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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 22, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 8:00 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 5, 2009 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Anthony DiNanno, Councilman Stephen Altobelli, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link

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 Deacon Vincent DeFedele of Corpus Christi Church

Deacon DeFedele noted he was invited tonight to give the invocation that he had planned to give at the 9-11 Memorial Service which had been cancelled due to rain. The invocation was as follows:

“We have come together as a community of believers to remember those who have lost their lives to comfort their families and friends and to let them know how much we love and care for them. The painful memories and wounds will always be with us so as we come this evening before the Lord. Let us first thank him for all of the many blessings he has given us. May he heal the wounds that we carry, may he help us to live the truth and live for Him. May he continue to give us the courage to trust and the strength to always help others in need. Lord, help us all to be better people and pray and love our enemies so that they will be touched and bring them to their knees. I lift up to you all the heroes and there are many who gave their lives for us and who continue to give themselves every day to keep us safe. Help us to be your light in the darkness by

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following your example and to heal all of us who were broken that day that we may find and know your love and peace. Amen.”

Mayor Heck expressed her thanks to all the high school students who will be sharing their readings tonight.

High School Students Rich Cannici, Joseph DeQuinzio and Marissa Romano were invited to read Essays in observance of the Memorial to 9-11

What the American Flag Means to Me

Read By: Rich Cannici

What is the American flag and what does it represent? For many Americans the flag represents freedom, pride, and justice. Our flag stands for freedom because of the many lives that had to be lost throughout history for us to be the nation we are today. The American flag stands for pride because of the many American soldiers men and women who lost their lives for us. Lastly our flag stands for justice because in the United States no matter what crime we do we have the right to a fair trial.

Another view of the American flag is the colors red, white, and blue. Some American see the color red as blood for all the blood shed on the battlegrounds. Another color white for victory or triumph in our great nation of America. Lastly, the color blue for the sadness or sorrow felt because of the lives lost in war.

To some Americans the biggest meaning of the American flag and the colors red, white, and blue came on September 11th, 2001. On September 11th the attack on the twin towers opened up the eyes of many Americans. It was not only an attack on the twin towers but also to the American people. When this attack on September 11th had happened 343 firefighters had lost their lives not including the many American civilian casualties. Al-Aida and the Iraqi regime believed it would tear America apart, but it didn't, it only made us stronger. After this attack we came up with the saying “These colors don't run” meaning American is forever and will always be free.

Some people see the American flag as patriotism. These people are the ones who have their flags out all year around. The ones who always have them flying high. Some of these people even have American flags hanging off their cars. To some people the American flag is their son or daughter who they have lost either in the line of duty in the military, on the police force, or even the fire department.. Although it's sad but true some Americans have no patriotism and could care less what happens around them. These people will only care if it affects them in a harmful way. Lastly, the Americans with no type of patriotism will be the first to complain or say the government has done something wrong.

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The first American flag represented the 13 colonies, with its 13 stars and 13 stripes. Today, the American flag has 50 white stars, which represent the 50 states of America. The 13 white and red stripes which represent the 13 original colonies. Although the colors red, white, and blue are a part of the flag they have no meaning toward the land we live in.

MLA Citation:

"What the American Flag Means to Me." 123HelpMe.com

9/11 Attacks on America
Read By: Joseph DeQuinzio

On September 11, 2001, four passenger planes were hijacked by terrorists. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center (WTC) in New York City, causing huge fires that led to the collapse of the towers less than two hours later. One plane crashed into the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. The last plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania; it is believed the hijackers had planned to crash this plane into a building or landmark, but were foiled by the actions of the plane's passengers. Many of these horrific events, including the second plane's crash into the World Trade Center and the collapse of the towers, were witnessed live by millions of television viewers. It was by far the worst terrorist attack on American soil; conservative columnist George F. Will labeled it "the most lethal terrorism in human experience."

As the dust settled in New York and Washington, Americans were left to ponder what the attacks meant for the nation. In search of a historical precedent or point of comparison, many Americans reached back to Japan's surprise assault on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, another "day of infamy" in which the United States was suddenly attacked. In both instances, a seemingly secure nation was jolted by massive assaults on its own soil. "As Pearl Harbor snapped America out of a false sense of security," NBC news anchor and author Tom Brokaw writes, "September 11 had a similar effect on young Americans."

The comparisons Brokaw and others made between the two dates dealt not only with the attacks themselves, but also how the American people responded to them. Many people wondered whether the resolve and unity shown by the American people in 1941 would be matched in 2001. Other wondered whether September 11 would become a defining experience for this current generation of Americans, much as Pearl Harbor had been for members of a previous generation. In attempting to answer these questions, it is instructive to note both the parallels and differences between the two events.

Both Pearl Harbor and the September 11 attacks resulted in a large loss of human life. The attack on Pearl Harbor killed 2,388 people. The September 11 carnage was even larger, although an exact number was difficult to ascertain at first. In the initial weeks following

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September 11, the rough media consensus for the total number of fatalities at the WTC, the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania was six or seven thousand (numbers cited by some of the articles in this volume). As weeks and months went by, that number consistently shrank, eventually reaching three thousand.

The September 11 casualties were not only numerically larger than a military attack against American military targets. Most of the casualties were sailors or soldiers; of the 2,388 people killed, forty-eight were civilians. For the most part, the September 11 attacks were directed not at soldiers or military targets, but at civilians going about their everyday jobs. For many, the fact that the September 11 terrorists targeted civilians made these acts even more outrageous and horrific than the events of 1941.

Another important difference between the two events was the identities of the attackers. On December 7, 1941, Americans knew who the enemy was - the Japanese Empire - and what its intentions were - to wage war against the United States. On September 11, 2001, Americans knew they had been attacked and perhaps were even at war, but they did not know who the enemy was or what their future intentions were.

In the days following September 11, 2001, some answers to these questions were found. Investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other law enforcement agencies identified the nineteen air passengers that they believed were responsible for the attacks. The presumed terrorists were all men from Middle Eastern countries, including Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Suspicion quickly zeroed in on an organization called al-Qaida (the base), a terrorist network led by Osama bin Laden, a Saudi Arabian exile who had taken up residence in Afghanistan.

Thus, Americans were facing significantly different enemies in 1941 and 2001. Historian and World War II veteran Frank Mathias notes that Japan was a powerful nation with 191 infantry divisions and a large navy, as well as the support of Germany and Italy, while al-Qaida had "no navy, no organized army, no airforce." However, the absence of such resources did not prevent the shadowy terrorist organization from inflicting the damage of September 11.

In both 1941 and 2001, Americans responded quickly and patriotically, but were called upon to do different things. In 1941 Americans swamped military recruiting stations or waited for draft notices and sacrificed personal comforts for the war effort. In 2001 Americans expressed support for the paid professionals of the U.S. military and were called upon to spend the United States out of economic recession. Both eras were marked by upswings of patriotism and unity that extended to the federal government. Following the Pearl Harbor attacks, U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress and called for a declaration of war against Japan. Congress, previously divided and strongly

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isolationist, passed a war declaration with only one dissenting vote. Following the September 11 attacks, President George W. Bush addressed Congress, argued that the evidence pointed to al-Qaida, and called for a “war on terror” that “will not end until every terrorist group of global reach has been found, stopped, and defeated.” He issued an ultimatum against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, which he accused of harboring bin Laden and his network of terrorists. Congress, which earlier in 2001 has been preoccupied with domestic issues and partisan disputes, passed (again with one dissenting vote) a resolution authorizing Bush to use military force.

America’s war against Japan in 1941 resulted in victory in 1945. America’s war against terrorism is incomplete. On October 7, 2001, after marshaling diplomatic support worldwide, the United States began a bombing campaign in Afghanistan. By the end of 2001, Afghan rebels, assisted by U.S. bombing and special forces, had toppled the Taliban regime, and numerous al-Qaida officials were either killed or captured (Osama bin Laden himself, however, remained at large).

The successful yet inconclusive results of America’s initial military campaign again highlight the differences between 1941 and 2001. America’s war against Japan not only had a clear enemy, but a clear objective – Japan’s defeat and official surrender. America’s war against terrorism promised no such clear-cut solution. Even if Osama bin Laden were to be captured or killed, that would not necessarily signal the end of terrorism’s threat to America. Bin Laden’s followers and other terrorists hiding in nations such as Pakistan, Somalia, and the Philippines will likely prove to be elusive targets.

Both the Pearl Harbor and September 11 attacks resulted in an upsurge of patriotism. Following September 11, Americans purchased and proudly displayed the national flag. Hundreds of millions of dollars of charitable contributions flowed to organizations and individuals to help the families of those killed. Partisan differences in Washington were temporarily put aside to pass national security legislation. But the unity of spirit that the United States showed in the day, weeks, and months following September 11 did not necessarily translate into uniformity of opinion. Virtually all American and foreign observers condemned the actions as horrible and unjustified. Differences of opinion remained, however, on the difficult question of why these particular individuals did something so horrible (at the cost of their own lives).

Taken from enotes.com

ESSAYS (cont'd):

The September 11 Generation
read by Marissa Romano

There has been much talk about how the events of September 11 changed everything. I don't think they changed the central urgency and relevance of what each one of us does with our life.

I think we're all being pressured by history. How many people have lost their jobs or are re-evaluating their work and lives? Those of us who are concerned about the issues of diversity, coexistence, reconciliation, conflict prevention, understanding and tolerance, peace and justice, will find our life gives us a firm ground to stand on. This is where the action is for the foreseeable and unforeseeable future. Clash of civilizations? War of the worlds? Global discord, intergroup ignorance, suspicion and fear. Many thoughtful people and institutions were studying and addressing those questions long before September 11.

Now the efficacy of tens of thousands of diversity awareness training sessions is put to the test. This is our performance review. What beneficial effect have we had in all these years? We have seen so many people rise to the challenge of the occasion. We have seen the cumulative effect of humanity shining through fire and smoke, we have heard so many people speaking about the importance of peace and understanding.

Two hours on Tuesday morning are having enormous ripple effects. What if we called this the next level of diversity awareness training? How are we debriefing it? We need to continue. It is a case study for sensitive training, for strategic planning, for risk assessment, knowledge management, religious understanding. I can't think of an activity that is not affected. Groups may need us to convene and moderate the discussion, to provide guidelines for interaction, to be facilitators. We have numerous opportunities. We can speak about the interconnectedness of people and cultures. We can help to define patriotism in a new way. We can offer ourselves as resources in forums, classes, religious services, panels, talk shows, to provide alternative ways of thinking and acting. We can assist people to learn and teach about different cultures, religions, nationalities. What have you been doing?

In one fell swoop the importance of our work has been put into start relief against the horizon. I hear about people who have just realized the truth of being a citizen of the world. Thinking people have been practicing this craft for many years. I think groups and institutions need us.

I think we need to see a new generation of people do this work. They are the September 11 generation, whose hearts and minds were opened or turned around in

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the wake of the airplane crashes. We should take on new volunteers, interns, trainees, and partners. We should reach out to colleagues across occupations, sectors, industries. We need more roundtable discussions, more sharing. I don't think there are trade secrets in the area of human community.

How can we call on each other? We're not organized to be cooperative or networked or linked in general, we don't have an alumni association, we're not exactly a movement with a phone tree of people to mobilize for action or support in a crisis. Maybe we should be.

The people who were killed, injured, and displaced September 11 were from more than 80 countries. They have many millions of family and friends. The shock waves will be felt for a long time.

There is plenty for us to do. People are newly mindful of the fragility of life. The suddenness of events. The value of relationships. The interdependencies of the world.

In the meantime, questions multiply too fast. We need dreams and visions, ideas and music. Not every question has an answer, but it's important to keep asking questions anyway. They are the raw ingredients of our imagination.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) E-mail from Sallie Timpone regarding removal of trees on Boulevard
- 2) Letter from William J. Torre, Esq. requesting consideration of the addition of retail automobile sales in the Industrial Zone
- 3) Announcement of a Community Forum entitled "The Economic Stimulus Plan and Its Benefits to You" on September 29, 2009 from 6-9 p.m. at Garfield Middle School
- 4) Two letters from BCUA, one congratulating Lincoln School Teacher Victoria Platania and one congratulating Euclid School Teacher Patricia McSweeney on awards of the 2009 BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant
- 5) Copy of letter of Notification and Public Outreach Compliance from Eikon Planning and Design, LLC with regard to Hasbrouck Heights Citgo, 502 Terrace Avenue

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd): 6) Copy of Letter of Notification and Public Outreach Compliance from Envirotrac with regard to former Merit Station, Route 17 North and Franklin Avenue

7) Thank you letter from Rev. Msgr. Lewis V. Papera

Items #4, 5 and 6 were requested to be read into the record (copies attached).

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

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$267,955.75 specified in the schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the accounts listed for payment of the claims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims be paid and checks be issued on the funds and accounts indicated on the attached schedule.

Signed Justin A. DiPisa
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under Police, Mayor/Commissioner Heck reported as follows: Under Summonses, the month of August included 317 Parking versus 310 in August 2008; 138 Moving violations, 156 in July 2008, totaling in August 2009 - 455 and in August 2008 - 466; YTD Parking 2009 2,831, 2008, 3255; Moving 2009 1,594, 2008 1,431; Total 2009, 4,425; 2008 4,686. Under Police Department News she reported training on sending out alerts using Nixle was completed and residents can sign up at Nixle.com to start receiving traffic, crime and community information as text message on cell phone and/or e-mail. Mr. Kronyak and Mr. Brady were also trained to send out information.

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POLICE (cont'd): With school in session, the walking school bus and crossing guards are on post with an additional guard posted at Washington Place during the construction on the Boulevard. A DMV inspection checkpoint was held in August and over 20 summons issued. A drunk driving roving patrol was held as part of the nation wide over the limit under arrest campaign with numerous summonses issued and one drunk driver arrested. A drunk driving roadblock is planned for the fall. Under the General Complaints August report, she did not read the report, however, there were: Accident DWI, 1; 54 ambulance requests, 12 ambulance w/paramedics, 24 animal complaints, 22 assisting other agencies, 6 Borough ordinance violations, 22 burglar alarm-commercial, 43 burglar alarm-residential, 4 burglary residence, 4 carbon monoxide alarm, 51 cell phone 911, 2 child custody dispute, 1 criminal mischief - business, 4 criminal mischief motor vehicle, 8 customer disputes, 23 disabled vehicles, 5 domestic violence, 8 domestic violence orders, 5 DUI, 2 family disputes, 5 found property, 1 fraud - credit card, 2 gas leaks, 27 general calls, 10 general disputes, 6 harassment, 5 juvenile delinquency, 11 juvenile incidents, 9 lockout-mv, 5 lockout-residences; 5 lost articles, 2 Megan's Law, 1 neighbor dispute, 17 noise complaint, 8 property damage, 3 sewer backup, 2 simple assaults, 31 suspicious incidents, 32 suspicious persons, 23 suspicious vehicles, 36 Teterboro 911 calls, 6 theft, 1 theft other, 1 theft from auto, 23 traffic accidents on county roads, 89 traffic accidents on Borough roads, 4 traffic accidents private, 37 traffic accidents State roads, 77 traffic enforcement, 36 traffic related services, 16 welfare checks, 8 wire/pole down, 36 Wood-Ridge 911 calls, totaling 950 for all general complaints.

FINANCE & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Di Pisa read the following Finance Report: the current fund cash balance as of August 31, 2009 was \$3,708,371.99; on July 31, 2009 was \$2,961,620.92, which represents an increase of \$746,751.07. The entire balance was invested and is earning .90%. Cash receipts for August totaled \$4,953,083.57 of which \$4,226,553.95 was for current taxes, \$9,844.45 was for prepaid taxes, \$591,984.20 for for State Aid and \$124,700.97 was miscellaneous revenues. Cash disbursements for August totaled \$4,205,826.16 of which \$2,185,879 was local school taxes, \$986,605.12 was for County taxes, \$583,389.21 was salaries, and \$449,952.83 was for other expenses. He continued that the 2008 Audit was accepted at the first meeting in August and the Summary and Synopsis advertised as required. The CFO filed the Corrective Action Plan with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services as required by statute. Under Public Facilities, he reported there was an emergency matter involving the Police and DPW with the Administrator's office regarding the top of a large tree falling from the property at 24 Woodland Drive onto a neighbor's property on August 25. The Police found a hazardous condition and informed the residents to evacuate. The party responsible of 24 Woodland Drive was a bank holding a reverse mortgage. No response was received and after 24 hours quotes were received and a quote approved and the tree safely removed that day. A lien would be placed on the property.

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PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner DiNanno reported the restoration of BBQ area at the Pavilion in Woodland Park was completed in time for Town Day. The Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club sponsored the project as they saw the need to completely rebuild the area. The BBQ is now surrounded by beautiful stone built by a local resident who has a masonry business. The project was guided by Lions Club member Thomas Mason and the construction was followed up by Lions Club member William Spindler. The Public Works Dept. contributed by manufacturing the new metal grills at their shop and that was completed by mechanics Steven Daus and Jeffrey Licameli. More playground equipment was delivered and is being stored at the DPW yard. They received an infant swing set, tables with benches, basketball backboards and poles. At Central Avenue Park, the contractor has marked out the area where the overhead shelter will be installed.

TRANSPORTATION: Under Transportation, Commissioner Altobelli reported the Transportation Audit has been completed that help the Borough track vehicle and gasoline usage and identify areas where savings and efficiencies can be achieved. The Audit covers the period from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. All Borough vehicles fill up at the DPW yard where the Borough pumps are located. The fuel pumps are controlled by a computer system called Gasboy and operate 24 hours per day with a borough issued card. The cards can be issued to an individual employee or a particular vehicle, and to the Board of Education which reimburses the Borough. The system was updated in 2008 and peer system upgraded. A comparison of fuel totals are DPW 14,528 in 2008, 12,623 in 2009; Police 9,438 in 2008, 10,040 in 2009; Fire Department, 3,863 in 2008, 3,262 in 2009. The total expenditure for fuel as of July 31, 2008 was \$89,847, as of July 31, 2009, \$40,945. A significant reduction in expenditures due to the reduced number of gallons consumed and the reduced cost of fuel. He thanked Mr. Kronyak and the department heads.

LAND USE, RECREATION & SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Recreation/Social Services, Commissioner Buckman reported Recreation Center- Registration will be held Thursday September 24th 7pm-9pm in the Rec Office. The Center will open Friday, September 25th the cost is \$30.00 for the year. Recreation Adult Volleyball-meets every Wednesday night 7pm-9pm in the High School new gym. The program is open to all HH residents 18 and older, and the program is free. Recreation Cross Country will have registration in Mid September and the program is open to HH boys and girls in grades 6th 7th & 8th the cost is \$25.00. The Senior Center-has a monthly calendar of events that are geared to keep our local seniors in shape, having fun, and coming out to meet new friends! The calendar is attached to this report. Town Day- the recreation department will be hosting Town Day Saturday, September 26th at Woodland Park, the rain date is Saturday October 3rd. There will be free food while supplies last, a free concert by Carla Culkin & Double Tap, Rides and a DJ. Halloween in the Park- will be held Tuesday October 20th with a rain date of Thursday October 22nd, tickets will be available at the Recreation Table at Town Day. There will be 2 wagon rides every 15 minutes starting at **LAND**

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USE, RECREATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (cont'd): 6pm and ending at 9:30 pm. Tickets cost \$5.00/person, there will be free refreshments available. Recreation Youth Basketball- registration will be in early October for HH boys and girls in 1st-8th grades. Recreation Wrestling-registration will be in early October for HH children in 2nd-8th grades. Wrestlastics- registration will be in early October for children in 1st grade. Under Social Services, she reported on the Food Pantry which is open on Mondays from 9-11 a.m. During the month of August there were over 45 visitors in need. Thank you to the volunteers who stock and supervise the pantry, and the following donors: Ron Ellis, Kingsley Family, Brady Family, Arlene Carreau, Josephine McClean, Fritz Rethage, Phyllis Bierman, Frank Trent, Girl Scouts, Pat Thomasey, Tripta Warfield, Tom White and Karla Kling. Under Land Use she reported total permit fees from August 24 to September 18 were \$11,324. Inspections scheduled 105 of which 86% passed. As liaison to the Library she reported the end of July the circulation numbers were up 8% from last year, at the end of August the increase was up 11%. The library registered 124 new patrons, 78 adult and 46 juveniles. There were 300 in attendance at the Movie Night, the summer reading game had 250 children participating. There were two book clubs for middle school and a club for high school students. There was also an adult reading program this summer, as well as Be Creative Story Time, Peace Schoolers in the Park, Drama Workshop, Tails and Trails Storytelling, Beginning Chess Club, the Junior Woman's Club Evening Storytime and the regular Story time. There were 450 children participating and 205 adults.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez gave the activity report submitted by EMT Coordinator Elizabeth Waring: for the month of August 35 fire calls, 17 non fire emergencies, 131 EMS calls. From Sept. 1 to 15 there were 13 fire clals, 10 non emergency, 81 EMS calls. A breakfast was held on September 15 for the Israeli Police Fire and Emergency personnel who were in Bergen County from September 9 through the 17th. They took part in Fire Fighter One training, visited some of the firehouses in Bergen County and New York City. The HHFD was on standby for the Wheels and Wings Expo at Teterboro Airport and the Outdoor Mall Sept. 19. October 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week, for more details fireprevention.org. He printed some information on that site including almost two-thirds of reported home deaths in 2003-2006 were from homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms. He reminded residents to change the batteries when the clocks change. EMS and fire calls continue to increase and commended the volunteers. Referring to the plane crash last month, he sadly reported one of the pilots did not make it. Under Streets & Sanitation, he reported on August 27, a call was received by the DPW of a possible illegal discharge from a warehouse into Riser Ditch. Superintendent Spindler and Construction Code Official Melfi responded to investigate, finding a blue-green solution polluting the stream. The DPW sewer equipment and personnel were called in to locate the source where it emanated from. After opening all the storm water manholes and checking the entire storm water system the source was not found. Next the entire sanitary waste water system was checked again nothing was found. Then Spindler,

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FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd): Melfi, Angelo Roccamo, and Steven Daus traversed the Riser Creek. After some time, they discovered two 55 gallon drums dumped illegally into the stream. They called the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department who dispatched the Bergen County Haz-mat, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department. Leaking from the barrels was a blue-green substance which was condensed off and 1,000 gallons of water from the stream was backed out by the NJDEP. The matter is under a criminal investigation. NJDEP case # 1545-25.

The DPW performed some sanitary sewer maintenance at the 100 block of La Salle Avenue which was completed after coordinating with the BOE who cleared the sewer laterals at the High School before school opened. Also, the Franklin Avenue sewer pumping station was cleaned and serviced. A call was received by the DPW of a report of a sink hole at 220 Williams Avenue near a sewer main. The DPW responded by video taping the sewer system in that area. After reviewing the tape it was found that no damage of any kind was involved with the Borough's system. The homeowner was notified that a possible dry well on their property was in need of repair. Repairs were made to Garbage Trucks 101, 103, 106, Mason Dump 204, Fire Department Ambulance, Ladder Truck, Rescue 614, Pumper 616 and 48 hours of service and repairs to police vehicles.

HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Link reported, the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health held its' monthly meeting September 9 with the next scheduled meeting Wednesday, Oct 14th (2nd Wednesday of the month). Board President, Connie Doheny introduced our new Health inspector, Michelle Netusil who informed the Board that prior to leaving (Sept 4), Health Inspector Aysu brought her up-to-date on all open cases and she is moving forward in completing the years scheduled inspections. Board of Health Secretary, Laura French Reminded all that this year's Seasonal Flu Program is on Friday, October 9th, from 9-11am in the Council Chambers. Registration for this program will be Wednesday, September 23rd, starting at 9am in the Council Chambers. Our free Health Consultation is now held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. No appointment is necessary. This program allows our residents to meet with a Registered Nurse, where weight, height, blood pressure and life-style assessments may be discussed to identify individual health risk. Health Fair VII is Saturday, October 17th 11am – 2pm in the Senior Center. This event offers valuable health awareness screenings, samples, and educational literature. She informed the Board that Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) sent important literature about how to maintain and discharge excessive waste (by-fats, oils, and grease) from restaurants and other facilities with large kitchens to prevent blockage problems in sewer lines and she has forwarded this literature to all food establishments. ☺☺☺Report from Sam Yanovich, Health Officer of Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Planning stages continue to be worked on for administration of H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine when it becomes available. This is a voluntary vaccination and the CDC is working on

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HEALTH (cont'd): identifying priority groups to receive the vaccine as it becomes available. He will keep us informed as plans are formed. Once again, it is important to maintain good cough and hand hygiene to reduce the spread of H1N1.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Heck gave a brief report, thanking the Business Community committee for the good job on the Outdoor Mall on September 19 with Cliffhanger Productions. There will be a meeting to evaluate that event. The Street Fair is again planned for the Spring. She had attended a Teterboro Airport meeting on wild geese problems and had received good hints including keeping the fields clean that the children use, that if the fields are kept clean of bird feces, the geese don't come, that deterrents only work for a day or two. She reported that our biggest concern was the environmental basin that the DOT placed on Route 17. The airport manager questioned the Mayor on it but they will be notifying the FAA as the DOT should have notified them because if it is attracting wildlife they need to know. She received an e-mail that another DOT meeting is scheduled for October 1. She thanked all the children from Euclid and Lincoln schools who had sent her get well cards, they were very uplifting and she was most appreciative. She also thanked everyone for the outpouring of love and attention.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESIGNATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 164. Bingo License for Corpus Christi Church
- 165. Bingo License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi School
- 166. Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda was approved.

RESOLUTIONS: 167. Authorizing Change Order #1 on Improvement of Tenth Street

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

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RESOLUTIONS (cont'd): 168. Authorizing Change Order #1 on State Aid Improvement of Phases I & II of Boulevard Streetscape

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2217:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 55-1 ENTITLED “CREATION AND OFFICERS” OF CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS DELETE THEREFROM CERTAIN OFFICES THE CURRENT VACANCIES IN WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTLY INTENDED TO BE FILLED”**as 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 October 13, 2009.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2215:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2215 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried. There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Altobelli and unanimously carried.

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 2009" 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 published and circulated in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.**

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ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**ORDINANCE NO. 2215 (cont'd):**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2216:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2216 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiNanno, and unanimously carried. There being no one wishing to speak on this ordinance, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

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 2009**" 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 published and circulated in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Councilman Altobelli as a point of clarification questioned if he was correct in saying that this ordinance does not increase the compensation for the council and was told correct by Mayor Heck.

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried,

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

John Avamont, 63 Kipp Avenue, with reference to the damage at Woodland Park, asked if there was closed circuit TV. Mr. Kronyak said it was not lighting, the glass block on the side of the building and was covered in plexiglas to make it safe. A number of surveillance systems were being looked at and for security reasons could not say where cameras were in place.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 169. Personnel

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the meeting for litigation and personnel which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded Councilman DiNanno and unanimously carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Altobelli 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 September 22, 2009.

Rose Marie Sees, RMC
Borough Clerk