

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL
MINUTES****MAY 27, 2014**

A Youth Week Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:01 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. Emily Condal took over as Youth Week Mayor.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Alyson Harden 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 in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

Youth Week Mayor Condal requested that Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conduct a Roll Call:

ROLL CALL: Present: Youth Week Councilmembers: Anthony Stefanelli (*Councilman DiPisa*) Matthew Polizzotti (*Councilwoman Buckman*), Maria Luque (*Councilman Gonzalez*), Andrew Kalmowitz (*Councilwoman Link*), Hannah Bailey/Scott Salerno (*Councilman Lipari*), Yusra Ali (*Councilman Semenech*)

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Youth Week Councilwoman Luque gave the Invocation which was as follows: "Prayer for Students. Father of Light and Wisdom, thank you for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life – no matter what the subject may be. Let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to you and let me know how to find you and love you in all the things you have made. Encourage me when the studies are difficult and when I am tempted to give up enlighten me when my brain is slow and help me to grasp the truth held out to me. Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in building the kingdom of God on earth so that I may enter the kingdom of God in heaven. Amen."

YOUTH WEEK COUNCIL REPORTS:

Youth Week Mayor Condal invited each Youth Week Councilperson to give their Commissioner reports:

POLICE: Youth Week Commissioner Stefanelli reported that it was his privilege to serve as Youth Week Police Commissioner this week in one of the safest towns in Bergen County. Our town Hasbrouck Heights has 11,442 residents who expand over 30,000 during the day because of all the commerce around us. It is surrounded by Highways Route 17, 46 and 80, some of the most traveled highways in the State of New Jersey. In addition the Teterboro Airport and Meadowlands Complex are close by. We truly are a bustling community during the day which requires extreme vigilance by our Police Department. We are just eight short miles from New York City and were awarded one of the top safest communities recently. We are truly a safe community protected by one of the best equipped, best trained and most dedicated groups of men, led by Chief of Police Michael Colaneri. We take great pride in the fact that we are a 9-1-1 dispatch for adjoining towns as well. As a student of Hasbrouck Heights attending Hasbrouck Heights High School, I feel very safe in our town because of our Police Department. Thank you for your continuous time and effort.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

RECREATION, PARKS AND LIBRARY LIAISON: Youth Week Commissioner Polizzotti said the recent campaign in the grade school level to get more children signed up for a library card has resulted in 56 new juvenile cards. There are also 13 new adult cards for a total of 72 new cards making a total of 6,623 library cards in Hasbrouck Heights. In April 9,828 people came through the library. The Children's Librarian Marie Joyce is in the process of visiting all the schools in Hasbrouck Heights to promote the summer reading program which officially starts on Monday, June 23. Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1 is the annual Friends of the Library Book and Bake Sale held in the Senior Center. The new library website is now launched at hasbrouckheights.bccls.org. Calendars, programs, catalogs, data bases and library card information right from the home page. This concludes this meeting's library report.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

FIRE: Youth Week Commissioner Luque read the activity report submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring shows 86 EMS calls and 23 Fire Calls from April 15, 2014 to May 15, 2014. On April 24, the Hasbrouck Heights Chief and Ladder Company 614 responded to Carlstadt and the fire at the Carlstadt Post Office. On April 23, HHHFD Chief and Rescue 614 responded to Little Ferry as the fast team for a working fire in that town. On April 24, the HHFD had a training session at the Hilton Hotel on the new

13 Electric cars. The HHFD was on hand for the 5K Run April 27 and the Street Fair. The HHFD also participated in the Memorial Day Parade and attended the service at the Veterans Memorial and Firemen's Memorial.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Youth Week Commissioner Kalmowitz reported there were 107 grateful visitors to the Food Pantry from April 28, 2014 through May 19, 2014 who are invited to come to the Pantry on Monday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Shop Rite gift cards were distributed as well as a wide variety of groceries. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Janice Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Maria Wojchiechowski, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball and Anna Tracz. We sincerely thank the following for their generosity: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church Women, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, First Reformed Church, Bible Baptist Church, Meals with a Mission, La-Tori Mickle, Karen McDowell, Andrea Gaffney, Mrs. Wilson, Kathy Van Jura, Nora Abraham, Louise & Jessica Bowman, Theresa Call, Daniela from Bible Baptist Church, Rosemarie Smith, Louise Davenport, Maddie, Virginia, Tom White. All donations are much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

HEALTH AND LAND USE: Under Health, Youth Week Councilman Salerno reported on the following Board of Health statistics: Food Establishment Inspections: Satisfactory, 5; Conditional, 4; Reinspections, 4. Grease Trap Inspections: 3; Single Day Event Inspections, 3; Spot Checks, 2; Food Establishment Complaints, 1; Hair/Nail Salon Inspections, 1; Complaints: Feral Cats, 1; Unsanitary Exterior, 1; Rodents, 1. Professional Meetings/Educational Seminars Attended, 1.

As Commissioner of Land Use Youth Week Councilwoman Bailey reported that during this month the Department issued 105 permits, two which allowed dumpsters to be placed on the street. 12 residents sold their homes with CO's issued. There were 70 initial UCC inspections during the past month with a passing rate of 74.9%. Residents should make sure someone over 18 years of age is in the house when inspections are scheduled. The Property Maintenance Inspector made 35 inspections, 11 warnings were issued for garbage and disrepair and two summonses were issued for high grass. Residents should be aware that no warning notices are necessary for failure to maintain the grass. It would be noted that no work should be started on any project until permits are issued. There are times that permits are denied and if this occurs the homeowner will have to remove what was construction without permits and may be subject to a fine.

If there is any doubt in your mind if you need a permit, please call the Building Department at 201-288-2143.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Youth Week Commissioner Ali reported that the DPW maintains the mechanical systems (heating, A/C, plumbing and electrical) for the Borough Hall, Library, Senior Center and all meeting rooms as well as the Public Safety Building which houses the Police Department, Fire Department and Borough Courtroom. In addition, the DPW cleans the buildings and maintains all the landscaping of the grounds. The buildings are inspected annually by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Youth Week Mayor Condal gave the following Mayor's Report:

I have been given the honor of being the Youth Week Mayor and I am happy to add that I am just as proud of Hasbrouck Heights as Mayor Rose Heck is. We live in one of the best communities in Bergen County. We were named the fifth safest town in New Jersey. That's because we have one of the Best Police Departments in Bergen County. We have a Fire Department and Ambulance Squad manned by all volunteers who do an excellent job. We have a full service staff of people who are proud to serve our town and our residents appreciate them. We have an outstanding business Administrator and Borough Clerk, a well-functioning Board of Health, Building Department, Tax Office, an excellent Free Public Library, a Dept. of Public Works that is one of the greatest in the area and let us not forget a Recreation Dept. that has great programs for our senior citizens as well as our young people. Who wouldn't be proud to represent such a fantastic town filled with outstanding residents and a Class A School System? I extend my congratulations to each and every one who makes our town the best place in which to live.

Youth Week Borough Clerk Harden conducted a roll call for approval which was unanimously carried.

RECOGNITION OF BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS:

Youth Week Mayor Condal recognized the following Youth Week counterparts:

Youth Week Mayor: Emily Condal

Council: Anthony Stefanelli, Matthew Polizzotti, Maria Luque, Andrew Kalmowitz, Hannah Bailey, Scott Salerno, Yusra Ali

Borough Clerk: Alyson Harden

CFO/Admin: Erblin Ndreu

Police Chief: J T Rinke, Richard Neuman, Joe Fadden

Fire Chief/EMS: Maria Luque, Yusra Ali

Tax Collector: Emily Condal

Recreation Director: Alyson Harden, Tiff R.

Library: Bianca Magsino, Samm Tripp

DPW Superintendent: Darien Cheng

Building Inspector: Mario Shafik.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Youth Week Mayor Condal invited anyone from the public wishing to speak of any subject to please come to the microphone stating their name and address for the record.

Ms. Tiff R. said it has come to her attention that the Starbucks parking lot is too small and sees it as a safety hazard to pedestrians as well as the teenagers driving there and asked what could be done about this. Mayor Condal referred this to the Police Chief J T Rinke. He said he laughingly thought she could just drink the coffee at home.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Youth Week Mayor Condal asked for a motion to adjourn the Youth Week Council Meeting which was made by Youth Week Councilman Stefanelli, seconded by Youth Week Councilwoman Luque, with Youth Week Councilman Salerno voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried.

Mayor Condal declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk