

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

M I N U T E S - REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2005

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 1, 2005 at 12:15 p.m. at the Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

The Oath of Office was administered to Councilman-elect Leonard Introna by Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney and to Councilwoman-elect Carol J. Skiba by former Assemblyman Matthew Ahearn, Esq.

At this time, Assemblyman Robert Gordon presented each newly-elected councilperson with a certificate from the New Jersey Legislature.

Mayor Jones declared the 2005 Reorganization Meeting in session and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, due notice having been made to all members of the Council on December 15, 2004, and to The Observer, The Record and the Herald News on December 15, 2004.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilman Thomas E. Meli, Councilman Ronald F. Kistner, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa and Councilman Andrew Link III

Absent: None

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

Following the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation was offered by Reverend Monsignor Rodrigo San Pedro, Adjunct Clergy of Corpus Christi R.C. Church.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Jones, assisted by Commissioner of Fire Meli and Deputy Commissioner of Fire Kistner, administered the Oath of Office to the 2005 Fire Department Officers: Fire Chief Joseph Taylor, 1st Assistant Fire Chief Angelo Roccamo, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski, Secretary Thomas Rubino, Treasurer Richard Giarratana. Engine Company One: Captain Kevin Todd, Lieutenant Edmund Carter III, Secretary Bernardo Valente, Treasurer Christian Semenez. Engine Company Two: Captain James Halloran, Lieutenant Patrick Hayes, Secretary John Phelan, Treasurer Thomas Rubino. Hood and Ladder Company One: Captain Richard Giarratana, Lieutenant

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (cont'd):

Alfred Cirelli, Secretary Robert Salerno and Treasurer Laurence Donohue. Ambulance: Captain Deborah Karlsson, Lieutenant John Riordan, Secretary Patricia Thomasey. Rescue Company: Captain Robert Knobloch, Lieutenant John Phelan and Secretary Bernardo Valente.

2005 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Jones assigned the 2005 Council Committees as follows:

Commissioner of Finance	Andrew Link III
Deputy Commissioner of Finance	Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Police	Ronald F. Kistner
Deputy Commissioner of Police	Thomas E. Meli
Commissioner of Fire	Thomas E. Meli
Deputy Commissioner of Fire	Ronald F. Kistner
Commissioner of Health	Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Health	Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Strs. & Transp.	Carol J. Skiba
Deputy Commissioner of Strs. & Transp.	Ronald F. Kistner
Commissioner of Land Use	Leonard Introna
Deputy Commissioner of Land Use	Andrew Link III
Commissioner of Sanitation	Leonard Introna
Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation	Carol J. Skiba
Commissioner of Parks	Thomas E. Meli
Deputy Commissioner of Parks	Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Recreation	Ronald F. Kistner
Deputy Commissioner of Recreation	Thomas E. Meli
Commissioner of Public Facilities	Justin A. DiPisa
Deputy Commissioner of Public Facilities	Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Social Services	Andrew Link III
Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Carol J. Skiba

2005 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Senior Citizens' Ombudsman	Justin A. DiPisa
Juvenile Outreach Ombudsman	Ronald F. Kistner
Library Liaison	Thomas E. Meli
Drug Alliance Chairperson	Carol J. Skiba
Municipal League Liaison	Andrew Link III
Intergovernmental Services Liaison	Leonard Introna

On motion by Councilwoman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, to confirm the 2005 Council Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

- Consent Agenda:**
1. Petty Cash Funds
 2. Authorize CFO to Invest Idle Funds
 3. Authorize CFO to Prepare Payrolls
 4. Designate Official Depositories for Borough Funds
 5. Authorize CFO to Pay Medical Insurance Premiums
 6. Authorize Signatures for Borough Checks
 7. Designate Official Newspaper
 8. Set Meeting Dates for 2005 Council Meetings
 9. Temporary Budget
 10. Continuing Tax Settlement Committee
 11. 2005 Debt Service Budget
 12. Designating Number of Hours Per Week as Minimum Requirement for Full Time Status
 13. Authorizing Rate of Interest to be Charged for Non-Payment of Taxes
 14. Authorizing Adoption of By-Laws for 2005
 15. Renewal of Bond Anticipation Note

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted (Resolutions attached).

Mayor Jones asked if there was a motion to nominate a council member as Council President for the year 2005. Councilman Link made a motion to nominate Councilman DiPisa. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Skiba and unanimously approved.

COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor Jones asked if there was a nomination of a council member to the Planning Board. Councilman Meli nominated Councilman Kistner as representative to the Planning Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Link. Councilman Kistner was unanimously appointed to the Planning Board as a Class III Member for the term of one year.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005:

Mayor Jones made the following appointments and requested confirmation by the Council:

POSITION	APPOINTEE	TERM
Borough Attorney	Ralph W. Chandless, Jr.	1 Year
Borough Engineer	Kenneth G.B. Job (Job & Job, Consulting Engineers)	1 Year
Administrator/Treasurer/ Purchasing Agent/ Administrative Officer of Land Use	Michael J. Kronyak	1 Year
Borough Auditor	Paul Garbarini	1 Year
Superintendent D.P.W./ Cert. Public Works Mgr./ Recycling Coordinator	Robert Heck	Tenure
Construction Code Off./ Building Subcode Property Maintenance Officer/Zoning Enforce- ment Officer	Nick Melfi	1 Year
Property Maintenance Officer	Edmund Carter Jr.	1 Year
Plumbing Inspector	Richard Vanatta	1 Year
Electric Sub-Code Official	Robert K. Rogers	1 Year

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005 (cont'd):

Fire Code Official	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
Hotel/Multiple Dwelling Inspector	Jesse D'Amore	1 Year
Court Administrator	Susan Paul	1 Year
Deputy Court Admin.	Craig Ferdinand	1 Year
Public Defender	Thomas Mason	1 Year
Public Defender Alt.	Mark Musella	1 Year
Chief Municipal Prosecutor	Joseph Jones	1 Year
Alt. Prosecutor	Thomas Flinn	1 Year
Alt. Prosecutor	Samuel Presti	1 Year
Alt. Prosecutor	Kerry Laurito	1 Year
Borough Historian	Louise Davenport	1 Year
Board of Health Secretary	Marilyn deRussy	1 Year
Board of Health	Pam Link	3 Years
	Linda Brandle	3 Years
	Margaret Jengo - Alt. 1	2 Years
	Gary Wells - Alt. 2	1 Year
Local Assistance Board	Andrew Link III	1 Year
	Ronald Billetz	4 Years
General Assessment Board	Leslie Giaquinto	1 Year
	John Brandle	3 Years
Planning Board	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	Incumbency
	Nicholas Melfi	1 Year
	Edward P. Sees	4 Years
	Ken Hampel - Alt. 2	2 Years
Free Public Library	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	Incumbency
	Thomas Verrastro -Mayor's Alt.	1 Year
	Donna Mikulka-BOE Alt.	1 Year
	Dr. Gerald Sternbach	5 Years
Rent Leveling Board	Suzette Pepe	1 Year
	Marie Cannon	1 Year
	Ronald Monteleone	1 Year
	David McCullough	1 Year
	Lois Hettel	1 Year
	Francesca Fitzgerald	1 Year
Recreation Programs Advisory Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Ronald F. Kistner	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005 (cont'd):

Mayor's Alternate:

	Marlene Verrastro	1 Year
	Laura Ruroede	3 Years
	Laura French	3 Years
	Anthony Bonillo	3 Years
	Peter McCrystal	3 Years
	Robert Spindler	1 Year
Dir. Of Recreation	Robert Brady	1 Year
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	Edward Hart	1 Year
	Audrey Ascione	1 Year
	Tim Crabbe	1 Year
	Claire Happe	1 Year
	Dolores Jones	1 Year
	Mary D'Andrea	1 Year
	Elsie Paolini	1 Year
	Lois Hettel	1 Year
	Michael Conti	1 Year
	Anne Ciavaglia	1 Year
	John Fitzin	1 Year
	Dorothy Fitzin	1 Year
Community Awareness Access to all Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Mayor's Alt.: Justin A. DiPisa	1 Year
	Anne Ciavaglia	1 Year
	Robert Ciavaglia	1 Year
	Suellen Riordan	1 Year
	Eric Bischoff	1 Year
	Police Chief or Designee	1 Year
	Pam Link	1 Year
	John Dingertopadre	1 Year
	Brenda Colaneri	1 Year
	Dorothy McCarthy	1 Year
	Patrick McCarthy	1 Year
	Maryann Pisani	1 Year
	Michele Bischoff	1 Year
	Maria Dingertopadre	1 Year
Mayor's Boulevard Beautification Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Mayor's Alt.: Ken Hampel	1 Year
	Robert Heck	1 Year
	Ray Vorisek	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005 (cont'd):

Phil Hodulik	1 Year
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Vicky Costa	1 Year
Rosemarie DiPisa	1 Year
Patricia Link	1 Year
Janet Pepe	1 Year
Mary Jones	1 Year
Bill O'Shea	1 Year
Chamber of Commerce President	1 Year
Committee of Community Celebrations	
Audrey Ascione	1 Year
Dorothy Bernice	1 Year
Anthony Bernice	1 Year
Louis Bernice	1 Year
Madeline de Velasco	1 Year
Patricia Link	1 Year
Dorothy Link	1 Year
John Pirilli	1 Year
Nancy Pirilli	1 Year
Brian Willard	1 Year
Rosemary Willard	1 Year
Marie Kistner	1 Year
Donna Villacampa	1 Year
Marietta Prato	1 Year
Maureen Kroncke	1 Year
Maria Dingertopadre	1 Year
Jay Lustberg	1 Year
Ann Lustberg	1 Year
Jack Coneys	1 Year
Gloria Coneys	1 Year
Ronald Billetz	1 Year
Kathy Billetz	1 Year
Valerie Golio	1 Year
Dawn Pikowski	1 Year
Anna Crabbe	1 Year
Maria Wojciechowski	1 Year
Joann Deconiglio	1 Year
Harry Comp	1 Year
Lidia Comp	1 Year
Eugene Adamkiewicz	1 Year
Elaine Adamkiewicz	1 Year
Norma Philippi	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005 (cont'd):

Richard Jengo	1 Year
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	Nancy Wells	1 Year
	Michele Bischoff	1 Year
	Linda Brandle	1 Year
	Jennifer O'Brien	1 Year
	Kathy Halpin	1 Year
	Kathleen Dates	1 Year
	Laura French	1 Year
	Eve DeDomenico	1 Year
	Rodger Powell	1 Year
	Joyce Powell	1 Year
	Darlene Parente	1 Year
	Robert Call	1 Year
	Theresa Call	1 Year
Environmental/Transportation Commission	Gilbert Hunt - Plan Bd	3 Years
	Colleen Jarvis	3 Years
	Garrett R. Pepe	3 Years
Chief Radio Communications Officer Special Law Enforcement	Dr. Roger Szanto	1 Year
	Joseph Attilio	1 Year
	William Pols	1 Year
	Thomas Rubino	1 Year
Police Matrons	Karen Carney	1 Year
	Gail Cardaci	1 Year
Borough Examining Drs.	Louis Napolitano, MD	1 Year
	Thomas Bellavia, MD	1 Year
	Mark Delcalzo, DC	1 Year
School Marshals	Lillian Buffone	1 Year
	John Mazotas	1 Year
	Karen Carney	1 Year
	Josephine Bruno	1 Year
	Arthur Horne	1 Year
	Joseph DiPrete	1 Year
	Marilyn A. Collum	1 Year
	Christie Harrington	1 Year
	Donald E. Lucas	1 Year
	Vincent Varelas	1 Year
	Frances Sanzo	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005 (cont'd):

Substitutes:	Kathryn Warren	1 Year
	Renita Goldsberry	1 Year
	Agnes Anderson	1 Year
	Michael Niekrewicz	1 Year

Emergency Management:	Nicholas Bernice	3 Years
	Kevin T. Cappadona	3 Years
	Michael J. Cappadona	3 Years
	Joseph A. Costa	3 Years
	Vincent L. Costa	3 Years
	Darren DeNigris	3 Years
	Gerard DeNigris	3 Years
	Robert De Nigris	3 Years
	John DeVoe	3 Years
	Michael DiPisa	3 Years
	Patricia Godfrey-Capt.	3 Years
	James Halloran	3 Years
	Harry Johnson-Lt.	3 Years
	Robert Kubler	3 Years
	Kevin Mathe	3 Years
	William Mergo-Capt.	3 Years
	Amalia Moya	3 Years
	Susan Paul	3 Years
	Ronn W. Rotonda-Lt.	3 Years
	Thomas Rubino	3 Years
	Bruce Werner, Jr.	3 Years
	Michael J. Jarvis	3 Years
	Kevin T. McQuade	3 Years
	Eric S. Neumuller	3 Years
	Sidney Lehmann	3 Years
	William M. Unger	3 Years
	Dr. Michael J. Sanzari	3 Years
	Karen Anne Fels	3 Years
	Paul F. Fels	3 Years
	David A. Sireci	3 Years
	Maria E. Wojciechowski	3 Years
	Joseph E. Christman	3 Years
	Kenneth Kolodziej	3 Years
	Timothy P. Kolodziej	3 Years
	Teodulo C. Agbaglud	3 Years
Fire Official U.F.S.A.	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
Assistant Fire Official	Kevin Todd	1 Year

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 2005 (cont'd):

Fire Inspectors	Frank Pistilli	1 Year
	Albert Saulnier	1 Year
	Kenneth Kubler	1 Year
	Edmund Carter	1 Year
	Bruce Werner Jr.	1 Year

	Paul Elenio	1 Year
Fire Mechanics		
Eng. Co. No.1	Christian Semenez	1 Year
Eng. Co. No.2	Frank Serek	1 Year
Hook & Ladder	Michael Christensen	1 Year
Rescue	James Halloran	1 Year
Ambulances - EMS 1	Christopher Halloran	1 Year
EMS2	Joseph Benkovic	1 Year
Public Info. Off.	Joseph Taylor Jr.	1 Year
Dept. Safety Off.	Harry Maisch	1 Year
Dept. Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Pickard	

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Meli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were confirmed and approved.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE:

Mayor Jones welcomed everyone and stated it is the Mayor's responsibility to address the residents annually and to give a report on the State of the Borough. He began by saying that 2004 was a very good and productive year for the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and was happy to report that the State of the Borough is in fine shape and looking to the year of 2005 for the same success experienced in the year 2004.

The reason for 2004 being a successful year he continued is due to not only the hard work and dedication of the Council and all the Borough employees, but to the willingness and unselfishness of all the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights residents who have either served on many of the volunteer boards or who have supported our efforts to make Hasbrouck Heights the best it can be.

He congratulated Councilman Introna and Councilwoman Skiba on their election to this council and that he looks forward to working with them this coming year.

He personally thanked Councilman Garrett Pepe and Councilwoman Marlene Verrastro for their dedication to this borough and wished them well in their future endeavors. He asked them to please stay active in our town's future.

Before reading some of the highlights of the year 2004, he thanked individually

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

Councilman Andy Link, Councilman Justin DiPisa, Councilman Garrett Pepe, and Councilwoman Verrastro for working so diligently with the three "New" guys on the Council: Ron Kistner, Tom Meli and myself and for helping them to accomplish their campaign pledges of a new Soccer Field in Woodland Park, open Communication Meetings, and improving the Boulevard Business Area in their first year. He also

thanked Borough Clerk Ro Sees, CFO/Administrator Mike Kronyak, Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless, Police Chief Mike Colaneri, DPW Superintendent Bob Heck, and Fire Chief Bob Thomasey for all their support.

He shared some of the year's highlights:

2004 saw the settling in of Borough Hall, Senior Center and Library and the completion and occupancy of the Public Safety Complex. The proposed plans for the parking lot on Central and the Boulevard will hopefully be finalized by the spring. Ordinances adopted provided funding for improvements to Oak Grove Avenue, street resurfacing, acquisition of fire fighting gear and equipment and acquisition of tree trimming and removal equipment totaling over \$850,000 with \$235,000 in grant funds.

Intergovernmental services continue to be expanded which now include fire and 9-1-1 coverage to Teterboro, 9-1-1 services to Wood-Ridge and shortly to East Rutherford, use of a joint repeater radio system with Wood-Ridge, and a joint assessors office which includes South Hackensack and Rochelle Park.

The Butler Building used to temporarily house fire equipment on Hamilton Avenue was given to the Lyndhurst Police Department and the temporary fire department tent "Hershey Kiss" is in the process of being sold to the Nutley Fire Department. These structures were paid for by the insurance company and the Mayor and Council felt that if they could benefit another town, at no expense to Hasbrouck Heights taxpayers, everyone would benefit.

The following grant applications have been submitted:

1. Statewide Livable Community Grant for Improvements to Woodland Park - \$51,400.
2. State Livable Community Grant for Capital Improvements to Ravine Avenue between the Little League Field and the Athletic Field and for the parking lot on Central Avenue and the Boulevard - \$200,000.
3. Statewide Local Preparedness Equipment Grant for gear and equipment for police and fire departments - \$182,951.74
4. Municipal Library Grant for purchase of laptop computers - \$16,170.

Grant applications to the B.C. Open Space Trust Fund include:

1. Basketball Court and roller Hockey park by the Swim Club parking lot - \$177,700.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

1. Reconstruction of Football/Press Video Booth - \$37,570.
2. Children's Play Area and Bleachers at Minor League Field - \$49,660.
3. Goals, Backstop System and bleachers for soccer field at high school - \$20,944.

Grants totaling \$153,637 were either utilized in the 2004 operating budget or have been

awarded this year for use in 2005 to pay for services that would otherwise have to be funded by your tax dollars. Also, \$235,000 in grants was received for the elevator at the Public Safety Complex and road repaving.

Seeking and securing grants to fund capital projects and help offset operating costs is becoming more difficult every year. Some of the grants received in the past were eliminated and others have been cut back to such an extent that the Borough is no longer eligible. However, that does not stop this Borough's Administration from applying.

The 2004 Collection rate is on target to meet prior year collection rate of approximately 99%. This collection rate has been very consistent and stable over the past ten years and is anticipated to continue to be stable.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Stormwater Regulations: The Public Works Department is in the process of complying with the statewide requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Stormwater Regulation Program. He thanked the Citizens Committee Marilyn MacDonall, John Fitzen, Charlotte Sodora and John Stavash who worked on this successful project with himself, Councilman Tom Meli, Councilman Ron Kistner, DPW Supt. Robert Heck and CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak.

Sanitary Sewers: Last year over one mile of sewer lines were cleaned and one-half mile was video inspected.

Buildings: The move from our temporary structures into the new buildings was coordinated and performed by the Public Works Department. An array of small projects not contained in the original "Blue Prints" had to be undertaken and was completed. Budget planning has taken into consideration vehicle replacement, street repairs, and building improvements as far as five years into the future.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

The Recreation Department has had another great year! By implementing multi-generational programs that are the backbone of strong communities. Single day events such as "Town Day" and "Halloween in the Park" to well-organized athletic programs for adults and children, as well as a structured health and wellness programs for our senior citizens. Each program has a purpose, from building character and responsibility through youth sports to allowing volunteers to feel connected to its local government by assisting in many of our recreation programs.

First, Senior Programs benefits anyone who is 62 years and older who resides anywhere in the United States can come and participate in senior center activities.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

Youth Programs benefit every child male or female ages 5 – 17 that reside in Hasbrouck Heights. Adult Programs benefit anyone 18 and older that is a resident of Hasbrouck Heights or a former member of our community. Multi-generational events, such as "Town Day" and "Halloween in the Park" benefit the entire community.

Some of the Senior Programs include: weekly aerobics, line dancing, yoga, monthly

guest speakers, monthly health exams, life screening program, Senior Olympics, weekly movies, art classes, seasonal theme parties, bingo, ballroom dancing, weekly social afternoons and the Senior Picnic. New Senior Programs to look to in 2005 include ceramics, pottery, billiards and bridge club. Some of the Youth Programs include a new Recreation Center which has been open on weekends since June with theme parties and social nights and Youth Athletic Programs including wrestling, youth basketball, track and field, softball and traveling softball. Youth activities include Children's arts and crafts, summer camp, with new trips and theme days added each year, volunteer and employment opportunities as counselors, referees, and score keepers and Ping pong tournaments

Some of the Adult Programs include: adult volunteer coaching program, volleyball, basketball, flag football, tennis table tournament and community chaperone opportunities.

Some new programs for 2005 include: adult yoga classes, adult aerobic classes, adult art club, adult women's softball team and a men's basketball tournament.

Multi-generational programs are programs where the youth of our community can assist our senior citizens or where our youth can learn from our adults, it is that interaction between generations that can build strong communities such as Town Day, Halloween in the Park and Students Assist Senior Programs, with new programs for 2005 including Seniors chaperoning after school programs, mixed generation billiards, cards, chess, and checkers.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: He gave some statistics for the Building Department which has issued over 900 permits for 2004, a total value of construction at \$10,009,298 and total permit fees collected at \$136,707. He continued that Property Maintenance has done numerous inspections and compliance was done.

The **Planning Board** has heard 26 applications in 2004. I would like to personally thank Chairman Henry Dobelaar and the members of this board for their commitment and dedication to our Borough. Adding an additional meeting a month when needed has aided applicants.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

The lack of flu vaccine is one that will remain with us for a long time. Despite the lack of vaccine and our order for same cut by 42%, the Borough did receive 180 doses and a total of 178 residents were immunized.

- A total of 275 inspections and reinspections of food establishments to insure that wholesome foods are being sold and prepared for the customers.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

- An annual Dog Canvass was conducted in July with a total of 47 unlicensed dogs found. After follow up, a total of 994 known dogs were licensed under the Rabies Control Act for 2004.
- The Health Consultation Program is still growing since the move to the Senior Center. Many new participants have taken advantage of the free program for prevention health measures including blood pressure readings, follow up to

- doctor visits, diet and weight control.
- The Child Health Conference was again active this year with many students requiring the new mandated immunizations for entrance/stay in school.
- Two Health Fairs were conducted by the Health Department and both equally successful. Over 200 residents took part in the activities and the Health Fair will be continued with requests for additional medical service presentors.

He thanked Marilyn deRussy, secretary to the Board of Health and registrar, and also to Louis Castellito, president of the Board of Health and the Board of Health members, for implementing these programs which benefit all the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights.

SOCIAL SERVICES: After 45 one half years, Social Services Director Lee Kulakowski has decided to retire. He and the council members have decided to not appoint another director at this time to save tax dollars. In the interim, Borough Clerk Ro Sees, Administrator Michael Kronyak and Mary Jones, as Chairman of the Local Assistance Board, are helping any needy residents who request help.

LIBRARY: The Free Public Library has just completed its first full year at its new home and what a year it has been! Under the guidance of Michele Reutty, Library Director and Peter J. Gallo, Jr., President of the Board of Trustees, the Library has seen its busiest year ever.

- Over 50,000 people entered the Library this past year. Over 88,000 items were checked out! And an average of 500 people a week use our computers.
- This year saw the institution of a book discussion for adults, and a Teen Open Mike Night for creative works of art, music and literature.
- The Library has hosted many programs sponsored by community organizations. They serve as the meeting place for the Juvenile Conference Committee and the executive boards for many of the clubs. The Woman's Club packed their cookie boxes for Veterans here. And BCCLS has sponsored several county-wide programs at our library.
- Fundraisers such as "Wine and Other Delights" and "Hasbrouck Heights Night at Macy's" have helped the Friends Endowment Fund grow. The Fund's mission is to provide expanded children's services and to keep the Library on the cutting edge of technology.
- Our Friends of the Library, headed by Susanne Kepsel, continue to fund all children's programs, all prizes for the summer reading programs, all refreshments, and this year, have provided a scholarship for Head of Circulation Judith Mascis to attend a supervisor's seminar.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

- Assistant Director, Mimi Hui, was named one of the New York Times Librarians of the Year. This award is given for outstanding public service – and Ms. Hui absolutely deserves it.
- Finally, thanks must be given to Little Ferry Director Ellen Yamrick and three of

her employees for helping us staff our new library. They needed a place to stay while their library was being expanded and we needed additional personnel. It was a win-win situation and saved the residents of Hasbrouck Heights tens of thousands of dollars. They will be moving back to Little Ferry in January and we will miss them.

MUNICIPAL COURT: Offices were moved to the new Public Safety Complex in October and the first court session was held on October 27, 2004. During the year 2004, the court processed 9,876 motor vehicle summonses, whereas in 2003, only 5,499 summonses were processed. There was an 80% increase in tickets processed from 2003 to 2004. Revenue for the year 2003 was \$257,860; whereas as of the end of November the revenue was already at \$358,452, with a projected amount for December of approximately \$30,000. This would bring the total revenue for 2004 to approximately \$388,500. He congratulated Court Administrator Susan Paul who has satisfied all her certification requirements. The Municipal Court Administrator Certification Board will now submit her name to the Supreme Court for review to award her the Certified Municipal Court Administrator status. Thanks to her and Violations Clerk Craig Ferdinand, the Municipal Court has not missed a beat with these increased numbers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Total number of fire and emergency calls for 2004 were 481.
- Total number of ambulance calls for 2004 were 1,090.

New Equipment for 2004:

- New Firehouse
- New Fire Chief's 4x4 truck
- Turnout gear for Fire - 10 sets
- Turnout gear for EMS - 8 sets
- Four Minitor IV pagers

To outgoing Chief Thomasey, he said it has been a pleasure and honor to work with you as Chief, and to continue to work with you in the years ahead.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: In 2004, the Mayor, Police Commissioner Pepe and Deputy Police Commissioner Kistner, along with the entire Council and Chief Colaneri took steps to improve the Police Department's table of organization, morale and its services to this Borough. The members of the Police Department welcomed this effort and responded positively. Here are some of the results:

- The Department handled nearly 12,000 calls for service in 2004.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

- There were over 100 DWI arrests again.
- Motor Vehicle summonses were doubled from 5,000 to 10,000 issued, with moving violations up by over 3,000.

New equipment purchased included:

- Three Chevrolet Impala marked police cars all equipped with new LED overhead lights which have been proven safer and use less power.

- A traffic counter was purchased and placed on numerous streets. The counter allows for not only the total volume of cars but will also break down the time frame and speeds. This allows for the department to better assign radar patrols.
- A message board/radar trailer was received and placed into service. This allows the Department to relay messages to motorists and advise them of their speed.

Community Service Programs:

2004 saw the Department expand its Community Policing Programs to include the following:

- DWI Simulation for high school students utilizing golf carts and the Fatal Vision drunk driving goggles. Students drove without the goggles and then with them showing the effects of drinking and driving.
- The 2004 Bicycle Marathon was the biggest and best ever with over 200 youths participating.
- Jr. Police Academy community Policing cycle class was held in conjunction with the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education and Middle Level Teacher Mike Stillman. The Academy was held during the summer with the graduates pledging to come back and help with the new recruits next year.
- The Police Department again participated in the Torch Run for Special Olympics and raised over \$25,000 for this worthwhile cause. Hasbrouck Heights is No. 2 in the State of New Jersey.
- The HHPD hosted a pasta dinner for a local youth who is hearing-impaired.
- The kindergarten children were fingerprinted and photographed for their protection with parents receiving a case to hold the photo with room for new photos each year.
- The Department again hosted an 8th Grade DARE swim party, chaperoned the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C., as well as Project Graduation.
- A Citizens Academy was held for adults. Topics included terrorism awareness, motor vehicle laws, DWI, and how to make motor vehicle stops.
- Lt. Mullins was trained in Gang Awareness and will add this to the DARE lessons.
- BADGE Program with an officer assigned to each grade level continued with great success.
- The Department formed an Honor Guard and participated in parades, funerals, dedications and the 4th of July ceremony.
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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

The Mayor and Council passed an ordinance allowing handicapped parking in three locations along the Boulevard and in Woodland Park.

On a sad note, the department suffered a great loss in the passing of former Chief Howard R. Baker, Jr. who served the Police Department for almost 43 years, retiring in 1993. His advice, knowledge and friendship will be sorely missed.

In closing, he again thanked all who have assisted this Borough in our efforts to be the "best that we can be" by either holding elected office, being a dedicated employee, or dedicated volunteer, or the support you, our citizens, have shown us throughout the year.

He also thanked his wife, Mary, and all his family for their love and support.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilman Link commended the Mayor on his report, and extended a Happy New Year to the residents.

Councilman DiPisa said being a public official is a family commitment, he thanked his wife Rosemarie, and his sons. He expressed his support of Mayor Jones and the council, and saluted Councilman Pepe for all his hard work as councilman. He thanked the borough employees, the Building Committee that he was proud to have served on, and he thanked the mayor for instituting the Community Awareness Access to All committee.

Councilman Kistner welcomed the new council members, thanked Councilwoman Verrastro and Councilman Pepe, the borough employees and volunteers who helped to make the various and new Recreation programs so successful, and his wife Marie and children for their support.

Councilman Meli thanked his wife, Michelle for her support, that being a councilperson is a full time job. He also wished the outgoing councilpersons good luck, thanked Councilmen Link and DiPisa for their support and looked forward to working with them in the upcoming year, as well as with the new councilpersons. As Fire Commissioner, he thanked the department who as volunteers go out on an average of three to four times a day, that nine new firefighters were added, that new Pediatric gear was donated and a lot was accomplished. He thanked Annie Ciavaglia of Bergen County Senior Services for the Farmer's Market coupons for senior citizens. He reported on the Boulevard Beautification including businesses coming in, flower planting and the adopt-a-bench program. As library liaison, he congratulated Mimi Hui, noting that the trust fund was instrumental in technology purchases. He commended the volunteers who assisted on the many programs.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilman Introna thanked his wife, Grace and daughter, Lana. He talked about his decision to run, the concerns of the residents on his door-to-door campaign, that a two party system in Hasbrouck Heights is long overdue, and creates a system of check and balances and better represents a diverse population for our town. He acknowledged his supporters, Rose Ellen Lorber-Termaat, Alice Vega, Katherine Ellison, Anita Guido, Bruce Bonaventuro, Chris Semencz, Craig Williams, Terry and Robert Call, Judy , Nancy DiMaio, Josephine Orden, Barbara Smith and the cell tower people, Danny

Ortega, Sal Vega, Lenny Calvo. He looks forward to working on this council and thanked Marlene Verrastro and Garrett Pepe for doing a fine job.

Councilwoman Skiba thanked the residents for electing her, the Mayor and Council for their hard work this past year for inspiring the town to move in a new direction and looks forward to keep that momentum going. She also thanked Marlene and Garrett for their service. Personally, she thanked Anthony for his support, Chris Semenech and Matt Ahearn, her neighbors and friends.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Jones opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to speak.

Ann McGill, 139 Field Avenue, thanked Marlene Verrastro for all her years of service.

Gerry McGill, 139 Field Avenue, noted it was a blessing to have free elections, that one you vote for one candidate, it does not mean rejection of the other candidate, it just means that you prefer the candidate of your choice. He thanked Garrett Pepe for his many, many years of commitment to this town.

BENEDICTION: The Benediction was offered by The Reverend Dr. Katherine Ellison who commented that one group was neglected, the Clergy Association, and asked the Mayor and Council to join her in thanking them.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

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 Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2005.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk