank, Mary Ellen Courtney of Gateway Realty, Fritz Rethage of the Gazette, Bill Lenox of Lenox Auto Body, Peter Gallo, Cliff Witmyer Cliffhanger Productions, Jimmy Spadola of Cliffhanger, Ray Vorisek of Heights Florist and President of the Chamber of Commerce were all present.

**7:30 p.m.** I attended the Zoning Board Meeting in reference to the proposed extended stay hotel proposed for the 377 Route 17 South a former office building. Also in attendance was Land Use Officer Councilman Russell Lipari. Extensive testimony was given and suggestions made by various Board Members. The meeting was continued to May due to more testimony to be given and the lateness of the hour.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 5:30 p.m.:** Police Promotion Interviews/Tests were given at the Public Safety Building on Hamilton Avenue. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez and I conducted those meetings.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10 a.m. till noon.** I was in the Library for my usual Saturday morning availability in the HH Free Public Library.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 9 am till noon:** The Health Fair and 5K Run was held with well over 100 runners details may be found on the Borough's Web Site and in local newspapers.

I also met with a resident who could not make the Saturday availability time.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> Monday, 5:30 p.m.** Another set of Police Promotion Interviews/Tests were given by Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez and I.

**April 30, Tuesday, 7 pm,** Community Awareness Access for All Committee Met. Present were Treasurer Councilwoman Pamela Link and Secretary Brenda Colaneri and I. Maryann Pisani was thanked for her good work and having again served as President. New Members would be sought and plans made to make the door to the Free Public Library more easily accessible.

**May 2, 6 p.m.** I attended the County Community Development Block Grant Committee Meeting as Chair of the Southwest Region. Councilman Russell Lipari serves as a

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** representative appointed by County Executive Kathleen Donovan.

**May 6, Monday, 11 a.m.** Finance Committee Meeting. Chair Pamela Link, Deputy Chair Justin Di Pisa and I met to go over finances with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

**May 7, Tuesday, 9:00 am** I was invited to Hasbrouck Heights High School to speak to 10th graders about serving in government. I spoke to them about my 13 years as an Assemblywoman, some of my accomplishments and my work on the Council. Mr. Thorne's class was very attentive and I believe enjoyed the subject. I left hoping that some of them would be interested in serving as a public official in the future.

**May 8, Wednesday, 7 p.m.,** I attended Southwest Community Development Block Grant Committee meeting in East Rutherford with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak who is also a voting member of the committee. I was re-elected as Chair of the committee and conducted a hearing on applications from the 13 towns. We had not as yet received the amount of the Federal Allocations from HUD. We adjourned till the next meeting, date to be determined since we awaited word from the Federal Government.

**May 9, Thursday 10 am** I attended a meeting with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees on miscellaneous matters.

**May 10, Friday, noon.** I officiated at a wedding held in the Municipal Building.

**May 11, Saturday, 10 am** I held my meeting in the library till 10 am then at 11 am I met with the Police Committee in the Caucus Room. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I met on several Police Dept. matters.

**12 Noon,** Members of the Lions Club arrived to be part of the Dedication of the Clock they had bought that was placed in front of the Municipal Building. Council Members Pamela Link, Sonya Buckman, Justin DiPisa, David Gonzalez and Russell Lipari also attended. Lions Club President Mullins spoke of the donation on the part of the entire membership. I in turn commended the Lions Club Members past and present for all of their community service and involvement. The Clock is a beautiful addition to our community and residents are invited to view the inscription placed on it.

**7 p.m.** Fire Department Annual Inspection was held. . Council Members Pamela Link, Sonya Buckman, Justin DiPisa, David Gonzalez , Russell Lipari and Christian Semencz were all there for the inspection. Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez made a plaque presentation to the department and spoke of their invaluable service to the community.

**May 14, Tuesday, 6 pm** Youth Committee Dinner was held in the Community Room. It was a meet and greet Hasbrouck Heights High School Students taking over for their Municipal Counterparts.

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): 7:15 pm.** I held a brief Police Committee Meeting with Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

**8 p.m.** Youth Committee conducted The Youth Week Council Meeting giving their counterparts' reports. All went very well. This was followed by the regular meeting. Minutes of meetings may be found on the town web site.

**May 15, Wednesday 6 pm** Council President Pamela Link and I attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Republican Club at Seasons Restaurant. Former Governor Christine Todd Whitman was the guest speaker.

**May 16, Thursday 8:30 a.m.,** I called for the Mayor's Business Community Committee Meeting, Present were: Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie See Borough Clerk, Cliff Witmyer and Jim Spadola of Cliffhangar Productions, Bill Lenox of Lenox Auto Body, Traffic Bureau Officer Scott Adamo and Dept of Public Works Asst. Supt. Jim Schneider were all presents. Many of the plans for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Street Fair were completed.

At the same time Youth Week participants visited The Municipal Building, had breakfast and then tagged along with their counterparts in Administration, and some went to the Safety Building with Police Chief Michael Colaneri.

**May 18, Saturday,** after I concluded my residents visit time, 10 am till noon, in the library, I met with Land Use Officer Russell Lipari and Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless. We visited the Wood-Ridge building site and the Highland Avenue route that is to be opened to allow traffic to flow from the major Curtis Rite Site of hundreds of apartments and new housing; some of which have been completed and others having been recently approved without the opening of the Highland Avenue Street. After the site visit we returned to the Municipal Building Caucus Room where we reviewed the original site plan and maps. I asked the Borough Attorney to prepare a resolution noting our request that Highland Avenue be opened as soon as possible and not be postponed for another two years. We completed our meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

**May 19, Sunday:** Fifth Annual Street Fair: the rain persisted all day, but it did not deter those attending the Street Fair. Besides our residents, families and friends, visitors came from Paramus and surrounding towns. Umbrellas were seen in all sizes and shapes as people viewed and partook of vendor with food offerings and various wares. Patrick McCarthy and I manned the Community Awareness Access for All Committee Table, protected by a tent cover. All of our local participants stayed fast and catered to those interested in their products. There were no children's rides since the law precludes their opening in the rain. The Concert Stage was still popular where wonderful performances were enjoyed. The Children's Stage was also crowded with viewers as a variety of performances continued at specified times.

The weather continued to be a big disappointment to the Mayor's Business Community Committee, but leave it to the Dunk Tank participants, rain or no rain Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and Police Chief Michael Colaneri, among other Police Officers were there. They gave the children and parents their fun at being dunked as

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** well as raising funds for the Torch Run Fund. Thank you both for always being there.

**May 21, Tuesday, 2 p.m.:** I met with Police Chief Mike Colaneri, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless and Councilman Russell Lipari re: Wood-Ridge Building Project and the status of Highland Avenue. A report from our Traffic Bureau was requested as the project would impact traffic flow from Passaic Avenue into Hasbrouck Heights, especially at peak hours. All of the information was to be placed in a resolution to be presented to the Council at its next meeting to insist upon the opening of Highland Avenue to allow for a smoother transition from the new Wood-Ridge development.

**6:30 p.m.** I called for a meeting to review Department of Public Works applications. DPW Commissioner David Gonzalez and Finance Commissioner Pamela J. Link joined me in the review. Recommendation was made that would go to DPW Supt. Bill Spindler.

**7 p.m.** I called for a special meeting of The Police Committee that included Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and Juvenile Officer Sgt. Joseph Rinke who also serves as the Board of Education President. I had invited Supt. of Schools, Dr. Mark Porto and School Administrator Dina Messery to join us in a discussion of a review of the safety needs of the School District. Most of the information remains private to insure the safety of the children in our schools. Chief Colaneri gave his assessment of the current status and noted that we needed more information as it might impact our Police Department. Everyone expressed their views and assurances were given of full cooperation between the two governing bodies – School and Borough. We also asked for some information as to testing of residency of students attending our school system and were told that it was in force and that 20 children were found to be non-residents. They were given the option of paying tuition or moving to their town's school. Mrs. Messery noted that there were some students paying tuition in the Hasbrouck Heights School System. I offered the assistance of our Borough to aid in those residency checks. Dr. Porto gave his thanks and we concluded our meeting, fully assured that we would remain in touch.

**May 22, Wednesday, 6 pm.** I attended the Countywide Community Development Block Grant Committee Meeting with Councilman Lipari.

**May 23, Thursday, 10 a.m.** I attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held at Pascack Valley Hackensack UMC opening in Westwood. A crowd of over 600 were in attendance at the long awaited opening of this hospital. On Stage was President and CEO of the Hackensack Medical Network, Robert C. Garrett, along with CEO of Hackensack UMC Chad Melton. At approximately 10:45 a.m. they were joined by Governor Chris Christie and Health Commissioner Mary O'Dowd. It was quite a momentous event and I was pleased to represent Hasbrouck Heights as I joined other Bergen County Mayors who were in attendance.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (cont’d): 6 p.m.** I met with the Environmental and Transportation Commission to judge the Environmental Poster Contest. Council Liaison Russell Lipari, and Members Donna Gasser and former Chair Jack Stavash also participated.

**7:30 p.m.** I attended the Zoning Board second hearing on the proposed Extended Stay Hilton 2 Hotel. With some modifications and attention to the Board’s recommendations it was approved. This was followed by another application for a Veterinary Hospital that was continued till the following month.

**Friday, May 24, 10 a.m.:** I attended the Montclair University Graduation Ceremony held at the IZOD Center in the Meadowlands. 4,300 students graduated and among them was my granddaughter Jessica Rose Rakus who graduated with honors as she received her Degree in Education. She continues for another year in the Masters Program and I take a grandmother’s privilege in telling all of you of her accomplishment.

**Monday, Mar 27, 10 a.m.** I rode in a convertible automobile driven by Stephen Pikowski, Mayor’s Finance Liaison, along with Council President Pamela J. Link and Navy Veteran of World War II, Michael Conti. I was given the privilege of speaking at the Veterans Memorial. My speech will appear on our Borough Web Site. At the Firemen’s Memorial I also had the honor of recognizing the entire Council: Council President Pamela J. Link, Council Members Justin DiPisa, Sonya Buckman, David Gonzalez, Russell Lipari and Christian Semencz. The Fire Department’s Memorial Service took place at their Memorial Park located on the Boulevard immediately after the Veterans Service that were held at Veterans Memorial Park on Henry and Terrace Avenue. I recognized their service to our community and praised all, past and present for all of their volunteer work.

I will continue my Saturday morning meetings at the Library from 10 till noon until the end of June. I will resume my meetings in the fall, but during the summer will be available on Monday nights.

That completes my report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 109. Raffle License for Heightened Independence & Progress HIP
  - 110. Authorizing Agreement with BCUA Solid Waste Service Agreement
  - 111. Construction – Payment of Fees to State
  - 112. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue a Check for Mayor’s Scholarship Award

**CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

113. Authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Check for the Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award
114. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue Checks from the Trust Fund for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards
115. Authorizing Contract for Radio Maintenance
116. Opposing Any Approval of Further Development of the Wesmont Station Redevelopment Site Until Adequate Provisions are Made for the Access and Egress Directly in the Borough of Wood-Ridge

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mark Waring as Building Custodian

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

Michael Ratkowski to Fire Department Engine Co. 2

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

Rebecca Ratkowski to Fire Department Ambulance Auxiliary

On a motion by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Conor DiCorcia to Fire Department Ambulance Auxiliary

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

The newly appointed Fire personnel were invited to come forward to be congratulated by Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Deputy Fire Commissioner Sonya Buckman. Fire Chief Richard Giarratana presented a 25-year plaque to Michael Ratkowski and congratulated him on his past service. A photo op followed.

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2305:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that 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 11, 2013.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of the aforementioned Ordinance which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2306:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that 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 2013"** 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 11, 2013.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of the aforementioned Ordinance which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2307:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$170,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR PHASE VI OF THE BOULEVARD STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (WALTER AVENUE TO DIVISION AVENUE,) TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM IN THE SUM OF \$145,000.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW"** 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 11, 2013.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2307 (cont'd):**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of the aforementioned Ordinance which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2302:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2302 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2302 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SUBSECTION B. OF §55-1 OF CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2302 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, with Councilwoman Buckman and Councilman Semenez voting No, and Councilman DiPisa, Councilman Gonzalez, Councilwoman Link and Councilman Lipari voting Yes, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2303:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2303 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2303 which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$65,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2303 (cont'd):**

**\$32,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 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 \$31,000.00"** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2303 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried, , the foregoing ordinance was approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2304:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2304 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2304 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$165,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BARRIER FREE CURB RAMPS INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE BOROUGH, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$140,400.00 PROVIDED BY A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,600.00 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 \$20,000.00"** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2304 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried. Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

Carla Culkin, 139 Roosevelt Avenue, owner of the ManCave barber shop was extremely concerned with the parking situation on the Boulevard, feels it has affected her business, concerned that the people don't stop at the crosswalk for people crossing, passing on right, sees it all, hears screeching, doesn't see police presence. Her main concern was the evening where the TaeKwanDo business is taking a lot of parking spaces and although she is excited for them and wished her business was as abundant, she was curious about the ordinance on how many people they are allowed inside while the classes are going on and felt a lot of people were taking advantage of just parking anywhere and are not thinking of other people like herself who is trying to pay rent. She said she has lost her excitement in having a business on the Boulevard, having had an opportunity for someone to merge with her, who circled the Boulevard four times and declined on her offer as his clients would not be able to follow him due to the parking situation. She lost three spots on Jefferson where a beautiful house has been built as well. She felt she was going to fail, but she wasn't failing her business, the town was failing her. She has spoken to other business owners and their parking in front of their own businesses, which she didn't understand. It has now become an issue where she might not be able to continue.

Mayor Heck asked to respond, saying they had spoken to the Traffic Bureau to take some action, which the Chief said it was brought to his attention and that when the two officers graduate from the academy in a couple of weeks one will be assigned to the Boulevard. He did not know the regulations as to the number of people, with Mayor Heck saying it is Fire Department situation and they will be asked to review that as well. Those parking illegally will be ticketed. Chief Colaneri said someone is assigned every night to enforce parking. Between the Kumon school, jujitsu school, karate school and restaurants, it is very busy. Mayor Heck the situation was better when we had the parking enforcement person and this will be reviewed again. Ms. Culkin asked if the business owners could be told. Mayor Heck they will be told by the Traffic Bureau and will be ticketed. Ms. Culkin thought 2 hour parking is excessive. Chief Colaneri said two businesses have been advised. There are many types of businesses with different needs.

Matthew McGinley, 110 Jefferson Avenue, was speaking in support of his neighbor, also a business owner. His home is at the top of the hill of the karate place and every night it is a mad house with people backing out with young children walking to cross the street to the parking places. People park as far as his home. People are standing on the sidewalk watching inside the school. With that number of students and parents and friends, a crowd is created and you can't see oncoming traffic. On Saturdays during the

**MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd):**

day Cross Fit Training has people jogging up and down the sidewalk. Businesses in the Heights are growing. More is needed to protect them. He likes parking meters every 15 minutes. He got his hair cut at ManCave in 20 minutes.

Mayor Heck said we understand the problem and the Chief will be on top of it.

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

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:** 117. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting and any matter involving the sale, purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds

Mayor Heck requested a motion to go into Executive Session which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:54 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to return to the regular meeting which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez 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 28, 2013.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk