

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

April 22, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 8:04 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting having been made to all members of the Council by personal service on January 2, 2008 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2008.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Maryetta Saccomano, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli (left meeting at 8:20 for a family emergency), Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Councilwoman Sonya Buckman

PRESENTATION: Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club on its 10th Anniversary

Mayor Heck and Councilman DiPisa presented certificates of appreciation to the President of the Garden Club, Marie Morales, and to each Garden Club Member including Sonia Alchevsky, Rose Ann Cannizzo, Donna Cornelius, Leslie Fernandez, Dottie Flynn, Pua Giaquinto, Robin Green, Sarah Luminello, Ann Lustberg, Judy Mascis, Marie Morales, Elizabeth Moser, Carolyn Murray, Bill Postman, Noreen Postman, Maria Proscia, Joanne Rinkus, Frances Rotella, Lynn Taylor, Phyllis Torry, Stella Torti, Joan Turner, Magda Vanek, and Mary Beth Wilson.

PRESENTATION: Recognizing Several Members of the Fire and Police Department for Heroic Efforts

Councilman Gonzalez read that a call had come in at 10:57 p.m. on March 29, 2008 for an 11-year-old girl who was having a seizure. Upon arrival, the Police and Fire Department personnel found her unresponsive on the floor, not breathing and with no

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pulse. CPR was initiated with artificial respirations. The AED was applied, and called for a shock. Shock was given once and the patient regained a pulse, was intubated by the Paramedics and transported to Hackensack University Medical Center.

Mayor Heck, Councilman Gonzalez, Councilman Altobelli and Councilwoman Buckman presented Certificates of Commendation to Patrolman Jame Loos, Patrolman Corey Lange and Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department members Michael Cribben, Joseph Armeli, Robert Munoz, Chief Michael Ratkowski, Greg Rubino, Joseph Fehl, David Gumbrecht and Robert Jones.

APPOINTMENT: Nicholas J. DelCalzo to Fire Department Engine Co. 1
Kathy Halpin as Deputy Court Clerk

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

Mr. DelCalzo was congratulated and asked to come forward for a picture with Mayor Heck, Councilman Gonzalez, Councilman Altobelli and Chief Ratkowski.

PROCLAMATION: Designation of Youth Week by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Mayor Heck asked the clerk to read the following resolution into the record:

“WHEREAS, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated the third week in May, as Youth Week to honor America’s Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to Community, State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Hasbrouck Heights B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1962 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this Community; and

WHEREAS, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation’s greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

WHEREAS, our Youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and go forth to serve America; and,

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with Youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the third week in May as Youth Week, in conjunction with our traditional observance of Youth Week, and urge all departments of government, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and our citizens generally, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.”

Dated: April 22, 2008

*/s/ Mayor Rose Heck and Members of
the Council*

PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Heck requested the clerk to read the following resolution into the record:

“WHEREAS, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year, including over 80,000 referrals to child protective services in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are both inhumane and costly, involving the mental health system, juvenile justice system, law enforcement agencies, criminal and civil courts, and health care and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the “Pinwheels for Prevention” campaign is coming to our community, bringing with them the notion that effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child maltreatment cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community and child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and,

WHEREAS, there are effective strategies to eliminate child abuse from affecting the families and communities in New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to become a powerful friend to children and parents by supporting the families in our community with friendship, information and participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, and strengthen our communities and families”

Dated: April 22, 2008

/s/ Mayor Rose Heck and Members of the Council

Mayor Heck applauded Michele and Tom Meli who recently held a fundraiser for the Audrey Hepburn Children’s House for the prevention of child abuse and neglect and presented a check to them in the amount of \$30,000.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter of Concern from Joel Goldman, Exec. V.P. of United Wire Hangar regarding the condition of Railroad Street
 - 2) Response from Mayor Heck

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Communications were accepted.

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(February 26, 2008 Regular Meeting, April 8, 2008 Regular Meeting)*

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

BILLS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the claims and accounts amounting to \$442,728.07 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, having been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy, be paid and that warrants be issued therefore.

Signed Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Mayor/Commissioner Heck reported the B.C. Prosecutor approved the DWI checkpoint and will fully fund the checkpoint using confiscated drug funds. The annual Family DARE Night was held at Space Odyssey on April 2 for 200 children. The Second Grade public school children were fingerprinted and photographed as part of the Department's Ident-a-kid program. Deputy Chief Kroncke was assigned as a zoning and property maintenance liaison. Chief Colaneri and Lt. Archer met with the Safe Routes to Schools Committee and Lt. Archer is working on the grant application. Chief Colaneri, Capt. DeLorenzo and Det. Adamo attended the Leisure Club meeting to give a presentation on scams and frauds. A resident reported a scam soon after which turned out to be a confirmed scam. The Torch Run for Special Olympics is scheduled for June 6. The unveiling of the Police Memorial is scheduled for May 14 at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Under the March report, she noted under moving violations there were 550 parking violations, 195 summons for a total of 745; under General Complaints there were 33 abandoned 9-1-1 calls, 16 administrative, 66 ambulance requests, 17 ambulance w/paramedics, 1 animal bites, 7 animal complaints, 7 assisting other agencies, 1 auto theft, 10 ordinance violations, 1 ordinance complaints, 32 commercial burglar alarm complaints, 27 residential burglar alarm complaints, 38 cell phone 9-1-1 calls, 4 criminal mischief motor vehicle, 13 disabled vehicles, 6 disorderly conduct, 3 disorderly conduct fights, 9 domestic violence calls, 2 domestic violence orders, 3 DUI, 20 fire alarms, 1 fraud bad checks, 1 fraud credit cards, 30 general calls, 4 general disputes, 1 harassing phone call, 1 hold up alarm, 3 juvenile delinquency, 14 juvenile incidents, 10 lock out of motor vehicle, 2 lock out of residence, 7 noise complaints, 11 PSE&G calls, 30 summons, 34 suspicious incidents, 24 suspicious persons, 14 suspicious vehicles, 8 Teterboro 9-1-1 calls, 9 theft, 1 auto theft, 17 traffic accidents county roads, 9 borough traffic accidents, 26 traffic accidents state roads, 156 traffic enforcement, 33 traffic related services, 3 welfare checks, and 49 Wood-Ridge 9-1-1 calls for a total of 1,005.

FINANCE , HEALTH & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Councilman DiPisa began his report by noting that due to the defeated school budget, the Mayor and Council must formulate a list of reductions by May 18. A special meeting is scheduled for May 6. He read the following Finance Report: the current fund cash balance as of March 31, 2008 was \$428,297.41; on February 29, 2008 was \$4,066,189.59, which represents a decrease of \$3,637,892.18. The entire balance was invested and is earning 3%. Cash receipts for March totaled \$356,781.04 of which \$209,169.95 was for current taxes, \$35,363.69 was for delinquent taxes, and \$112,137.40 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for March totaled \$3,994,673.22 of which \$1,663,770.75 was local school taxes,, \$600,044.23 was salaries, \$315,216.33 was for Debt Service, \$1,025,597.40 for Pension costs and \$390,044.51 was for other expenses. He continued that the public hearing on the 2008 budget was scheduled for this evening but adoption will not take place until word on Extraordinary Aid is received. Under Health, he reported plans were approved for a 24-hour fitness center at the old Shop-Rite location for a pool, spa and juice bar with a fee of \$100. Applications for the

FINANCE, HEALTH & PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):

Food Handler's Court on May 1 were sent out. The Board introduced an increase of certified copy fees from \$10 to \$15. The Senior Wellness Luncheon was changed from July 18 to Thursday, August 21. The Health Fair is scheduled for October 18. Under Public Facilities, he reported 19 meetings in the Community Room, 12 meetings in the Caucus Room and 8 events in the Senior Center. The Community Room, Senior Center and basement hallway were cleaned and waxed.

SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Social Services, Commissioner Saccomano reported the following donations were received in the Food Pantry. Brownie Troop 526 asked that their gifts be given to the poor children of Hasbrouck Heights. Kathy Van Jura, Joan Turner, Ginny Santano, Kay Hoffman, Paul Fitzpatrick, Larry Lesho, Bernice Baker, Marty Saccomano, Mr. DiPiazza, Doreen Stumper, and Tom White provided various items, some coming more than once during the month. There are several toddlers who come to the library program each week and stop off first at the borough clerk's office to bring their lunch bag filled with items for the food pantry.

Ethel Ball who supervised the food pantry yesterday made a list of items needed which include fruit, juices, pasta sauce, paper towels, tissues, laundry and dish detergent, jelly, coffee, tea, snacks, shampoo and deodorant. She also noted pasta, peanut butter and canned beans are plentiful. Thank you Ethel for all your help.

A meeting was held with the Local Assistance Board on Monday, April 7. In attendance were Mayor Rose Heck, Rose Marie Sees, Dorothy Petroulis, Audrey Ascione, Mary Barone and Neil Reyngoudt. Discussion included guidelines for the volunteers who supervise the Food Pantry to allow for equal distribution to the needy and providing information on County programs available.

PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner DiNanno reported the sprinkler systems at Woodland Park, Municipal Complex and the Circle have been turned on, with the one at Woodland Park needing a leak repaired. He mentioned sodding the soccer field as a possible future capital improvement project. Certified playground mulch was put down in the playgrounds at Woodland and Miers Parks and safety inspections revealed two swings needing replacement which were ordered. Playground equipment for the toddler parks on Central Avenue and Depken Field has been ordered. The fencing for the toddler park on Central Avenue was changed to black chain link fencing and is on order. Two proposals for the message board in front of the Municipal Building are being reviewed. This sign will be placed on the senior center side of the building. Regarding the Oldfield Avenue lots, the owner has several violations which will be heard in municipal court.

TRANSPORTATION: No report.

LAND USE & RECREATION: Under Property Maintenance, Councilwoman Buckman reported 14 neighbor complaints, ten were resolved and four pending; eight verbal warnings to residents to clean and mow lawns which were abated, five summonses on property maintenance, four warning letters, five summonses to be heard on April 23 and two workstop orders to contractors, one for working without a permit and one for working on a Sunday. Under Land Use, she reported \$9,909 in permit fees for March. Under Recreation, she reported the track and field program has over 100 children participating and recently hosted a Striders Track & Field Meet at Depken Field with over 780 participants and 20 Recreation Department track teams from all over northern New Jersey. The high school track team hosted a track meet with 38 teams from 21 school teams and the first time since 1974 that Hasbrouck Heights was able to host a track meet. Recreation Softball has over 130 girls from grades 3 through 8 and competes in the South Bergen Girls Softball League. For all information on teams and schedules log onto www.leaguelineup.com/sbgsl. Summer camp registration will be held on Monday, April 28 and Monday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Volunteers to participate in the Senior Olympics were being sought which will be held on May 28, with a raindate of May 29 in Sparta. The monthly Senior Center schedule is on the Hasbrouck Heights website. Adult Basketball and Volleyball are ongoing. As liaison to the Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library, she reported that on April 27, the Friends of the Library is hosting a "Tea and Delights" and she invited all to attend. On May 31, in conjunction with the Townwide Garage Sale, the library will be holding a Spring Book and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Madison Avenue entrance.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Streets, Councilman Gonzalez reported that as a result of the Stormwater Catch Basin Cleaning and Inspection Program, five basins had deteriorated masonry walls due to road salt which were repaired. In the ongoing pothole repairs, 14 tons of asphalt was used this month. The Swim Club parking lot was stripped with the aid of the Bergen County Work Release Program. Under Trees, he reported the tree replacement program has been completed this spring with 50 trees planted and staked. Under Sanitation, he reported two sanitation trucks were repaired, one with a blown clutch and the other a broken clutch cable. The Franklin Avenue Pump Station underwent a cleaning and routine maintenance which includes greasing all mechanical parts and replacing mechanical floating devices. The NJ. DEP Protection Stormwater Inspection was held on March 27 at the DPW and was in compliance with all regulations. Cub Scout Pack 17 toured the Recycling Center with Mayor Heck, Councilman Gonzalez and DPW Supt. Bill Spindler on April 5. Under Recycling he noted that wire hangers are now part of the recycling program as a metal. Last year \$57,491 was generated in recycling revenue, which allowed a savings of \$85,536 in waste fees. Under Fire Department a comparison report was done for January 1 through March 31, 2007 which included 69 fire calls, 37 non emergency fire calls and 293 EMS calls for a total of 399. So far in 2008, there were 104 fire calls, 32 non emergency fire calls and 276 EMS calls for a total of 412. Chief Ratkowski and 2nd Asst. Chief Giarratana met with the Port Authority Administration and the Police Department to discuss training courses to be held at Port Authority. A contribution is

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd):

anticipated from PSE&G of two desktop computers and one laptop for the Fire Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

March 26 – 10 am - Senior Citizens Committee met to discuss ideas for town, new ones, and bringing back some of the old. Discussion was held about various areas of town – including increased traffic – Support of local businesses by utilizing town bus with cooperation of the Business Community Committee – Enforcement of certain property maintenance and zoning laws. Maintaining the off-street parking ordinance as a safety measure is of importance to them. They do not want parking overnight on Borough streets. This Committee will meet quarterly or as need arises.

March 27, 9 am - Police Committee Meeting – Met with Library Director re: Heritage Room

March 29 – Research Committee and Business Committee met.

April 1 – Met with Judy Ferrari re: Heritage Room. I continue to be available in the Library every Saturday morning from 10 to noon. Have met with many individuals who discuss problems and/or ideas. I have taken action in all instances.

April 2 - Attended the Planning Board Meeting

April 3 – Attended the Wrestling dinner with Councilwoman Buckman. Gave out awards on behalf of the Mayor and Council to all wrestlers, Coaches and Manager. Gave Special Recognition to Rob Brady for all his exceptional work.

April 7 –am met with Boro Engineer Ken Job and Boro Administrator Mike Kronyak at Park Site to discuss final plans. All safety measures recommended by Police Chief Colaneri were put in place along with suggestions made to better utilize the park property.

11:30 a.m. Met with Local Assistance Board Members and Boro Clerk Rose Sees.

6:30 p.m , Environmental & Transportation Commission met. Chairman Jack Stavash and I discussed the Enhanced Recycling Program and complimented the D.P.W. Supt. Bil Spindler on his department's work. Numbers are beginning to show savings to the Borough. The Poster Contest is in progress and all posters will be judged after the due date of April 18th. Discussion of leaf pick up is ongoing since the DEP has noted increased enforcement on their agenda and Hasbrouck Heights will be planning for fall leaf pick-up rules.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

April 8 – 9 a.m. Police Committee meeting –Meeting with Mike Kronyak, Chief Colaneri, Nick Melfi, Ed Carter, DPW Supt. Bill Spindler and Boro Attorney Ralph Chandless to discuss zoning enforcement and enforcement of Borough Ordinances. 2 pm Mike Kronyak and I met with the County Executive to discuss several matters including the need for drainage on certain County Roads in Hasbrouck Heights. He will have the County Engineer address the list of streets we gave him. I have been waiting to hear from the engineer. If I do not hear from him within the next week I will call him to ascertain the status of our request.

7:30 p.m. -Met for the first time with Rob Brady and the Youth Committee – I am very pleased with their input and anticipate they will be a very strong voice in the future of our town.

April 9 – 9 am. Attended the Safe Routes to Schools Meeting with Councilwoman Sonya, Buckman, Business Administrator Mike Kronyak, Chief Colaneri, Lt. Archer, Supt of Schools Luongo, Corpus Christ Principal Parent-Teacher School Presidents. Attended the Leisure Club Meeting and was impressed with the Scams and Fraud program given by the Police Department Members Chief Colaneri, Capt. DeLorenzo and Detective Adamo. A detailed discussion took place and all will be in readiness for the grant application which is due on May 2nd.
7:30 pm Attended the Board of Health Meeting.

April 10, Attended the WHALE program the first of its kind on the East Coast sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Kiwanis Club and Hackensack University Medical Center. It is a Child Safety Seat Occupant Identification Program. I commend both the Hasbrouck Heights Kiwanis Club and the Medical Center for instituting this excellent safety program.

April 12, Saturday, Attended the Opening of Little League Baseball along with Council Members DiPisa, Sonya Buckman, David Gonzalez and Anthony DiNanno.

April 13. Attended the Little League Pancake Breakfast at the VFW.

April 14, Met with Teterboro Mayor Watt to discuss matters of joint interest to our towns including the Teterboro Heights Train Station which we would like to have constructed in the area of Williams Avenue along with the work to be done in establishing a Park and Ride for 350 cars on the Teterboro side.

April 15, 9 am Finance Meeting – Budget discussion. 10 am Zoning Meeting several amendments to zoning ordinances were discussed with the Boro Attorney Ralph W. Chandless by the Committee that included Councilwoman Buckman, Di Pisa, Boro Administrator Mike Kronyak and myself.

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2 pm Groundbreaking for the HUMC Cancer Research Center on First and Second Streets in Hackensack.

5:30 PM – Magnet Committee – National evaluation Team meeting relating to HUMC, its nurses, etc.

April 16, Attended the Woman's Club Event in the Senior Center. 7:30 pm Attended the Library Board Meeting.

April 18, Met with Finance Officer Mike Kronyak, Supt of School Joe Luongo and School Business Administrator Jos. Bellino to set up series of meeting to discuss the failed School Budget.

April 22, 9 am. Finance Committee Meeting with Chair Justin Di Pisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman and Finance Officer Mike Kronyak. Budget Discussion and BOE Budget discussed and meetings tentatively set. 10:30 am – Zoning Meeting with Boro Attorney Ralph W. Chandless. Drafts of suggested Zoning Ordinance Amendments discussed. Copies of these amendments will be sent to the entire Council for their action.

Noon: Attended The Teterboro Airport Earth Day Celebration held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22nd. I wish to thank D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler and members of the Hasbrouck Heights Department of Public Works for their outstanding support in handling of heavy equipment and clean-up of the designated site. The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department also helped with traffic control on Railroad Avenue as volunteers from Hasbrouck Heights, Moonachie, Wood-Ridge and NJ Transit joined Teterboro Airport Volunteers in the clean-up of a significant section of Railroad Avenue. Richard Heslin, manager of Teterboro Airport was there and marked the day as a successful celebration of Earth Day. He was assisted by Pam Phillips Manager of Airport Operations who was in charge of the coordination efforts needed to safely clean-up the site. The Airport hosted a box lunch for all volunteers and provided safety vests and gloves for all participants. The airport also paid for all of the dumping fees of the debris, which included mounds of tires, a sofa, toilet bowl, and other garbage.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
SET FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29TH, 10 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

All interested Senior Citizens are invited to attend a Property Tax Relief Program Forum to be held Tuesday, April 29th at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber, at 320 Boulevard. Mayor Rose Heck and the Finance Committee consisting of Chairman, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman and Finance Officer/Business Administrator Michael Kronyak will be joined by Tax Collector Conchita Parker to outline the Property Tax Freeze Program.

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Flyers with pertinent information will be available at 9:30 a.m. so that attendees may review the information and then be better able to ask questions.

Hasbrouck Heights has lost \$161,250 in State Aid and have been given the \$399,000 expense for Pension Costs this year; the two add up to just over an increase of three plus tax points alone, and does not include the monies needed to cover essential local services.

Almost 400 Hasbrouck Heights residents are already enrolled in this program and it is believed that many more seniors are eligible and should avail themselves of this property tax relief program. "The Tax Collector and Finance Officer have informed me that many seniors have been inquiring about this program, so we have decided to present the information at a public form. This is a very worthwhile program and all of us on the Finance Committee urge our seniors to come learn more about it. We invite all to attend so that if you are eligible you may file by the June deadline," said Mayor Heck"

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT: Kathy Halpin as Deputy Court Clerk

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

RESIGNATIONS: Christopher Lisi as Hasbrouck Heights Ambulance Secretary

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Altobelli, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted with regret.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on the Municipal Budget, which was made by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Kronyak commented on several issues on this 2008 Budget, namely, the Budget CAP, the 4% Levy CAP, if you don't apply for an exemption, you must come under that CAP. This budget comes in under the 4% and under the 3 ½% done by ordinance. A tax point is \$185,000, the budget is a revenue and expenditure plan, so any increase of those two, or a decrease of that amount moves the tax rate by one penny. Every penny it goes up or down represents \$43 to the taxpayer.

Chris Semencz, 415 Jefferson Avenue, asked if this was to be continued, and was told the public hearing is tonight because it was advertised and that the budget cannot be

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008 BUDGET (cont'd):

adopted until word of Extraordinary Aid is received. He asked if there were reports of the Finance Committee meetings. He was interested in proposals of cuts. Mr. Kronyak said he could provide the periodic memos he provides to the council to Mr. Semenech until the amended budget is introduced. Mr. Semenech questioned why we lost Rochelle Park 9-1-1. He was corrected that it was the joint assessor's office and it was explained they wanted to go on their own. He questioned if the lease agreement with the Swim Club was yearly, and was told it probably has another 10 years to go.

Matthew McGinley, 110 Jefferson Avenue, questioned the DARE program, if there were funds in the budget. He was told yes, there was a DARE officer's salary, there is an alcohol and drug alliance grant from the State which is about \$11,500, which goes to fund DARE, the Junior Police Academy, there has to be made a 25% cash match and an in kind match which would be the salaries of the DARE officer. Was there any part of the BOE budget going toward DARE. He was advised that the high school has a Substance Abuse Coordinator who applies for various grants for programs. Mr. McGinley was concerned and recommended going to the public sector to help.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. Mayor Heck asked for a motion to continue the budget on public hearing which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: 71. Raffle License for V.F.W. Post 4591

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolution was approved (copy attached).

RESOLUTIONS: 72. Granting Permission for the Conduct of Sidewalk Sales in Conjunction with Farmer's Market for 2008

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

73. Authorizing Signature of the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Application

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

74. Authorizing Entrance into an Amended Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

75. Proclaiming May 1, 2008 as "Silver Star Day"

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

76. Exemption to Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee for the "Town-Wide Garage Sale" on May 31, 2008

On a motion by Councilwoman Saccomano, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

77. Authorizing Award of Contract for 2008 Radio Maintenance Contract

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilwoman Saccomano, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved (copy attached).

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2176:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED "PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**" was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 13, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2177:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2008**" was introduced this date be and the same is

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):

hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 13, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting Nay, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2178:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2008"** was introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 13, 2008.

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, with Councilwoman Saccomano voting Nay, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2175. On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the public hearing was opened.

There being no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2175:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE AND REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2008 RENT LEVELING ORDINANCE”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

On a motion by Councilman DiNanno, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Public Hearing was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

Lisa Krommenhoek, 225 Central Avenue, was concerned about cars parked all day in front of her home, and asked what can be done. Mayor Heck requested Lt. Archer who was present to ask Chief Colaneri to bring this up for discussion at the next Police Committee meeting with a recommendation to place "No Parking" signs (during certain hours) on Central Avenue. There being no one else wishing to speak, the public portion was closed.

Mark Musarra, 143 Oldfield Avenue, had observed graffiti on the red slide in Woodland Park. He was advised that he should call the DPW or Police Department to request that it be cleaned up. DPW Supt. Spindler who was present was asked to remove the graffiti who would do so the next day.

Robert Thomasey, 307 Franklin Avenue, questioned if there was an ordinance with regard to "earth" (landfill) being brought into the Borough and tested. He was advised that any disturbance of fill over a certain amount comes within the jurisdiction of the Bergen County Soil Conservation District and requires their approval, that the Borough does have a soil removal ordinance. He was invited to stop at the Borough Attorney's office and he would look it up. Mr. Thomasey was referring to the construction site at 6, 8 and 10 Terrace Avenue and estimated that there were 40 or 50 tandem loads of fill brought in. The Zoning Board engineer and construction official had on-site meetings and the administrator would ask them to make a report to the Borough Attorney who would advise the Mayor and Council. When Mr. Thomasey questioned lead in astro turf field, he was advised that Depken Field was fine. He also was troubled with the Board of Education's presentation that their priority was to take \$2,000,000 for a field and then ask for additional funds for security by a special question on the ballot. He was advised that special questions are not the responsibility of the Mayor and Council.

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

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to be conducted by the Mayor and Council, the public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. Mayor Heck asked for a motion to that effect which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried.

I, ROSE MARIE SEES, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are to the best of my knowledge a true account of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2008.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk