

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

M I N U T E S - REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2007

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on January 1, 2007 at 12:35 p.m. at the Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

The Oath of Office was administered to Anthony DiNanno and Stephen Altobelli by Senator Joseph Coniglio and Assemblyman Robert F. Gordon who presented the new Councilmen with citations and gifts. Mayor Jones presented each councilman with their Council badge and B.C. Freeholder David Ganz also presented County citations.

Mayor Jones declared the 2007 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 12, 2006 and to The Observer, The Record and the Herald News on December 12, 2006.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ronald R. Jones, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilwoman Carol J. Skiba, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: Following the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation was offered by Reverend Lewis V. Papera, Pastor of Corpus Christi R.C. Church.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Jones administered the Oath of Office to the 2007 Fire Department Officers:

Fire Chief, Angelo Roccamo; First Assistant Chief, Michael Ratkowski; Second Assistant Chief, Kevin Todd; Secretary, Thomas Rubino, Treasurer, Patrick Hayes. Engine Co. One: Captain, Edmund Carter III; Lieutenant, Bernardo Valente; Secretary, Justin Watrel; Treasurer, Christian Semencz. Engine Co. Two: Captain, Patrick Hayes; Lieutenant, Robert Jones; Secretary Michael Thomasey, Treasurer, David Gumbrecht. Hook and Ladder Co. One: Captain, Brain Morrow; Lieutenant, Michael Christensen; Secretary, Michael LeSane; Treasurer, Laurence Donohue. Ambulance: Captain,
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FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (cont'd):

Ronald Botelho; Lieutenant, Elizabeth Waring; Secretary, Patricia Thomasey. Rescue Company: Captain, Michael Thomasey, Lieutenant, Christopher Halloran; Secretary, Robert Knobloch.

2007 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Jones assigned the 2007 Council Committees as follows:

Commissioner of Finance Deputy Commissioner of Finance	Leonard Introna Maryetta Saccomano
Commissioner of Police Deputy Commissioner of Police	Maryetta Saccomano Carol Skiba
Commissioner of Fire Deputy Commissioner of Fire	Carol Skiba Stephen Altobelli
Commissioner of Health Deputy Commissioner of Health	Justin A. DiPisa Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Streets Deputy Commissioner of Strs..	Maryetta Saccomano Stephen Altobelli
Commissioner of Transportation Deputy Commissioner of Transportation	Anthony DiNanno Leonard Introna
Commissioner of Land Use Deputy Commissioner of Land Use	Carol Skiba Maryetta Saccomano
Commissioner of Sanitation Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation	Leonard Introna Anthony DiNanno
Commissioner of Parks Deputy Commissioner of Parks	Justin A. DiPisa Carol J. Skiba
Commissioner of Recreation Deputy Commissioner of Recreation	Anthony DiNanno Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Public Facilities Deputy Commissioner of Public Facilities	Stephen Altobelli Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Social Services Deputy Commissioner of Social Services	Stephen Altobelli Anthony DiNanno
Senior Citizens' Ombudsman	Justin A. DiPisa

2007 BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Juvenile Outreach Ombudsman	Anthony DiNanno
Library Liaison	Stephen Altobelli
Drug Alliance Chairperson	Leonard Introna
Municipal League Liaison	Carol J. Skiba
Intergovernmental Services Liaison	Maryetta Saccomano

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
5. Authorize CFO to Pay Medical
6. Authorize Signatures for Borough
7. Designate Official Newspaper
8. Set Meeting Dates for 2007 Council Meetings
9. Temporary Budget
10. Continuing Tax Settlement Committee
12. Designating Number of Hours per
13. Authorizing Rate of Interest to be Charged for
14. Adoption of By-Laws for 2007 Year Term

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting Nay on #8 as she had a conflict, the foregoing Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted (Resolutions attached).

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Jones asked if there was a motion to nominate a council member as Council President for the year 2007. Councilwoman Skiba made a motion to nominate Councilman DiPisa. There was no second motion. Councilwoman Saccomano

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT (cont'd):

nominated Councilman Introna as Council President. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Altobelli. Councilwoman Skiba voted to abstain, and the nomination was approved.

COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor Jones asked if there was a nomination of a council member to the Planning Board. Councilman DiPisa nominated Councilwoman Skiba as representative to the Planning Board. There was no second motion. Councilman Introna nominated Councilwoman Saccomano as representative to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

Before making his Nominations and/or Appointments, Mayor Jones read a special report.

Pre-Appointment Statement

And now I come to this point in the agenda The Appointments;

For those of you who have attended the New Year Re-Organization meetings before, you know that the Mayors appointments have been read off by either the Mayor or his designee, the Borough Clerk, and then confirmed by the Council at the end of the appointment list were confirmation was needed.

This year I feel I must do the appointments that need the Councils confirmation differently and I fully intend to explain to you, and the citizens that could not attend this meeting, why.

After the November elections, and the successful election of our two new Councilmen, I had received notice that a new Borough Attorney was chosen, by who I do not know till this day, and his name was Wilfredo Ortiz. I was requested to attend a meeting with Mr. Ortiz and Councilman Introna. I confirmed through our present Borough Attorney, Ralph Chandless that I would attend and asked if anyone else would be attending. Mr. Chandless stated not to his knowledge. I then instructed Mr. Chandless to attend this meeting as well.

At this meeting Mr. Ortiz, Councilman Introna, a young man who Mr. Ortiz described as his nephew, Mr. Chandless and myself, had what I would describe as a brief discussion about appointments and Commissionership appointments.

Mr. Ortiz stated that He and Councilman Introna had compiled a list of appointments and asked if I intended to challenge them with my own, therefore making them wait the statutory 30 days or the council to present their own appointments. I truthfully stated I don't know I have not seen the list that you have made with your choices. Councilman Introna then began to hand me a list with what appeared to have names on it but was abruptly stopped by Mr. Ortiz who stated the list was in-complete.

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MAYOR'S STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

I informed Mr. Ortiz that it was OK that the list was incomplete, that I could review what you presently have and they could add any other selections at a later time. Mr. Ortiz declined to show me the list but instructed Councilman Introna to submit to me the completed list early the next week. To this date I have never received that list.

Mr. Ortiz and Councilman Introna were willing to discuss their choices for commissionerships for the Council persons.

I informed them as Mayor they are my appointments, but, as I have done since the beginning of my administration, I have asked all the Councilpersons to give me a list of their opinions on not only the Commissionerships that they would like to fill, but their choice, or opinion, of the other Councilpersons as well.

Mr. Ortiz asked if any Councilperson had submitted their requests to which I answered yes. I told him Councilman DiPisa, which Mr. Ortiz nodded his head in acknowledgment, Council woman Skiba, which he stated "She don't count" and I also stated I received Councilwoman Saccomano's request, which Mr. Ortiz quickly turned to Councilman Introna with a stern look and stated that would have to be cleared by us. I stated to Mr. Ortiz and Councilman Introna I don't know if she did or didn't I don't have a copy of your or councilman Introna's requests. I then informed him that id did not receive any requests from Councilman-elect DiNanno or Altobelli.

At this time Mr. Ortiz gave permission to Councilman Introna to share his list request with me for the Commissionerships. Councilman Introna then handed me an incomplete list of commissionerships, so I handed it back to him stating it was incomplete and did he wish to complete it and submit it with the other list of appointments the following week. Mr. Ortiz stated that would be fine.

I informed Mr. Ortiz and Councilman Introna that perhaps they should have requested this meeting be held a week later as nothing was accomplished except that during our discussion it was confirmed that the Borough Attorneys position, the Borough Engineers, and using Mr. Ortiz's own wording " Significant Others".

I would like to note that I did receive Councilman Introna's request for Commissionerships last week, but not the appointment list.

This leaves me, in what I believe to be, an unprecedented position. Several questions arise 1 who is making the choices for these appointments? Where were these choices made? Why were these choices made? How many choices were made? Having not received the promised list for Mr. Ortiz or Councilman Introna I have know idea how extensive the list is and can only go by what was stated to me "Significant changes".

However, How?, When?, and Why?, are the questions that not only I as Mayor should ask, but every Councilperson on this Dias, as well as every resident of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights should not only be asking but demanding an answer for Councilman Introna.

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MAYOR'S STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Who gave Mr. Ortiz the authority to say he was the new Borough Attorney in the year 2007? Where was this decisssio0n made? In a County law office? a backroom somewhere?, Certainly not in this Council chamber, or the Caucus room, where meetings are open to the public. Why was Mr. Ortiz chosen and apparently already confirmed by Councilman Introna's actions before the other Councilpersons had knowledge of same.

Who beside Councilman Introna authorized Mr. Ortiz to speak as the next Borough Attorney?

These questions, as well as others, need to be answered. Councilman Introna seems to have made his choice, not by sharing his opinion with this entire Council, but making his choice for personal reasons only, not the best interests of the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights.

I believe your vote Councilman Introna, as well as Councilwoman Skiba,s, Councilwoman Saccomano's, and Councilman DiPisa's for the appointing of Mr. Ralph Chandless as Borough Attorney for the last several years was in the best interest of Hasbrouck Heights then and still remains now the best choice for the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

I would like to quote from a letter that was sent to the Hasbrouck Heights residents from a councilman" with the election past, it is time to stop thinking of our selves as Democrats and republicans. We need to start thinking of our selves as one Community, and we need to make decisions that are in the community's best interests. Myself and other members of the Council look forward to working with all interested parties, including our hardworking employee's and volunteers, to make Hasbrouck Heights the very best community it can be" Sincerely Stephen Altobelli, Councilman-elect.

I agree 100% with you Councilman Altobelli, for you may not be aware of it but that is exactly how this administration, under my Mayoral has functioned. My appointee's were never asked if they were Democrats of Republicans. They were appointed on and Confirmed by the Council on their qualifications, Integrity, and honesty.

Now my question to you Councilman Altobeli id did you write those words from your heart or just for political show. For if you wrote those words from your heart, and meant honestly what you said, then after hearing the qualification of the appointee's submitted you could, with a clear conscious, vote in favor of each and every one of them. Unless of course you have information to the contrary. For Mr. Altobelli I also believe, like you that we as council persons have a responsibility to the people who have elected us to do the right thing.

Now let us all work together to appoint the best individuals not only today buy at every opportunity that arises to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

I now submit the name of Mr. Ralph Chandless for the position of Borough Attorney, and after reading to the Council and the members of this audience his resume qualifications I will ask for a motion, a second and a roll call vote. (Copy of Resume attached.)

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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2006

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

POSITION	APPOINTEE	TERM VOTE
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Mayor Jones read Mr. Chandless' Resume (copy attached)

Officer/Zoning Enforcement Officer

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments of DPW Supt. and Construction Code Off. were approved.

Property Maintenance Officer	Edmund Carter Jr.	1 Year	Approved
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On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Plumbing Inspector	Richard Vanatta	1 Year	Approved
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On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Electric Sub-Code Official	Scott Pomarico	1 Year	Approved
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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Fire Code Official	Arthur Jackson	1 Year	Approved
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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Hotel/Multiple Dwelling Inspector	Jesse D'Amore	1 Year	Approved
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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Public Defender	Thomas Mason	1 Year	Approved
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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

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

Public Defender Alt. Mark Musella		1 Year	Denied
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On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman

Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointment was denied.

Alt. Prosecutor	Samuel Presti	1 Year	Denied
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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointment was denied.

*Subject to adoption of resolution by the Governing Body authorizing contract and further compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

Borough Historian	Louise Davenport	1 Year	Approved
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On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Board of Health	Patrick McCarthy	3 Years	Denied
	Jack Coneys	3 Years	Denied
	Mark DelCalzo	2 Years	Denied
	Eugene Adamkiewicz	1 Year	Denied

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointments were denied.

Local Assistance Board	Council Commissioner	1 Year	
	Charles Giamo	6 Years	Denied

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointment was denied.

General Assessment Board	Joanne Monteleone	3 Years	Denied
	Gilbert Hunt	1 Year	Denied

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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointments were denied.

Planning Board *(All but Class III appointed by Mayor)*

Mayor Ronald R. Jones	Incumbency
Nicholas Melfi	1 Year

Alt. Class II	Dorothy Bernice	1 Year	
Class IV	Henry Dobelaar	4 Years	
	Andrea Bocker	4 Years	
	Dr. Gerald Sternbach	4 Years	
Alt. 2	Marlene Verrastro	1 Year	
Zoning Board	William Kremer	1 Year	Denied
Alt. 2	Andrew Heisey	1 Year	Denied

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointment was denied.

Free Public Library	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	Incumbency	
	Sonya Buckman -Mayor's Alt.	1 Year	
	Sch. Supt. Joseph Luongo	1 Year	
	Edwinna Carroll-BOE Alt.	1 Year	
	Thomas Verrastro	5 Years	Denied

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the Appointment of Thomas Verrastro was denied.

Rent Leveling Board	Suzette Pepe	1 Year	Denied
	Marie Cannon	1 Year	Denied
	Ronald Monteleone	1 Year	Denied
	Brian Horowitz	1 Year	Denied
	Lois Hettel	1 Year	Denied
	Francesca Fitzgerald	1 Year	Denied

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointments were denied.

NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Recreation Programs			
Advisory Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year	
	Council Commissioner	1 Year	
	Mayor's Alternate:		
	Steven Pikowski	1 Year	
	Eileen Kiick	3 Years	Denied
	Michelle Zahn	3 Years	Denied
	Jurgen Hofheinz	3 Years	Denied

John DeLorenzo 3 Years Denied

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the Appointments of Eileen Kiick, Michelle Zahn, Jurgen Hofheinz and John DeLorenzo were denied.

Dir. Of Recreation Robert Brady 1 Year

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

Senior Citizens Advisory (Mayor's Appointment) Committee

Edward Hart 1 Year
Audrey Ascione 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
Marlene Verrastro 1 Year

Community Awareness Access for all Committee (Mayor's Appointment) Mayor Ronald R. Jones 1 Year
Mayor's Alt.: Justin A. DiPisa 1 Year
Anne Ciavaglia 1 Year
Robert Ciavaglia 1 Year
Eric Bischoff 1 Year
Police Chief or Designee 1 Year
Pam Link 1 Year

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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

John Dingertopadre 1 Year
Maryann Pisani 1 Year
Brenda Colaneri 1 Year
Dorothy McCarthy 1 Year
Patrick McCarthy 1 Year
Amy McCarthy 1 Year
John Fitzin 1 Year

	Dorothy Fitzin	1 Year
	Mark DiPisa	1 Year
	Robert DiPisa	1 Year
Mayor's Boulevard Beautification Committee	Mayor Ronald R. Jones	1 Year
	Mayor's Alt.: Grace Hampel	1 Year
	DPW Supt. W. Spindler	1 Year
	Ray Vorisek-Chamber of Commerce	1 Year
	Phil Hodulik	1 Year
	Vicky Costa	1 Year
	Rosemarie DiPisa	1 Year
	Patricia Link	1 Year
	Ann Lustberg	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
Madeline de Velasco	1 Year
Patricia Link	1 Year
Dorothy Link	1 Year
Brian Willard	1 Year
Rosemary Willard	1 Year
Marie Kistner	1 Year
Donna Villacampa	1 Year
Maria Dingertopadre	1 Year
Jay Lustberg	1 Year
Jack Coneys	1 Year
Ronald Billetz	1 Year
Kathy Billetz	1 Year
Valerie Golio	1 Year

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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Dawn Pikowski	1 Year
Steven Pikowski	1 Year
Tim Crabbe	1 Year
Anna Crabbe	1 Year
Lidia Comp	1 Year
Eugene Adamkiewicz	1 Year
Elaine Adamkiewicz	1 Year
Nancy Wells	1 Year

Michele Bischoff	1 Year
Jennifer O'Brien	1 Year
Kathy Halpin	1 Year
Kathleen Dates	1 Year
Laura French	1 Year
Rodger Powell	1 Year
Joyce Powell	1 Year
Darlene Parente	1 Year
Robert Call	1 Year
Theresa Call	1 Year
Lisa Quish	1 Year
Tracie D'Amico	1 Year
Donna Longo Gassib	1 Year
Carl Houghton	1 Year

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

Environmental/Transportation Committee	Kathleen Dates	3 Years
	Arlene Mastria	3 Years
	Steven Manis	1 Year

Chief Radio Communications Officer	Dr. Roger Szanto	1 Year
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On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Special Law Enforcement	Joseph Attilio	1 Year	Denied
	William Pols	1 Year	Denied
	Thomas Rubino	1 Year	Denied

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and
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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointments were denied.

Police Matrons	Karen Carney	1 Year
	Frances L. Sanzo	1 Year

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

Borough Examining Drs.	Louis Napolitano, MD	1 Year	Denied
	Thomas Bellavia, MD	1 Year	Denied
	Mark Delcalzo, DC	1 Year	Denied

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, with Councilman Introna, Councilwoman Saccomano, Councilman DiNanno and Councilman Altobelli voting Nay, the foregoing Appointments were denied.

School Marshals	Esther Long	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
	Renita Goldsberry	1 Year
	Agnes Anderson	1 Year
	Substitutes:	Michael Niekrewicz

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

Fire Official U.F.S.A.	Arthur Jackson	1 Year
Assistant Fire Official	Kevin Todd	1 Year

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

Fire Inspectors	Frank Pistilli	1 Year
	Albert Saulnier	1 Year

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NOMINATIONS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):

Kenneth Kubler	1 Year
Edmund Carter	1 Year
Bruce Werner Jr.	1 Year
Paul Elenio	1 Year

On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointments were approved.

Fire Mechanics

Eng. Co. No.1	Christian Semenezc	1 Year
Eng. Co. No.2	Robert Thomasey	1 Year
Hook & Ladder	Richard Giarratana	1 Year
Rescue	Robert Knobloch	1 Year

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

Ambulances - EMS 1	Christopher Halloran	1 Year
EMS2	Michael Thomasey	1 Year

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

Public Info. Off.	Angelo Roccamo	1 Year
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On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilwoman Skiba, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Dept. Safety Off.	Timothy Moots	1 Year
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On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

Dept. Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Pickard	1 Year
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On a motion by Councilwoman Skiba, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE:

Mayor Jones gave his Annual Message as follows:

Members of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Council, Honored guests, Clergy, Friends and
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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

Neighbors, I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to our 2007 Reorganization meeting and my State of the Borough address. It is the Mayor's responsibility to address the residents annually and to give a report of the State of the Borough.

Before I begin I would like to share with everyone here that January 1st is a very special day for me. Forty-seven years ago when I was just 15 years old I attended a New Years day party, uninvited I may add, and met for the first time a beautiful 15 year old girl. I knew then that girl was very special to me, so I married her five years later and she has been there for me all these years and now sits in the audience supporting me. Now, Mary, thank you for being there the last 47 years and thank you for being here now. I love you very much.

I am happy and proud to tell the residents of Hasbrouck Heights that the State of the Borough is in fine shape and looking once again to the coming year to make it even better. This administration has worked very hard to keep our tax rate stable, making major improvements all while not only stabilizing our Borough's debt but working to lower it as well. I look forward to the challenge of continuing this process so as to keep our very favorable financial ratings.

Once again I can explain the reason for our successful year of 2006 is due to the hard work and dedication of the Council, all the borough employee's, and the willingness and unselfishness of 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 that it can be. As your Mayor I am extremely proud, humbled and very thankful to each and every one of you for sharing your time and talents with this beloved Borough.

I would like to congratulate Councilmen Anthony DiNanno and Stephen Altobelli for their election to this council. I look forward to working with both of you this coming year.

I would also like to take this time to personally thank Councilmen Ron Kistner and Tom Meli for their dedication to this Borough and wish them well in their future endeavors. I thank you for all that you have accomplished for this fine Borough and I know that all the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights thank you and wish you well. We will always be indebted to you, and your family's, for the sacrifices that you have made over the years of your incumbency. I ask of you, Ron & Tom, to please stay active in our town's future. I am proud to have served with you on this Council and I am even more proud to have you as a friend. I wish you, and your families, Gods blessing in what ever path that you now choose to follow. Again I thank you.

Before I read to you, the citizens of Hasbrouck of Hasbrouck Heights and our distinguished guests, some of the highlights of the year 2006, I would like to take the time to personally & individually thank Councilman Justin DiPisa, Councilman Ron Kistner, Councilman Tom Meli, Councilman Leonard Introna, Councilwoman Carol Skiba, and Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Borough Clerk Ro Sees, CFO and Administrator Mike Kronyak, Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless, Police Chief Mike Colaneri, DPW Superintendent Bill Spindler, and Fire Chief Joe Bob Taylor for serving the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights through out the year.

For 2007 it would be encouraging to know that we could work as a "team", together for a greater cause, and as a "team" could accomplish goals, as well as individual dreams, all for the good and betterment of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE (cont'd):

Now let me share with all of you some of the highlights of the year 2006.

1. We are proud to be honored as the 2006 Community of the Year by both the ARC of New Jersey Bergen/Passaic County Chapter and The ARC of New Jersey state office, being the only New Jersey community thus honored.
2. We made a Presentation of De-fibrillators to H.H. Little League, High School Trainer, H. H. Senior Center, H. H. Soccer Association and H. H. Junior Football League from leftover funds received from the Police Department fundraiser for Joey Peters.
3. We Honored Elsie Paolini and Virginia DiMaria on Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26. (And by the way Elsie will turn 100 on January 10.)
4. We continued the "Boulevard in Bloom" Program and thank the Hasbrouck Heights garden

club, DPW and all the volunteers that have assisted in this program.

5. We mourned the deaths of former fire Chief Arthur Knobloch., Retired Lt of police Frank Elsesser and also retired crossing guards, Lillian Dwyer, and Helen Treptow.

6. We accepted with regret the retirement of Marilyn deRussy from the board of health after 31 yrs and Harold Jacobus after 25yrs on the Planning board.

And now let me share with you important highlights from our various departments

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS FOOD PANTRY

The Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry continues to well. Over 800 bags of food were distributed to Hasbrouck Heights residents. There are now 21 volunteers who graciously donate their time and talent to insure that this happens. Thank you all very much for all your time and efforts. And a special thank you to Ro See's who continues to give her "special touch" to help all in need.

A most heartfelt thank you to all who have kept the shelves stocked throughout the year or made donations for the holidays. Gifts of cash, Shop-Rite gift cards, grocery items, toiletries, turkeys, gifts for all ages and toys were donated by many including the local Churches, local organizations, schools, Brownie, Daisy and Girl Scout Troops, local businesses, and many, many, caring residents. Hasbrouck Heights is most definitely a "giving" town.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Municipal Building continues to be well utilized by many organizations for various meetings and gatherings. Very often every available room is occupied and we still have more requests for meeting space. This past year the Caucus Room was used for 61 meetings, the Community Room scheduled 237 events, sometimes two or three overlapping in one day, Conference Room #1, 31 times, and the Senior Center 99 times. This was in addition to the regular senior events that occur on a daily basis, and does take into account the Recreation Center/Community Room nights. Total events added up to 428 for the year. Very impressive!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department has had another fun-filled successful year! The Department has a wide range of programs and events that reach out and include all of the citizens in our community. Our broad based community programs like "Town Day", "Halloween in the Park" and our Summer Concert Series are geared to all generations and families, to our state recognized youth athletic programs, such as Basketball, Wrestling, Softball, and Track & Field give each member of our town an opportunity to be involved in organized programs and

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events. The Recreation Department also offers organized adult activities such as Yoga, Basketball, Volleyball, and Flag Football.

Our Recreation Department is also proud of the very well attended Recreation Center, as well as other great family events like "Heights Camp Night" and The Annual Harvest and Pie Baking Festival. They also offer a full calendar of senior events that vary from fun movie days, to a very involved exercise health and wellness schedule. They also offer multigenerational activities, for example Students Assisting Seniors Programs (S.A.S.P.) this is were Rob Brady match's up students from our High School with local senior citizens to help mow lawns, rake leaves and other odd jobs around the home. The students receive community service hours toward their

graduation.

Of course they still offer one of the best and most innovative summer activity camps in the state. This camp gives parents peace of mind that they can go to work or get things done around the house why their child is playing and interacting with other children in the safe controlled setting of our very own Woodland Park. Summer Camp also gives local high school students a place to get the perfect summer job.

Most of these programs could not be done without the help of our very dedicated volunteers, from the coaches for our youth sport teams to the chaperones for our Recreation Center; these volunteers make our community programs the best they can be.

I want to personally thank Rob and all the volunteers for another "Great" year.

The LIBRARY Under the supervision of the Board of Trustees, headed by Lisa Traina, the Library continues to expand its services and meet the needs of the community. There were many challenges this year, as well as a change in directors, but I am confident that through it all, it makes us more committed to giving the best service we can possibly offer. We offer our congratulations and support to our New Library Director Mimi Hui.

Circulation

Last year they circulated over 89,000 items. An average of 680 people utilizes the computers each week. And over 50,000 people walked through the doors of our library to use one or more of our library services.

Funding

The Library has received the following grants:

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| 1. Per Capita State Aid | \$ 12,077 | Used for Operating Expenses |
| 2. Karma Foundation | \$ 500 | Homework Help Center |

Friends of the Library

The Library continues to receive steadfast support from the Friends of the Library, presided over by Susanne Kepsel. The Friends help finance all children's and young adult programs, and pay for all the refreshments and prizes. They have been diligent in planning their fundraisers throughout the year in order to ensure the success of library activities.

The Friends' Endowment Fund, whose mission is to provide for the Children's Room and to keep the Library on the cutting edge of technology, paid for online scheduling software for the public to register for programs from home and the purchase of a LCD projector this year. I would like to say that the Library continues to provide the community with outstanding public

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service. The Library Staff, at the direction of Mimi Hui, I know will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life as they move forward to meet whatever challenges come their way.

I commend the entire Library staff for their professionalism and continued dedication during a most challenging year.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Inspections: 1,318 of various natures, by B.C. Health Specialist

Dog Licenses: 1037 licenses, most issued in 31 years.

Dog License Fees: \$9,549.00

Births Recorded: 112 babies born to town residents.

Total deaths Recorded: 942 Deaths

Town Resident Deaths: 108 residents

Marriage Licenses Issued: 53 Applied
Domestic Partnerships: 1 Applied
Certified Transcripts: 6508 issued (Death, Marriage & Birth)
Collected in Fees: \$95,218.00

The Fourth Annual Health Fair was held in October and was enjoyed by over 110 senior residents. 23 local medical vendors came and help participate in this very information program. The goal of the Health Department is to provide services & information to all of its residents.

The Flu Immunization program took place the end of November. with over 105 senior residents registered.

The Free Health Consultation Program was very successful again this year.

We would like to wish Marilyn deRussy our Registrar & Board of Health Secretary a happy and healthy Retirement. She retired on September 1st of this year after 31 years of dedicated services to the people of Hasbrouck Heights. Her position in the Board of health has been filled by Lori French and I am glad to report it is operating very smoothly... Keep up the good work Lori.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department Under the direction of Nick Melfi has issued over 900 permits as of this date for 2006.

Permits this year consisted of

BUILDING –	711
ELECTRIC –	275
PLUMBING –	255
FIRE -	127
ELEVATOR -	0

TOTAL VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION \$17,266,683.00

TOTAL PERMIT FEES COLLECTED \$ 187,379.00 plus \$4,475 in Zoning Compliance fees, and \$3,575 in CCO fees.

TOTAL INSPECTIONS by the Building Department were 1,971

Property Maintenance has done numerous inspections to insure compliance was achieved, and when necessary, legal action was taken.

To better serve the community in 2006 some of their accomplishments have been:

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- 1 To work with the Borough Officials to change the Zoning Ordinances on Deck Height to alleviate the need of appearing before the board for a variance for many residents.
- 2 A more timely review of plans to enable residents to begin work when they desired.
- 3 Increasing Nick's hours has given him the opportunity to be a presence on job sites to insure that work is commencing in compliance with zoning and building ordinances.
- 4 Nick does inspections on a daily basis now, which has eliminated having to ask the residents to stop their work to wait for an inspection.
- 5 They have written news releases to help residents understand the building and zoning ordinances.

Both Nick and Dorothy report all of these steps have made homeowners happier with this

department.

It is their goal to continue to keep this department running efficiently, continue to examine ways to increase revenue and help the residents of Hasbrouck Heights. I thank you Nick and Dorothy, keep up the good work.

PLANNING BOARD

The following is a list of activities the Planning Board participated in during the 2006 Calendar Year:

- 1 Heard approximately 9 cases
- 2 Scheduled 1 meeting per month and meet 9 times during the year
- 3 Approved 8 cases and rejected 1 case
- 4 Reviewed, discussed in public session and approved the Borough's Storm Water Management Plan
- 5 Reviewed and recommended approval of at least 4 land use ordinance changes

I would like to thank Chairman Henry P. Dobbelaar, Jr., and the entire Planning Board for their assistance in making the newly created Zoning Board a smooth transition and also for their dedication and expertise in all the matters that have been before the Planning Board this year. I would also like to especially thank Mr. Jacobus, who after serving on the planning board as both a member and Chairman, is retiring this year after 25 years of volunteering his time and talent. I, as well as all the board members will miss him and wish him "Gods grace" in his future endeavors.

ZONING BOARD

Zoning Board of Adjustment held 14 meetings in 2006; heard 20 applications; granted 16 variances and denied 4. The Board worked diligently to keep in mind the protection of the zoning of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights. Their members are comprised of people with various backgrounds and bring to the Zoning Board a wealth of experience and knowledge. It was recommend that I consider the reappointment of the two members whose terms are up this year, since they are valued officials and have completed their required certification. I would whole heartedly agree. As you are aware this is the first year, 2006, of their existence since the Mayor and Council decided it would better serve the residents if the Borough went back to its original two boards; namely, The Planning Board and The Zoning Board of Adjustment.

I have also been told the Board is pleased with the performance of its attorney, Joseph Rotolo, Esq., and the work done by James W. Fordham P.E. of Boswell Engineering.

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I want to thank the Zoning board Chairwoman and all the members for organizing this board so quickly and efficiently and for all you have done to assist the residents. I believe you have done an outstanding job for your first year and look forward for all of you to continue with the professionalism and dedication that you have shown this year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department continued to move forward on many fronts in 2006. They responded to 1,350 EMS calls and 575 Fire Calls , that means an ambulance or fire truck manned by the men and women of this volunteer department went out an average of 5 .2 times a day.

The accomplishments were many but here are a few, although the Foam/Crash rescue truck was given to the borough in 2005, it was dedicated and put into service in 2006. This truck was given to the Borough by the Port Authority to offer Hasbrouck Heights and the surrounding communities an extra level of protection in case of a major disaster. The truck is in-service, with a fully trained staff, and has been put on stand-by one time already for the tanker crash on route 4 in Teaneck.

After the terrible explosion in Bergenfield apartment house, the Department and the Borough realized the need to upgrade our capabilities in the detection of Carbon Monoxide. The department was upgraded to a carbon monoxide detector on all apparatus. This enables our first responders to make a quicker assessment in regards to dangerous carbon monoxide events and eliminates the waiting for equipment to arrive with detectors, saving precious minutes which can be extremely important.

Continuing their replacement of important equipment they purchased new Scott packs, regular and Hi-Rise packs. They purchased a new RIT pack, New Turn-out gear and pagers. They still need additional Scott packs and pagers and we hope that in early 2007 this purchase will be finished off.

We also replaced a Fire Prevention car which was over 20 years old with a new car. In addition to equipment purchased they continued to make progress in the speeding up the process to take on volunteers. In conjunction with the Police Department, this has taken a process which could take up to 3-5 months to complete the process of less than one month. They allocated for the first time a line item for training for our department in this new day and age training is so very important and the Borough recognizes that.

They developed an excellent rapport and cooperation with the DPW for the repair and maintenance of our fire equipment. The DPW'S handling of the foam/crash truck, the ladder truck and various repairs on the engines and ambulances has saved the borough 10's of thousands of dollars. This relationship it is hoped will be kept up and maintained.

The department has also continued in training and improving their relationship with the Postal facility in Teterboro, this involves continued updated training in decontamination methods and anthrax detection procedures.

At the recommendation of the Fire Chiefs the Borough must give serious consideration to a second full time ambulance driver. This is an area where our volunteers are maxed out and this addition will help alleviate the burden on them and enhance the safety of the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights

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We must begin to look at the purchase of major pieces of equipment, some pieces are reaching there 20 year mark, which puts them under specific review from the state of NJ. But we must look at these major purchases thinking out-side the box so as not to put a major burden on tax-payers but at the same time making sure our VOLUNTEERS are properly and safely equipped.

Last we must continue to expand the junior squad so we have capable and well trained people to take over the department in the future. This is the single largest challenge the Fire Department faces. Recruitment for a volunteer department is getting more and more difficult.

In any case we know the dedication, bravery and loyalty will continue from the Fire Department and Ambulance squad and the Borough thanks the Chief's and all the members, and will remain

always indebted to them!!!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2006 was a very active and busy year for the Police Department. The Department answered over 10,000 calls for service. Some of the highlights of programs, equipment and activities by the department are:

The Traffic Bureau:

Traffic continues to be one of their toughest challenges. They are constantly looking at ways to improve traffic flow, improve pedestrian safety and manage parking issues.

Triple A of North Jersey has recognized the department with their "Award of Excellence" for their efforts. (One of only a few in North Jersey)

They participated in a nationwide Click It or Ticket, and issued over 150 summons.

They reviewed, and recommended, several relocation of bus stops, with some awaiting Bergen County resolutions.

The department's Honor Guard was busy attending many Borough events as well as County and State Police Memorial Services. The members of the Honor Guard volunteer for this assignment.

The DARE Program again did a great job educating the children of all of our schools K-12 on the dangers of drugs, alcohol and violence.

A "Sports world" trip was held in February and was a success.

An 8th grade swim party was held in June at the Swim Club.

The Jr. Class was shown the effects of drinking and driving by utilizing golf carts and goggles that give the effect of being drunk.

A 5th grade parent's night was held and well attended.

Community Policing Programs have continued and The Police Department are always looking for ways to improve their relationship with, and be a vibrant part of our community.

A Special Olympics beefsteak, Polar Bear Plunge, and Torch Run with our Department raising over \$25,000 and being #2 in the entire state.

The "Citizen's Academy" was continued with the theme CSI/Meets Law & Order. This was well attended and all had fun and learned about how police process a crime scene through a criminal trial. Special thanks to the High School Mock Trial Club.

A Jr. Police Academy was held for our 8th graders.

The 8th grade Washington trip was chaperoned and the BADGE program continued.

Our 11th Annual Bike Marathon was held with 200 children participating. This is a total community effort with the Police, Fire, DPW, Board of Ed and business community supporting it.

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3 new patrol cars received, 1 paid for by budget; 2 paid for by charging private contractors for police vehicles at traffic post.

The 9-1-1 system was upgraded to receive cellular calls.

The Department obtained a Live Scan Fingerprint System with digital mug shot camera and a child portable kit ordered and paid for with confiscated funds. These items are anticipated to be received in the beginning 2007. In addition they will be updating their Record Management system, and adding three new laptop computers for their patrol cars.

In addition to all of their normal training, every member of the department was trained in Incident Command, racial profiling, and active shooter response.

All schools were inspected and the report submitted to the NJSP.

I want to personally thank Chief Michael Colaneri and his entire department for their dedication and professionalism that was displayed in all that they do for our town

DPW

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Improvements have been made at several Borough properties this year such as a handicapped ramp at Memorial park and new sidewalks. Lights were installed at the pavilion in Woodland Park that was used in over 50 various events during the spring and summer. To provide safe playing conditions for the Youth Soccer Program, the field was re-sodded. The DPW continues to maintain New Jersey Department of Transportation property because of the lack of a timely response to the unsightliness of these areas by the state.

As a result of donations by Hackensack University Medical Center and Commerce Bank, the Public Works Department received \$22,000 worth of supplies to be used on various projects within the Borough.

STORMWATER REGULATIONS

The Borough continues to meet all DEP Storm water regulations such as street sweeping, leaf removal, catch basin cleaning and marking, and various training and housekeeping procedures. The annual DEP inspection of the DPW facility resulted in total compliance with all regulations. Also, several repairs were made to the storm water handling system along with mapping of the systems that have outflow to Riser's Ditch.

SANITARY SEWERS

The completed maintenance program along Route 17 was successful in finding that a Public Service utility pole had penetrated a main sewer line. Through the efforts of the DPW, Ken Job, Borough Engineer, and PSE&G, the sewer was repaired and the utility company absorbed all expenses. The DPW and Board of Health Department will coordinate inspections at fast food establishments for compliance with grease trap cleaning and maintenance. The DPW regularly maintains the various pumping facilities and main sewer pipes throughout the infrastructure of the town.

STREET REPAIRS

An annual list of streets in need of resurfacing has been submitted to the Borough Administrator and Borough Engineer. This year the entire length of Oak Grove Avenue was resurfaced as a result of a state grant. Terrace Avenue was slated for repair by the county but was postponed

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to sometime in 2007 as they await PSE&G to complete their repairs on that road.

In 2006, the DPW plowed a total of 24 inches of snow as a result of several storms and cleaned up debris from five severe rainstorms including Tropical Storm Ernesto.

The Department of Public Works proudly continues to serve the residents of Hasbrouck Heights.

I thank you Bill Spindler and your entire DPW staff for an outstanding year.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Capital Improvements

In August an ordinance was adopted in the amount of \$420,000.00 for the construction of a parking lot and pocket park adjacent to the Municipal Building. This scaled back version of the original project will provide for approximately 35 parking spaces and a pocket park, \$54,000.00 of the cost will be funded by an Open Space Trust Fund Grant. A parcel of land the size of a building lot will be left undeveloped and for future use.

Other Ordinances have been adopted to provide funding for the following:
Acquisition of Gear and Equipment for the Fire Department in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Barrier Free Improvements to Woodland Park in the amount of \$215,000.00 with \$116,800.00 of the cost being funded by a Community Development Block Grant. The contract has been awarded and construction is scheduled for spring.

Acquisition of Computer Upgrades in the amount of \$75,000.00 with \$17,800.00 funded by a State Grant for the Enhancement of the Emergency 9-1-1 System.

Improvements to Depken Field to include an Artificial Turf Field, New Running Track and Renovations to the Bleachers in the total amount of \$1,625,000.00. The entire amount funded by the proceeds from the sale of borough property adjacent to the Swim Club.

Construction of Parks and the Improvement of Ravine Avenue adjacent to Depken Field in the amount of \$335,000.00. \$177,500.00 of the total funded by a Bergen County Open Space Grant and the balance coming from available funds and proceeds from the sale of borough property adjacent to the Swim Club.

The 6 lots adjacent to the Swim Club were sold for a total of \$1,730,000.00 and the proceeds are being used to fund the Improvements to and around Depken Field. Additionally, the six houses to be constructed on this property should increase total ratable by more than \$3,500,000.00

The entire length of Oak Grove Avenue was resurfaced and new curb cuts were installed. The total budget for this project was \$325,000.00 with \$235,000.00 funded through a State Department of Transportation Grant.

Grant Applications

The following grants were either utilized in the 2006 operating budget or have been awarded this year for use in 2007. Grant Funds are used to pay for services that would otherwise have to be funded by tax dollars:

Municipal Recycling Assistance Program	6,457.84
Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	11,500.00

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Clean Communities Program	9,929.54
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	10,839.55
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	4,789.79
Recycling Tonnage Grant	4,773.08
Extraordinary Aid	150,000.00
Municipal Homeland Security Aid	70,000.00
Body Armor Fund	2,889.36

Grants are also sought for the funding of Capital Projects. These grants help us complete large projects, which do not fall within the operating budget, without incurring additional debt. The following projects are either completed or in progress in 2006 as a result of grants received:

Construction of Parks	177,500.00
Acquisition of Police and Fire Gear	45,000.00
Improvements to the Comfort Station in Woodland Park	116,800.00
Improvements to Woodland Park Open Areas	40,000.00

In addition to the above, the Mayor and Council have already applied for grants to fund projects such as:

Improvements to Madison Avenue
Improvements to Division Avenue
Acquisition of Gear and Equipment for the Fire Department
Acquisition of a New Senior Citizen Bus

Tax Collections and Tax Rates

The 2006 Collection rate is on target to meet prior year collection rate of 99.01%. This collection rate has been very consistent and stable over the 10 years and is anticipated to continue to be stable.

REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY

Annual Tax Assessor Report

The revaluation has been completed and went into effect for the 2006 tax year. The total ratable for the year 2006 was \$1,855,266,800. The Tax Rate was reduced from \$3.52 in 2005 to \$1.78 in 2006.

The tax collection rate will be close to last year's rate which was \$99.1023%.

MAYOR'S CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Athletic Field, a great event! There were 23 celebration members who assisted.

Town-Wide Garage Sale: Fantastic Success with 100 participating.

Children's 4th of July Patriotic Parade: with a total of 13 committee members assisting.

Halloween Parade. Rained out. All congregated in Senior Center for cookies and juice. 12 members assisting.

Tree Lighting – Sunday Dec. 3: 17 committee members assisted. Good time and job well done.

House/Comm. Judging: Assisted by 12 committee members.

I want to thank all the members of this committee for an outstanding year.

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ENVIRONMENTAL & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Environmental and Transportation Commission sponsored its second Annual Environmental Poster Contest. Entries came from all local elementary schools and winning posters were on display at the Library and local banks. The Committee continued its encouragement of recycling and for the second year in a row made arrangement to distribute Leaf Bags and Twine to the residents of Hasbrouck Heights. In the area of Transportation we continue to encourage New Jersey Transit to consider a train station at Williams Avenue between Teterboro and Hasbrouck Heights. NJ Transit was also asked to review the idea of a Jitney to run in the business areas from Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Wood-Ridge, and Hasbrouck Heights into Hackensack and back again. This was first suggested five years ago and NJT shelved it until their Commission with the help of Councilmen Tom Meli and the support of their liaison, Justin DiPisa, re-introduced the possibility to assist residents of those communities to shop within those areas.

I want to thank Rose Heck, chairwoman, and all the members for their hard work this year.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS ACCESS FOR ALL COMMITTEE

When I was elected Mayor three years ago, one of the first things I promised to do was to establish a working committee for all residents with handicaps and disabilities whether they be visible handicaps or otherwise. I am proud to report that this has become one of the most pro-

active and productive committee's in our Borough. They meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month in our Senior Center. They established their own by laws. They published their own directory of all available services within our Borough, as well as Bergen County. Designed their own website to inform and update families with disabled members on new legislation and available sources for medical equipment to make their lives easier and more productive. They spear-headed the handicapped accessibility concepts for the Depken Athletic Field long before the project was conceived, as well as the long overdue project to make our bathroom facilities and the open air pavilion, more accessible with no barriers for our children, our seniors, and our athletes at woodland park. Their work and dedication is a tribute to our town and to what can be done by an energetic and exciting group of only twelve people. They will see the changes at Woodland Park before the Spring of this year thanks for a grant we received from the state of New Jersey, As a result a project worth over \$200,000 will cost less than 25% because of the hard work done by our CFO Mike Kronyak, our liaison to that Committee, Councilman Justin DiPisa, and the members of this terrific committee. I am proud of their accomplishments and will continue to support them in making Hasbrouck Heights a better place to live for all of our residents.

I now want to personally thank you the members of this audience, and all the citizens of our beloved Hasbrouck Heights for your support, your friendship, and all the prayers, that you have shared with this Mayor and Council during the year of 2006. I will remember you all in mine as well.

And in closing I ask God to Bless You, the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, the Fine State of New Jersey, and all of America, and to bless all the men and women who are serving in our armed forces and who now may be in "harm's way".

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Councilman DiPisa thanked his wife, Rosemarie. He offered his support to the new councilpersons and also thanked various people he worked with.

Councilman Introna thanked various people he worked with from Bergen County and Hasbrouck Heights and welcomed the new council members.

Councilwoman Skiba thanked Borough employees, volunteers, past council members and welcomed the new council members.

Councilwoman Saccomano looked forward to change, to the new year working together for all of Hasbrouck Heights.

Councilman DiNanno thanked Senator Coniglio, Assemblyman Gordon and Assemblywoman Voss, the Freeholders, his wife, Angela and the residents and those he worked closely with this past election.

Councilman Altobelli echoed his thanks to those people as well, thanked Councilman Meli and Councilman Kistner and looked forward to a bipartisan effort.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, thanked Councilman Meli and Councilman Kistner for their great work and invited everyone to attend Council meetings.

Linda Bright, 136 Columbus Avenue, was looking forward to the changes and working together.

Juan Hernandez, 415 Springfield Avenue, was looking forward to the changes as well and asked everyone to work together.

Nancy Wells, 42 Central Avenue, asked if the new resumes would be available to the public and was told yes.

Theresa Call, 231 Paterson Avenue, said it was a great pleasure to see a majority of Democrats.

Brian Horowitz, 171 Franklin Avenue, asked for a good reason why it was time for a change.

BENEDICTION: The Benediction was given by Rev. Dr. Katherine Ellison

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ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 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, 2007.

Rose Marie Sees
Borough Clerk