

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**October 25, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 8:10 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Acting Borough Clerk Michael Kronyak 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 3, 2011 and October 13, 2011 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2011 and October 13, 2011.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:** Councilman Gonzalez gave the Invocation as follows:

“God give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot change, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other, living one day at a time and enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking Jesus did, this simple world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.”

Before making the following presentations, Mayor Heck read the following:

Quote by Leo Ralston: “I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable to be compassionate. It is after all to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you have lived it all.”

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**PRESENTATION:** Proclamation to Junior Woman's Club on 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

"WHEREAS, in 1925, two pioneer women, Mrs I. E. Beales and Mrs. Frank Burr organized the Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, an outgrowth of the Senior Woman's Club, with Miss Dorothy Capen as its first president; and

WHEREAS, in the late 20' s and 30's the Junior Woman's Club was a social club, comprised of single working women who met in the evenings, in the 40's the majority of women joining Juniors had changed from single working women to young marrieds and during World War II the club's focus shifted to Welfare causes, research organizations and Red Cross projects and has since participated in many worthwhile projects including Hackensack University Medical Center's "Tomorrow's Children," Spina Bifida, The Emanuel Cancer Foundation, the Food Bank, SIDS, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Toys for Tots, Battered Women's Shelter, Train Ride with Santa, high school scholarships, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Woman's Club continues its strong presence in the community by organizing projects in conjunction with the Free Public Library and providing children's events such as Breakfast with the Bunny, Munchkin Mash, Breakfast with Santa, the Beautiful Baby Contest and participating in many many community events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, recognizes and congratulates the Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights on its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wholeheartedly thanks all its members, past and present, for their dedication and commitment to improving the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and its residents over these past 85 years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council offers its best wishes for the Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights to continue its leadership and growth as a vital part of the community for many years to come."

**PRESENTATION:** Presentation of Proclamation from The Chic Charity Club to Mayor Heck and 9-11 Committee (copy attached)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Certificate of Environmental Stewardship

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

2) Invitation to Annual Ragamuffin Parade on October 29, 2011 at 1 p.m.

3) 2010 B.C. Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Award of \$18,000 for Improvements to Memorial Parks

4) Resignation Letter of Nicholas Coviello from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company One

5) Resignation Letter of Kurt Wrede from the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company One

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1 and #2 were requested to be read into the record (copies attached). Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$352,495.28 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 Pamela J. Link  
Commissioner of Finance

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

## REPORTS:

**POLICE AND LAND USE:** Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa reported the Police Department is planning an advanced leadership initiative between Hasbrouck Heights and Lyndhurst Police Departments and Junior Police programs. The initiative will be a 12-week program meeting, one evening per week. The first six weeks will consist of character education and leadership training for the candidates. They will develop modules of instruction for the second part of the program. This is a joint Citizens Police Academy geared toward adult participants, and will alternate between locations in both towns. As Mischief Night and Halloween are approaching, he reminded parents and children of the borough curfew of 9:30 p.m. which will be strictly enforced. Mischief Night activities should be confined to personal properties only. A letter from Wood-Ridge Police Department's Chief Joseph Rutigliano who thanked the Borough for its assistance during their Mayor's 5-K Run on October 9, and Lt. Archer for displaying the Message Trailer warning motorists of different traffic patterns before the event. Commissioner DiPisa referring to Otto & Al's Service Station owner Al Deppe, thanked Patrolman John Behr and Patrolman Dom D'Amico for saving his life. Statistics for September were parking 2010: 225; 2011: 344. Moving violations 2010: 56, 2011: 94; with Total for the month from 281 up to 438 for 2011. YTD Parking violations 2010: 2083, 2011: 3,044. Moving violations 2010: 950, 2011: 1,069; for a total 3233 up to 4,113.

**RECREATION & PARKS:** Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported on the October report as supplied by Recreation Director Rob Brady. Halloween in the Park held on October 18 was a great success with many costumed characters including Ernie and Elmo who were available for pictures from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Mayor Heck and the Council, Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak, Al DeAngelo and Rich Groncke, actors from Nightmares Haunted Attractions, Bill Spindler and DPW, Chief Colaneri and Police Department, Fire Chief Kevin Todd and Fire Department, Ron Kistner and B.C. Department of Parks for use of haywagons, Abbe Lewites and Key Club Volunteers, Meredith Stroud and Victoria Parodi for organizing student volunteers, Ray Vorisek of Heights Flower Shoppe, Sanzari Construction for hay bales and members of the HH Recreation Advisory Board, Councilwoman Buckman, John Baratta, Pat Campen, Ed Gumbrecht, Craig Messery, Tony Bonillo and Katie Gasparino, Mark Sonsogni, Terri DeAngelo, Cary DeAngelo, Melanie Gumbrecht and Brandon Iribarne. Registration for the Youth Basketball program and Recreation Wrestling is still available. Wrestling registration is still open for boys in First Grade. The Recreation Center is open and registration is ongoing. Adult Volleyball and Basketball is ongoing. The Senior Center Halloween Party is scheduled for October 27 in the Senior Center. The Cardiac Health Screening will be held October 26 and October 27 in Borough Hall. Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported that the DPW assisted with two huge events at Woodland Park - Town Day followed by Halloween in the Park. For this latter event the DPW provided two vehicles along with drivers to pull the hay wagons throughout the

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park. Both events were a success. As Library liaison, she reported that circulation was 9,531, compared with last year of 9,116. To date there is an increase of 3% compared to last year, 95,000 versus 92,000. Forty-seven new library cards were issued and total library card holders is 5,323. Donations are being accepted for the upcoming Book and Bake Sale.

**STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Gonzalez reported the thermoplastic yellow lines and no parking stencils were applied around the area of the wholesale auto dealerships on Industrial Avenue, Railroad Street and Plant Road to stop car carrier trailers blocking the roadway. The relining of the sanitary sewer line of Burr Place from 116 to 132 and down Oldfield Avenue was completed as the final phase of many improvements to the sewer system in that area. Vehicle Repairs included Garbage Truck #102 had the entire brake system, exhaust system and all fittings along with the water pump, tailgate seals and rails, and mounts replaced. The driver's seat was repaired and re-upholstered. Garbage Truck #103 had its PTO shaft, hydraulic pump and take-off unit replaced. Dump Trucks repairs included: #201 - removed old body and replaced with refurbished chassis, removed rust by grinding and repainted. #203 - replaced complete rear suspension system and dump body floors. #204 - replaced complete rear suspension system along with entire brake system and dump body floors. #207 - replaced complete rear suspension system on John Deere Loader #444G - along with replacing electrical connectors on ignition system. Repairs to Mason Dump Trucks included replacing fuel injectors, installing intake manifolds and performing complete front brake repairs on all mason dump trucks. Police Vehicles repairs included rebuilding three transmissions and overhauling three rear suspensions. He read a notice on Leaf Season Collection which said that residents may now place leaves in the street (not within 10 feet of a stormwater catch basin) or may also place them at the curb in paper leaf bags or upright containers. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected. Limbs, branches or brush must not be mixed in with the leaves but separately bundled and tied and put at the curb for branch collection (see Recycling Calendar). The last day to put leaves in the street is December 1<sup>st</sup> and that leave removal is on a non-scheduled basis during the season. Under Environmental/ Transportation liaison, he reported on November 5 the recycling container and shredding event will be held at the Central Avenue parking lot. If 6,500 lbs is realized he will again be in the Dunk Tank at the Street Fair on May 20, 2012. He thanked Bridget Buckman at the Environmental table at Town Day.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Under Finance, Commissioner Link reported the Current Fund cash balance at September 30 was \$916,408.85 and at August 31 was \$3,203,532.42 which represents a decrease of \$2,287,123.57. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.35%.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):**

Cash receipts for the month of September totaled \$688,362.50 of which \$232,564.62 was for Current Taxes, \$5,714.66 was Delinquent Taxes, \$8,380.98 was Prepaid Taxes, \$311,108.70 was State Aid and \$130,593.54 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of September totaled \$2,975,581.57 of which \$1,944,378.58 was for Local School Taxes, \$507,579.12 was for Salaries and \$523,623.87 was for Other Expenses. She continued final tax bills were mailed which include the fourth quarter payment due November 1, 2011, as well as first and second quarter payments due in 2012. The Tax Collector's office will be open on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The 2012 budget process has begun with Department Heads to receive 2012 budget request forms after the close of October to be returned to the Finance Officer. The Finance Committee will begin holding regular budget meetings as the deadline to introduce the budget approaches.

Under **Social Services**, Commissioner Link reported the food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need that has to register can do so with Robert Brady by calling (201) 288-4143. During the month of October the pantry helped over 68 residents in need. Thank you to the generous volunteers that help stock and supervise the food pantry, as well as the following donors: The Methodist Church, Peggy Hillman, 1<sup>st</sup> Reformed Church, Fran Visco, Earl Roseman, Mrs. Purcell, Tom White, Starbucks, Mrs. Dunbrac, Mary & Al Carney, Linda Dofrino, Josephine McClean, Debra Weiner, Joe Liconti, Mion Family, Crawford Family, Tina Mascis and Mrs. S. The pantry is also looking for holiday donations such as Thanksgiving dinner items, and toys and clothing appropriate for the holidays. If anyone is interested in donating food items here are some ideas: canned fruit, juices, paper products, all kinds of soaps and cleaning products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, powdered milk, and snacks. Please call the Recreation office at (201) 288 4143 or the Borough Clerk's office at (201) 288-0195 if you have any questions.

Under **Public Facilities**, Commissioner Link reported the Library entrance was landscaped due to the excavation of the area early this year in order to repair a portion of the sanitary sewer. Light ballasts were also replaced in the Library. The schedule of meetings was as follows: Community Room - 18; Caucus Room - 7; Council Chambers - 5 and Senior Center - 4 (other than senior activities).

**FIRE:** Commissioner Dingertopadre read the following report as prepared by Assistant Fire Chief Richard Giarratana: **September 24** -- The entire Department came out to distribute our annual appeal letter. Donations have been being received and hopefully keep coming in. **October 1** – Town Day – We had numerous members at our exhibition – which included using a fire hose to simulate how we put out fires; both children and adults participated. We also had a table for recruiting new members and were lucky

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enough to get some leads. During the first week of October, we had our department, company and ambulance nominations. Elections are scheduled for November 14.

**October 16** – We had a tree dedication in Woodland Park to honor a past chief from the early 1930s. This request came from the will of the ex-chief's daughter who passed away in 2009. **October 18** – The rescue truck and one engine stood by with lighting at Halloween in the Park at the request of the Recreation Department. **October 21** – Making you aware of a pertinent fire call at Teterboro Airport – Contractor, while digging, broke a pressurized gas line. The Department responded along with PSE&G and rectified the problem without any major damage. On Monday, October 17, Ambulance 603 went out for repair due to an accident which occurred the last week in June. The repair was completed on October 18 and the ambulance was back in service on October 19. **November** is a busy month with elections, a "Salute to Veterans" Memorial at the Aviation Hall of Fame at Teterboro Airport, the Christmas Parade with tree lighting, and a holiday parade in Wallington. Volunteers are always needed. Anyone interested in joining the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department should call the Fire Chief's Office at 201-288-0082.

**HEALTH:** Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported on the Amendment to Personal Grooming Establishments: The Board of Health Members during their October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting introduced an amendment to Chapter 6, Section 6-3 under annual fees for "Personal Grooming Establishments" in the Sanitary Code Book. The Board Members took into account the issues brought forth by some business owners during the public meeting. The annual fee was introduced based on the number of working stations upon the premises. Establishments having four or fewer stations will be charged \$50.00, 5 and 10 stations \$100.00, 11 and 15 stations \$150.00 and 16 or more stations \$200.00. The Board feels the change from the number of licensed operators to the number of working stations best represents the intent to regulate and license the premises upon which the licensees practice. The Board of Health possesses general powers to enact ordinances and to make rules and regulations in the best interest in protecting and improving public health. And after years of discussions and complaints the Board Members enacted they're responsibility and right to protect the community of Hasbrouck Heights. Under Chapter 11A "Personal Grooming Establishments" each Beauty Salon, Barber Shop and Nail Salon will receive an annual health inspection by the Health Departments Environmental Health Specialist, a long with purchasing an annual license.

The Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club attended a bus-trip, organized by Councilman, Russ Lipari to Atlantic City's Showboat and Casino on Tuesday, October 18th, which was a big success. The seniors enjoyed a fun filled day down by the Jersey shore along with a chance to strike it rich. Prior to leaving in the morning our seniors enjoyed muffins and fresh fruit donated by Ms. Charlotte Sodora from Care-One of Wellington in

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Hackensack. During the bus ride there were many games and chances to win prizes, which were donated by Councilman Justin DiPisa and Councilman Russ Lipari.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Oct. 1, Saturday, 10 a.m.** Attended the Junior Woman's Club Brunch at Stony Hill with Councilwoman Pam Link. It was a wonderful event

**Noon** We then went to Town Day at Woodland Park. As anticipated it was a huge success and we thank Recreation Director Rkob Brady for all his work and we thank all the organizations and Borough Departments that participated.

**Oct. 4, Tuesday, 7 p.m.** I attended the special Library Board Meeting.

**Oct. 6, Thursday, 7 p.m.,** Councilwoman Pam Link and I attended a special Rutherford Citizens Finance Committee Meeting at their Borough Hall. I prepared a report for them on the work that our Department of Public Works does on Garbage Pick Up and Recycling. We gave them a copy of our Environmental Calendar with special notes. Personnel questions were asked and we gave them our analysis on the benefits of keeping that service under the Borough's cost control rather than bidding it out to outside Garbage Haulers. The Committee thanked us for our input and we gave them permission to discuss the matter further with Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

**Oct. 7, Friday,** Called to arrange to meet with Governor Christie's Chief of Staff Rich Bagger in Trenton on Monday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**Oct. 9, Sunday, 10 a.m.** I attended and officiated at the Ribbon Cutting and Opening of Curley's Homemade Ice Cream Store in the Route 17 Shopping Center, near Goldberg's Bagel Shop. I was impressed with the tour of the store and the amazing variety of ice cream, frozen Yogurt and Gelato. I now consider myself a customer and will be trying many varieties.

**Oct. 10, Monday, 2:30 p.m.** Met with Rose Sees to continue our work on the Borough Business Bulletin.

**Oct. 11, Tuesday, 6:45 a.m.,** Tax Collector Chita Parker and I to left Hasbrouck Heights to get to Bergen Community College Moses Building for Bergen County League Breakfast featuring speakers from the Tax Assessors and Treasurers organization. We were given background information and the speakers spoke of changes in state law as to employee retirements, including pension and health benefit

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reforms. I also came away with ideas to bring to the Council to consider that might help us with our 2012 Budget.

**6:30 p.m.** I attended the Police Committee Meeting I had called with Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Deputy Police Commissioner Dave Gonzalez and Police Chief Michael Colaneri.

**7 p.m.** I attended the Fire Committee Meeting I had called with Fire Commissioner John Dingertopadre and Deputy Fire Commissioner Sonya Buckman and Fire Chief Kevin Todd, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Rich Giarratana and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Pat Hayes along with Business Administrator/ CFO Michael Kronyak.

**8 p.m. Council Meeting**

**Oct. 13, Thursday, 9 a.m.** I left at 8:30 a.m. to attend the NJ Transit Board Meeting in Newark. I conveyed to the Board residents concerns about the need to look at the bus service and the anticipated problems that they believe will arise when the Westmount project in Wood-Ridge is completed. It is believed that an anticipated growth of some 1800 people in that area. Our Police Department's Traffic Bureau is aware of the anticipated traffic flow problems and will keep abreast of any and all information that is made available as to how many cars and people coming through Hasbrouck Heights there will be via Passaic Avenue. Some residents who foresee problems with seating on buses traveling the Boulevard and have said that it is already difficult now to find seats on the bus by the time they get to the South end of town. I conveyed those concerns to Jim Gingatano, Vice President NJT Bus Division and he said he would look into the current and future concerns of the residents.

I offered to hold a public meeting here in Hasbrouck Heights for New Jersey Transit to hear the concerns of commuters directly and to be able to address their concerns. I hope to hear from and if not I will return to Newark to again ask for answers to residents concerns.

A number of Unions were also present that day and they said they would like to help if and when we have a meeting here in Hasbrouck Heights. I turned over the business cards they gave me to the Borough Clerk for future use.

During the second part of my report, I spoke about Bergen County Light Rail matters as the Chair of the New Jersey Assn. of Railroad Passengers Light Rail Panel.

**Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday.** I met with Administrator Michael Kronyak on a number of matters pertaining to the Borough during the week.

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**Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday,** Officiated at the Grand Opening of Man Cave the former location of Chez Vincent Barber shop. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pam Link, Dave Gonzalez, Russell Lipari and John Dingertopadre also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

**Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m. Monday,** I met with Governor Christie's Chief of Staff, Richard Bagger in the Caucus Room. Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak was present as I had asked him to bring in the extensive file we had on problems with D.O.T. It is almost 12 inches in thickness.

I spoke about our history of concerns with the Environmental Basin and the money wasted, in my opinion, on that project. We had said from the very outset it would cause more problems, not solve any and that it should be placed on the east side of Route 17. We enumerated the number of problems we have had with D. O. T. because we had predicted it would not be maintained and the area was a mess.

I spoke of my upsetment with the D.O. T. Commissioner for not having agreed to our completed application to place Red Light Cameras on Route 17. That we were told we were on a waiting list in 2010. I explained and was later backed up by Police Chief Michael Colaneri who joined the meeting. He verified that Hasbrouck Heights was the first light drivers would hit all the way from New York to the Williams Avenue location. We further emphasized all of the problems we had on Route 17, both north and south, and that it was evident since we have three traffic light there beginning at Williams, then one at Franklin Avenue and the last one at the White Castle Jug Handle. The department was not hamstrung by the legislation, but chose the arbitrary number of 25 to participate in the pilot program. We were listed as number 30, then we were told three towns dropped out and we moved into position 27. I ask Mr. Bagger to please look into this matter. Certainly the issuance of tickets, as verified by the Police Chief, would be controlled locally and revenue would be brought into the Heights, but it would also promote safety. Eventually, Bagger said, the revenue would probably go away and we said that would be okay, because then our section of the highway would be safer.

We also spoke of the poor maintenance of D.O.T. ramps and roadways including Route 46. The debris in those areas warranted a notice by the Board of Health as to the matter and we were putting them on notice. The Chief gave Mr. Bagger photos of vegetation growing 6 feet high and causing problems that was certainly detrimental to the reputation of the Clean Community we strive to keep here in Hasbrouck Heights.

The Chief also gave information that was put into effect by an Executive Order given by then Governor Jim McGreevey that causes people to pay not only the \$49 for

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processing due the State, but the additional cost of \$75 per person – who must then go to a place in Paterson to have them done. He noted that this includes the Board of Education, and it is a waste of time and money when the Hasbrouck Heights Police Dept. can do the work here in town, without the \$75 fee per person. This also seemed of interest to the Governor's Chief of Staff since it would ultimately save the taxpayer money.

I personally thanked Rich Bagger for his time and for saving me the drive to Trenton, by coming to Borough Hall here in Hasbrouck Heights.

**Noon:** Continued to work with Rose Marie Sees on the Borough Business Bulletin. Mrs. Geftic of the High School had told us of her heavy schedule time problems to help layout the paper, but was kind enough to have her student prepare the Recreation department's two pages. Next year we will meet with her in the summer to work jointly on the new process that both Ro Sees and I will learn.

**Oct. 18, Tuesday, 7 p.m.** Councilwoman Pam Link and I visited the Haunted Halloween Woodland Park sponsored by the Recreation Dept. and met up with Recreation Dept. Commissioner Sonya Buckman who was helping with the children who were going on the hayrides. The Park was transformed and the Pavilion was filled with children, and parents enjoying refreshments while others viewed the Ghostbusters Movie.

**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**, The Bergen County League of Municipalities Meeting with BPU President Lee Solomon regarding Hurricane Irene problems with utility companies, etc. This took place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bergen County Administration Building in Hackensack. I gave the President of PSE&G a list of our Borough's concerns and also gave one to BPU President Lee Solomon.

**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 8:30 a.m.** Meeting with PSE& G re: communication problems and response time concerns. Three representatives came and we had a very good meeting that resulted in a better plan of contact and timely responses where possible in emergency situations. After that meeting, Mike Kronyak joined PSE&G Representative Dave Hollenbeck and Richard Pentecost for a walk through of the Streetscape areas; the two completed and two more set to begin in a few weeks.

I am back to my regular weekly Saturday Morning meetings with residents in the Library.

That concludes my report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**CONSENT AGENDA:** 169. Approving List of Volunteer Fire Department Members who Qualified for Credit Under the LOSAP Program for 2010

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolution was approved (Copy attached).

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** Nicholas Coviello from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company One

Kurt Wrede from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company One

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolutions were accepted with regret.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2271:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2271 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried.

Dragan Blanusa, 127 Division Avenue, was reading the October 20 Observer where Mrs. Grace Hampel wrote that if Teterboro were to get divided, Hasbrouck Heights would lose almost \$200,000 of revenue of shared services. He looked in the budget that Hasbrouck Heights received \$94,000 from Teterboro. He was told that this portion of the meeting was relative to Ordinance No. 2271. Mr. Blanusa asked where the money was coming from (for this ordinance). Mr. Kronyak said it was being funded by the issuance of debt. Mr. Blanusa again referred to the budget and the figure \$94,454 from Teterboro. Mr. Kronyak explained this was a revenue that the Borough anticipates for the service provided to Teterboro for fire coverage. It was different from the ordinance. It was a separate fund of accounting. He explained the details of a capital ordinance. Mayor Heck also explained details of the budget and also his

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2271 (cont'd):**

reference to the division of Teterboro, that it had nothing to do with this ordinance. She said when he wanted to discuss budget, that they would be happy to meet with him.

There being no one else wishing to speak on this ordinance, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing which was made by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$80,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$75,000.00"** 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.

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, 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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried. Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

Justin Watrel, 506 Collins Avenue, questioned the closing of the Library on Sundays, noted that the Library is well used on Sundays. He was advised by Mayor Heck that this should be addressed to the Library Board, that the Library is in charge of their own budget, that the Borough Council allots \$790,000 over and above what the State says should be given. They in turn decide on how to use those monies. They had a difficult time with benefits and pension and came to this decision.

Wayne Ferrar, 307 Raymond Street, had received a Notice of Hearing that someone was buying the Roy Perham house and that no variance was needed to take down the home and two homes were to be erected. He thought the letter was deceiving, that some criteria or explicit letter should be given. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Chandless to

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respond who said he was not familiar with the application to divide the property, but

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with his own familiarity with the property that two lawful lots exist, which under our ordinance can face either direction. The difficulty here is that the State law exempts one and two family houses from site plan. He thought the lot was 100 x 125 and that there would not be variances as long as the builder complies with all other requirements, there is the question of the subdivision and the neighbors are noticed. He had every right to go before the Planning Board. The meeting for November was canceled and changed to December 7.

Leticia Cueto-Borsani, 187 Field Avenue, questioned when someone makes a complaint to the Building Department and they tell you the matter has gone to the Health Department because it becomes a health issue, how long does one have to wait to receive information from that department that it is going to be taken care of, or the issue is going to be looked into, how long a wait does the resident have to wait to get a response. She had made her complaint on October 17. Mayor Heck thought it would be appropriate if she meet with Health Commissioner Lipari and Deputy Health Commissioner Link after this meeting and they will follow through. Mr. Kronyak would also check.

Dragan Blanusa, 127 Division Avenue, had a problem with The Observer and did not know the representative, he questioned the way he was quoted. He was told to meet with the editor of the paper. His concern was with the lights at the Firemen's Memorial on the flag. Mr. Kronyak believed Mr. Blanusa had reported this at the last council meeting, that night an e-mail was sent to PSEG and the bulb was changed and on the flag pole in front of the library. As of the last council meeting, the memorial has been lit. Mr. Kronyak had met with three representatives from PSEG, who would try to be more diligent. Mr. Blanusa said there are three flags and one is not on in front of the Police Department. Chief Colaneri said he would check it but told him to not wait two weeks, to stop in at the Police Desk when he observed this. Blanusa said when the people vote they put the trust in you to represent them and try to save money and do the best for them, "sometime you have to see the problems what the people have here in town and hear em." Mayor Heck said if he wanted to talk politics, he could visit her in the library from 10 am. to 12 noon. He then went into garbage pickup on holidays. Mayor Heck said he as a citizen had every right to come to a budget meeting. She continued that Hasbrouck Heights picks up garbage twice a week, many other towns once a week all year long. Each department was asked to cut their budgets to save the taxpayers money, that he couldn't make complaints about a budget that was adopted months ago. He had a question for Police Commissioner DiPisa, that there were a couple of home invasions or burglaries, and was told by Mayor Heck to talk to the Police Chief.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

There being no one else, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion

which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:** 170. Possible Litigation or Contract Negotiation

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution to Close was accepted.

**MOTION TO RE-OPEN MEETING:**

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried the meeting was re-opened to conduct the following business.

**RESOLUTIONS:** 171. Authorizing a Professional Contract with Richard A. Gantner, Esq., or in the alternative depending upon scheduling, with Carol Finkelstein Laskin, Esq., to provide professional services as a public hearing officer in a labor dispute with an employee of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights

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

**ADJOURN:**

At 10:04 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link 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 October 25, 2011.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk