

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

January 28, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Thursday, January 28, 2014 at 8:09 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, 2014 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2014.

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

Councilwoman Buckman gave the Invocation as follows:

“Prayer for Today. Bless me this day with time, bless me this day with choices, bless me this day with friendship, bless me this day with work to do, bless me this day with adventures, bless me this day with opportunities, bless me this day with health and safety, bless me this day with faith in the future, bless me this day with lessons to be learned, bless my family and friends today and bless those who serve and protect us all. Amen.”

REPRESENTATIVE FROM TETERBORO AIRPORT RE: SUPER BOWL XLVIII AIR TRAFFIC:

Mayor Heck introduced Ralph Tragale, Assistant Director of Aviation for Port Authority of NY/NJ. Teterboro Airport being one of their facilities and with Super Bowl coming, Mayor Heck had asked him to give an update of what plans and expectations were.

SUPER BOWL (cont'd):

Planning has been going on since May 2010. Estimates of people coming to the area were between 300 and 400 thousand. He said Teterboro Airport has been the most challenging and of most concern due to its being small and within a residential community. Action never taken included a reservation system beginning at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 til 6 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 after the Super Bowl, prior permission was necessary to operate at the airport. This was done to manage the amount of activity in a given time period to avoid gridlock. A third party ramp boss was hired who runs air shows to be on the airfield during that time. They also brought in extra material for snow and a huge deicing facility. They estimate parking 600 planes at the airport and need all areas to be clear of snow. To date, there have been 800 reservations during the period in place, some will park and some will drop and go. He did not believe seeing impact to the community until Sunday. Sunday afternoon the FAA will put in a temporary flight restriction until midnight. At midnight it will be lifted and they estimate 30 departures an hour. As far as traffic, he said all Fixed Base Operatives know to have no vehicles on roadways. Mayor Heck asked if 600 planes had ever been parked and if there was enough room, did they expect more reservations in the Customs hangar. He said all local noise rules are in effect. Councilwoman Buckman questioned the older jets that might be over decibel levels. He said if the aircraft meets the federal regulations, they can operate. The good news he said is the number of noisy jets is extremely limited at this point, with 99.5% newer quieter jets. Councilman Gonzalez questioned the 30 planes an hour after the game, asked about how long a time. Mr. Tragale said right now they expected it to be until 3 a.m. Councilman Semenech questioned that originally 300 planes was estimated, Mr. Tragale said as of that moment there were only 90 reservations, which could change. Councilman Lipari questioned the wind direction effect could not impact Hasbrouck Heights. Mayor Heck asked about Air Traffic Controllers, he said all departments were fully staffed after the game.

REPORT FROM BOND ATTORNEY STEVEN ROGUT RE: GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS SALE

Mr. Kronyak introduced Steven Rogut who has been the Borough's Bond Counsel for many years who he believed gives the Borough strong advice on refunding of current debt. He handed documents to the Mayor and Council that would be referenced in Mr. Rogut's explanation. Mr. Rogut said he was present to report on the pricing of the refunding bond issue. He said they went into the market today to refinance bonds issued in 2003 and those were at an interest of 3.93% which was a very good rate at that time. With rates continuing to go down, there was an opportunity to refinance those bonds from 2014 to 2013 and today the bond writer Janney Montgomery Scott went into the market to sell the bonds with a Moody's rating of AA3 and went into the market today with Hasbrouck Heights debt very well received and get a new interest of the

REPORT FROM BOND ATTORNEY (cont'd):

refunding bonds at approximately 2.17%, close to a 1.25% difference from the old bonds to the new bonds. The result of that is shown on the first page he provided. A savings of around \$31,000 a year should be realized or total \$309,000 savings. On a present value which is the way these deals are measured, there is a savings of 7.65% and the State has a threshold of 3% which is well over the benchmark. Savings are net of any of the costs of doing the transaction. He said that there was a resolution on tonight's agenda for consideration by the governing body making the award of the bonds to Janney Montgomery Scott, setting forth the maturity schedule, the provision saying they would continue to provide secondary financial information to the bond market and proving the escrow agreements with the Bank of New York to pay off the old bonds. There were no questions.

Mayor Heck thanked him on behalf of the Council, as well as Mr. Kronyak.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Renee D. Spann, Manager, Teterboro Airport, re: Expected Volume of Air Traffic for Super Bowl XLVIII
- 2) Notice to landowners within 200 feet of Notification of permit application filing with the NJ DEP to construct a new Airport Traffic Control Tower and base building for Teterboro Airport
- 3) BCUA Sewer Connection Fee Municipal Incentive Program Rebate of \$201.60
- 4) Invitation from BCOEM re: B.C. Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Mitigation Strategy Meeting
- 5) NJ Transit Advisory re: Super Bowl Week

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Item #3 was requested (copy attached). Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the correspondence which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(December 26, 2013 Regular Meeting and Executive Session, January 1, 2014 Sine Die Meeting, January 1, 2014 Re-organization Meeting, January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$159,488.35 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.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa reported Toys for Tots – The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department PBA would liketo thank all who donated towards the Toys for Tots campaign. The outpouring of generosity from our residents, family and friends made Hasbrouck Heights one of the largest donating towns in Bergen County. Several carloads of toys made numerous trips to Closter, where the toys were distributed. The toys donated put a smile on the children's faces during this Holiday Season.

The Euclid and Lincoln Schools 5th grade DARE culmination was held on January 9, 2014. Mayor heck, Police Comm. DiPisa and Councilman Lipari attended. Mayor Heck, Dr. Porto and Chief Colaneri addressed the packed house of students, parents and teachers. Sgt. Alan Baker spoke on the hard work by the students. Darren the DARE Lion made a surprise entry to congratulate the kids. The graduates were then treated to a party with DJ and refreshments. January 10, 2014 Lincoln and Euclid schools anti-drug rallies were held. Chief Colaneri, Lt. Rinke, Sgts Colaneri and Baker, Dets. Werner, Behr and Armeli, Ofcs. D'Amico, Cooke, Dussault, DeSimone, Brunetti, Olivo, Marino attended. Chief Colaneri spoke to the children, Sgt. Baker lead them in the DARE pledge. The Officers stopped by the classroom to visit after the rallies. January 15, 2014 Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Baker and Det. Behr were on hand for Operation Sticker Shock, a campaign to warn people the fines for purchasing alcohol for anyone

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under age. We would like to thank Sheriff Saudino for sending a work crew of prisoners to paint Police Headquarters. On January 22, 2014 a Department Meeting was held to discuss several matters including new department rules and regulations and training. January 23, 2014 Chief Colaneri attended a meeting at East Rutherford Police Headquarters with all the Police Chiefs from Rt 46 South to North Arlington to discuss security, traffic and other items related to the Super Bowl.

The HHPD Annual Beefsteak for Special Olympics was held on January 17. This was one of the largest ones with over 360 people attending. The Committee of Sgt. Al Baker, Lt. Joe Rinke, Sgt. Mike Colaneri, Sgt. Ian Robertson, and Det. John Behr were assisted by Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Scott Adamo, Det. Jeff Werner, Det. Joe Armeli, Ptl. Brian Donohue, Ptl. Dom D'Amico, Ptl., Jarett Cooke, Ptl. Brad Dussault, Ptl. Sean Woodbridge, Ptl. Mike DeSimone, Ptl. Nick Brunetti, Ptl. Joe Olivo, Ptl. Cosimo Marino and Ptl. Kevin Condal.

We would like to thank our sponsors and the HH VFW. This year we raised over \$16,000 for Special Olympics.

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department has a Facebook page. Residents are invited to join our Facebook page by visiting our website at www.hhpd.com. You will see the icon for Facebook on the right hand side.

RECREATION AND PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported Recreation Basketball is at the half way point, with over 30 teams participating. Basketball Clinic for 1st and 2nd Grade boys and girls are held every Saturday at 24Hour fitness, this is an instructional program for younger children to learn the fundamentals of basketball. Recreation Wrestling will be hosting the second home Twin County Jr. Wrestling League match on Saturday, Feb. 1, the annual HH Invitational tournament on Feb. 9 and the Andy Feintuch District 5 Championship tournament on Feb. 21. Senior schedules are available at the senior center. We offer many fitness classes as well as game days and other social activities. Registration for the Recreation Center, Recreation softball and Recreation Track will be announced this. Parents are advised to check e-mails from the school. Recreation Adult Basketball meets on Monday nights in the old high school gym from 7-9 p.m. Recreation Coed Volleyball meets on Wednesdays at the new high school gym from 8-9:45 p.m. For further information e-mail at hhrec@aol.com, or call 201-288-4143.

Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman reported the DPW removed all leaves from Woodland Park, Veterans Memorial and Miers Parks in between snowstorms. Milder weather for several days earlier this month allowed for the removal. After each snowstorm, all Borough sidewalks that transverse our parks are treated and shoveled.

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FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: From Jan. 1 through Jan. 15 there were 23 fire calls, 5 non-emergency calls and 67 EMS calls. Prior to midnight on Jan. 3, the HHFD responded to the Municipal Building in report of a sprinkler head going off in the Library Board Meeting Rom. The water to the sprinkler head was shut off and tarps were used to cover office furniture. The Fire Department assisted in moving furniture to prevent damage. During our last council meeting, Life Scout John Riordan presented his Eagle Scout Project which consists of placing a reflective flag to all fire hydrants to increase visibility in bad weather. To assist John in achieving this goal, donations in the amount of \$25 can be made to buy a flag. Checks may be made payable to Troop 17 Hasbrouck Heights and mailed to 17 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights NJ 07604. He reminded all residents to replace old batteries in all smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. The Annual Installation Dinner for Fire Chief Pat Hayes was held on Jan. 4 at The Graycliff. A plaque was presented to the department for their continued support by New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame Trustee Fritz Rethage. The event was highlighted by the surprise appearance of the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band. They were awesome!

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: The 2014 Solid Waste and Recycling Collection calendars were mailed out mid December. Please review the calendar for changes to the holiday schedule as the Mayor and council has added more collection days.

Snow Storm Report for this winter is as follows:

Dec. 10, 2013: first snow storm during Leaf season. Salt trucks were dispatched followed by all plow trucks. The plowing continued until noon. The snow plows were instructed to avoid leaf piles that remained through the town:

Dec. 14, 2013: Preparation was started before by applying brine to all roadways. The DPW was dispatched to salt and plow.

Dec. 17, 2013: The third snowstorm sent our salt and plow trucks. Brine was applied to roadways the day before. Salt trucks also assisted the Board of Education by salting the high school lots because their salt spreader was not available.

Jan. 3, 2014: With the New year came another snowstorm. The DPW made all the same preparation propr to the snow fall by brining the streets and more salting an plowing the day of the storm. Two days later on Jan. 5, 2014 freezing rain brought out the salters.

Jan. 10, 2014: The salt trucks and snow plows were brought out.

Jan. 21, 2014: Another storm brought approximately 14 inches of snow. The DPW

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worked the night to remove snow piles from the Boulevard, schools and churches.

During the storm events multiple mechanical breakdowns of equipment occurred including three of the four salters. Repairs were made to two of them in less than a day. The last needed major repair work and is now back in service. The Bobcat which is used for parking lot snow removal had fuel problems to the sub-freezing temperatures. Windshield wiper motors froze on trucks temporarily hampering the operation along with many other minor repairs. To date all equipment is ready for the next event.

Other Snowstorm/Freezing Temperature related issues:

There were a number of water leaks occurring throughout town including the Boulevard and Lawrence causing heavy icing conditions. After several calls from the DPW to United Water to fix the break, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler notified Police Chief Michael Colaneri who with the assistance of Barry Leventhal from the B.C. Office of Emergency Management, the repair was finally completed. All sewer issues are completed as given updates from Ken Job.

Repairs: Landscape Mower - rebuild engine cylinders.

Tree Truck - replace boom carrier.

Stump Grinder - replace cutting teeth.

Tink - replace rubber edge.

Red Suburban/OEM - repair seat and window slide rails.

201 Mason dump - replace and install new steering column, engine, transmission, distributor and oxygen sensor.

Dump Truck 201 - replace windshield wiper motor.

Garbage Truck 103 - rebuild clutch and brake system.

Garbage Truck 106 - install rebuild transmission.

Street Sweeper - replace electronics that operate hydraulic system.

Salt Brine Sprayer - replace pump and engine.

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under **Finance**, Commissioner Link gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at December 31st was \$3,259,736.76 and at November 30th was \$5,274,776.87 which represents a decrease of \$2,015,040.11. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of December totaled \$1,452,304.18 of which \$265,573.68 was for Current Taxes, \$448,395.41 was for Pre-Paid 2014 taxes, \$50,686.06 was for State Aid, \$319,620.12 was for Interfunds and \$368,028.91 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of December totaled \$3,467,344.29 of which \$2,114,529.00 was for Local School Taxes,

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\$646,696.25 was for Salaries and \$706,119.04 was for Other Expenses.

The formulation of the 2014 budget continues. The date for introduction of the 2014 municipal budget has been extended from February 10th until March 14th in order to accommodate the planned February 25th presentation of the Governor's budget. For 2014 the Budget Cap is set at .05% (one half of one percent), the Budget Cap was 2% for 2013. The Tax Levy Cap remains at 2% for 2014. The Chief Financial Officer has completed and submitted the Annual Debt Statement which is due by January 31, 2014. The Debt Statement indicates that the Borough's net debt at 12/31/13 was \$8,811,818.00 and at 12/31/12 was \$8,960,318.00. This represents a decrease in the amount of \$148,500.00. The Percent of Net Debt to Equalized Valuations is 0.515% which is well below the 3.5% permitted by statute. The CFO is working on the Annual Financial Statement which is due by February 10, 2014.

The Tax Collector's Office, located at 320 Boulevard, will be open this Saturday, January 31st, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon for the collection of first quarter taxes due on February 1st.

Under **Social Services**, Commissioner Link reported There were 129 grateful visitors to the Food Pantry from December 30, 2013 through January 27, 2014 who are invited to come to the Pantry on Monday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball, Anna Tracz, Joyce and Andy, Al Kinsley and Jeff Leidenfrost. We sincerely thank the following for their generosity: St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, United Methodist Church Women, Joe Fazio, Gina DeFlorio, Lynn Petronella, Marilyn MacDonall, Donna Boyd, Cricco Family, Russ DeNigris, John Opaluch, Ron Ellis, Christine McGurran, Pertuz Family and Mero Keil. During this time of year donations are not as abundant, and anything that is received goes pretty quickly. During these times, when available, Food Store gift cards are distributed. Any donations are much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HEALTH & LAND USE: As Commissioner of **Health**, Councilman Lipari reported the following: **Dog Licenses:** The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2013 dog license will expire on Jan. 31, 2014 and must be renewed in January. A 2014 dog license for an altered dog is \$12 and non-altered dog \$15. Proof of valid rabies vaccine must be submitted with payment. Dogs with immunizations which will expire during 2014 will require a vaccine prior to obtaining a license. Call 201-288-1636 if you no longer have your dog. The Teterboro Animal Shelter will be issuing free rabies vaccines to all dogs and cats of Bergen County residents, call 201-229-4600 for

Health (cont'd):

scheduled dates.

5K Run/Walk and Health Fair: Board of Health VP Tina-Louise Dowd reported the 5K Run and is on schedule and will be held Sunday, April 27, 2014 beginning at 9 a.m. Over 50 letters requesting sponsorship have been mailed to various businesses. This event is held to raise scholarship funds for borough residents. The 1st 5K Run/Walk was very successful with 161 registered participants. Because of everyone's generosity the Board of Health was able to award \$3,500 in scholarships.

Health Consultation Program: The Health Department in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of Hackensack University Medical Center offers adult health consultations which focus on preventing and managing high blood pressure, managing stress, weight control and life style changes. The consultations will be held the second Wednesday of each month starting at 12 noon in the Senior Center. No appointments are needed. For more information call 201-288-1636.

As Commissioner of Land Use, he reported the unusually cold weather and the snow have prevented many homeowners from beginning new projects. Total receipts for permits for the month were \$7,7774. Four certificates of Occupancy were issued on the sale of homes. No new businesses were opened on the Boulevard. The inspectors made 97 initial UCC inspections with a passing rate of 95%. The Property Maintenance Inspector made 15 inspections, following up 26 times and issuing 2 summonses for non-removal of snow. Homeowners re reminded that final inspections are needed on all projects and failure to get final inspections may result in a fine.

WESMONT DEVELOPMENT:

Zoning Commissioner Lipari gave the following report on Wesmont Development:

I attended the Wood-Ridge Planning board meeting last Thursday evening together with our Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless, Jr., The Board conducted a hearing on the application of Pulte Homes for a minor amendment of the approval granted last June of its site plan for the development of the townhouse project to be known as "Liberty Square" on the Wesmont Redevelopment site on the south side of Passaic Avenue just west of the Hasbrouck Heights boundary.

As you may recall, the Liberty Square portion of the overall 60 acre redevelopment site is a 12 acre interior parcel located to the southeast of the already completed portion. Pulte was granted approval to construct 217 townhouses. 93 of them will have three bedrooms, two garages and additional driveway parking for two more cars. 124 of the townhouses will have two bedrooms, one garage and driveway parking for one more

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car. Additional street parking within this 12 acre parcel will be available for 32 more cars and will be subject to the Borough's prohibition against overnight parking.

On this application, Pulte merely sought to be permitted to extend the depth of the decks extending from the 93 three bedroom traditional townhouses from six feet to 10 feet. The developer submitted ample proof that the extended decks would not impair the plan or encroach on any rights-of-way or utilities. It was our opinion that the proposal only enhanced the initial design. The amendment was approved by the Board.

Of far greater importance was the application of Ingerman Development Co. For subdivision of the 2.63 acres site on the southerly side of the overall site abutting Highland Avenue and immediately to the east of the Public Service facility. This site had been designated in the original site plan for affordable housing. The applicant also sought preliminary site plan approval for the construction of 104 affordable dwelling units on the site. This represents an improvement over the proposal for 120 units contained in the original conceptual plan. Further, the reduction in the total number of units has allowed the reduction in overall height of the proposed structures from four stories down to three stories.

The developer proposed the construction of two larger three story buildings containing 46 residential units an 48 units respectively and one smaller three story building containing 10 units, offices and common facilities such as a gym and a party room. The one bedroom apartments will contain 680 quare feet, the two bedroom apartments will contain 972 square feet and the three bedroom apartments will contain 1,212 square feet.

Of great significance to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights is that, included in this subdivision and site plan application, is the strip of land running from the easterly side of the overall site and leading to the proposed development on which the Highland Avenue extension will be constructed. The road construction will be part of this development. Thus, it appears ingress and egress to the site will finally be provided directly into the established portions of Wood-Ridge by the time the apartments are ready for occupancy and that all the traffic to and from the site need no longer rely solely on Passaic Avenue.

Although this portion of the plan had been originally greeted with the most public skepticism, the newly revised plan was unopposed by the public. It was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board membership.

The Borough Attorney and I agreed that this plan represented a vast improvement over the original concept proposal. But most importantly, we were pleased to see that the Highland Avenue extension will finally become a reality. We intend to continue to

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monitor these proceedings and will report any further developments as they unfold.

As liaison to the Senior Citizens, the Leisure Club normally meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Due to the inclement weather, attendance was poor.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Semenez offered the following report: The holiday decorations along the Boulevard were taken down and put into storage until next year. Also, all holiday lights and figures were removed from the circle. The State of New Jersey inspected all the Borough's boilers and repairs are needed to comply with their findings. The emergency generator and transfer switch were tested and serviced at the public Safety Building. There was no interruption of service at the Police Desk. All elevators were inspected and passed under the NJ state regulations. AES Fire replaced the batteries for the alarm system at Borough Hall. On Jan. 3, 2014 a sprinkler head froze and broke in a section of the Library. Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak facilitated the clean up. Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room 9, Caucus Room 7, Council Chambers 7, Senior Center 3 (not including senior activities:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

On January 1st I completed my End of the Year Report.

Jan 2nd, Noon, I met with a resident who needed my assistance and then met briefly with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees. I also signed checks.

Jan. 3, Friday, in the very early hours of that day the Borough Hall experienced an emergency that began with the freezing cold that caused two sprinkler heads in the library to break causing flooding from that level of the building down to the lower floors, ending in the basement. Everyone involved including DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, his men, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak along with members of the Fire Department acted quickly and were able to save computers, important documents etc. through their quick action. It took a week's worth of work to bring everything back to normal in the building. All costs of repairs were covered by insurance. Our thanks to all those involved for their swift action and for all of the extra hours and days of work needed to resolve the matter and bring our building back to normal. My personal thanks to all of our personnel who worked during these difficult times including our Custodial Staff Mark Waring and Martin Adamkowiecz and especially the Library Director Mimi Hui, her personnel, and Michael Kronyak and Rose Marie Sees and the administrative staff that included Jean Curci, Cindy Palmieri and in particular our very able Tax Collector Chita Parker and her Assistant Louise Balsamo. Thank you one and all for your

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professionalism in those difficult days.

Jan. 4th, Saturday 7 p.m. I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Fire Department Dinner held at the Graycliff in Moonachie. Both Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and I spoke and took the occasion to compliment Outgoing Chief Richard Giarratana on the work he had done in the prior two years and welcomed new Chief Patrick Hayes to wish him well in the coming two years. On behalf of the entire Community I thanked all the members of the Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer Fire Department for their professionalism and all their efforts in serving our community.

Jan. 8th, Wednesday, 7 p.m. I briefly attended the Library Board of Trustees Reorganization Meeting and swore the Trustees for another year of service. After that I attended the Reorganization of the Planning Board. We re-elected Henry Dobbelaar as Chairman and Andrea Bocker as Vice Chair. I want to especially thank Hank for his commitment to the Borough and for his years of service on the Planning Board.

Jan. 9th, Thursday, 6 p.m. I attended the DARE Graduation held at the Hasbrouck Heights High School. The gym was filled to capacity with family and friends as they witnessed the Culmination Ceremonies of the students of Euclid and Lincoln Schools Fifth Grade Classes. This was the first year Sgt. Alan Baker was in charge of their 10 weeks of instruction with the help of their teachers. I had the pleasure of addressing the children as did Police Chief Michael Colaneri. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Councilman Russell Lipari were also in attendance. As a point of historical information, Preliminary work to initiate the DARE Program was begun in 1988 with Lt. Edward Chermak going for training, under the direction of the late Police Chief Howard R. Baker and myself as mayor. Hasbrouck Heights was one of the first towns to become involved and another point of interest Detective Jeffrey Werner was in the first Culmination Class in 1989.

Jan. 10, Friday 9:30 a.m. I attended the Drug Awareness Program at Lincoln School and at 10:30 did the same at Euclid School. I was given the opportunity to speak to the children as did Police Chief Michael Colaneri. The DARE Lion was also in attendance and made a big hit with the children. As noted in the Police Commissioners report there was a strong contingency of Police Officers also in attendance and they were warmly greeted by the students. My compliments go to both the Lincoln School and Euclid PTAs for sponsoring the week's activities. Both School principals Mr. Colangelo of Lincoln School and Mr. Nichols of Euclid did a great job of interacting with the students.

Jan. 14th, 7:30 a.m. I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities monthly breakfast at the Arena Diner where I again serve as its First Vice President. I invited

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Borough Administrator to attend this meeting with me because of the invited speaker Mr. Robert Chilton of Gabel Associates. Mr. Kronyak and I have been looking into the matter of energy aggregation in order to save money for our residents. We discussed this matter with the Finance Committee who supported the effort to gather all the necessary information and bring it back for consideration; first by the Finance Committee and then by the Council. We will have more information on this matter in the near future.

6:30 pm. The Finance Committee met to discuss a variety of matters prior to the Council Meeting. After that at 7:30 p.m. The Police Committee met briefly to discuss the opening for a Parking Enforcement Officer/Certified EMT employee.

8 p.m. Council Meeting, the minutes can be found on the Borough Web Site. As the meeting progressed my cold turned into laryngitis. Luckily I was able to be heard till the end of the meeting.

The following two weeks I cancelled all appointments so I could recuperate. It took a good 5 days to get my voice back.

Tonight I attended the Finance Meeting with Commissioner Pamela J. Link and Deputy Commissioner Justin DiPisa along with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. I had invited Fire Chief Patrick Hayes to attend to discuss the needs of the Fire Department.

I will be at the Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. till noon to meet with residents. As you know, no appointments are necessary.

That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
34. Raffle License for PTSA Hasbrouck Heights HS
 35. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Band Parents Association Inc.
 36. Authorizing the Appointment of Jeffrey Rubino as Parking Enforcement Officer with EMT Certification Effective February 10, 2014
 37. Prescribing Details and Bond Form for General Improvement Refunding Bonds Dated February 10, 2014,

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

Authorizing the Acceptance of an Offer to Purchase Said Bonds and Providing for Other Matters in Connection Therewith

38. Authorizing Refund due to Tax Court Judgment for Block 177, Lot 1, Terrace Avenue and Henry Street

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached).

APPOINTMENTS: Katherine Kelly to Board of Health (*Correction of Name*)

Elizabeth Fass to Mayor's Committee of Community Celebrations

Jeffrey Rubino as Parking Enforcement Officer

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the following appointments. A motion was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Brandon Iribarne from Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer fire Department Truck Company One

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the following resignation. A motion was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz who said with deep regret, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

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

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:16 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link 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 January 28, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk