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**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**April 26, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 8:09 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 3, 2011 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 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:** Councilwoman Link gave the Invocation as follows:

“From Mahatma Ghandi: Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from an indomitable will. Be the change you want to see in the world and always, honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress.”

**HEARING:** Lamparello, et als. V. Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, et als.

Mayor Heck called on Special Attorney Steven Sinisi, regarding the aforementioned matter. He said this matter was previously filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Hackensack, by way of order to show cause, initiated by the plaintiffs. He summarized that after the matter was filed in court, the parties through their respective counsel conferred and arrived to a resolution. The attorneys were present. The Governing Body is obliged to conduct a hearing at a public meeting to review the terms of the proposed settlement, accept them and authorize counsel for the governing body for a consent order. The defense attorney was required to file the appropriate notices with property owners located within 200 feet of the subject

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premises, utilities servicing the borough and counsel of record in this matter. He invited Mr. Epstein first, and then Mr. Toronto to speak.

Andrew Epstein of Lampf, Lipkind, Prupis & Petigrow represented the property owner at 214 Terrace Avenue Realty and the operator of the surgical center to be conducted at 214 Terrace Avenue.

Phil Toronto represented the plaintiffs in this matter, Lamparello et als.

Mr. Epstein stated he had filed with the Borough Clerk the proofs of service and proof of publication in the local newspaper, The Observer.

At this time, Mr. Sinisi asked to mark the official proof of publication in The Observer as Exhibit #1. He asked that collectively (3) the transmittals of the affidavits of service indicating certified mail receipts be marked as Exhibit #2. He asked that the proposed Consent Order as a stand-alone exhibit be marked as Exhibit #3. He stated for the record that his signature was the only one not appearing here, he would not sign unless authorized by his clients and that was the purpose of this hearing. A question of why there was a docket number missing, it was noted they did not have one. The court assigns those when cases are brought by way of order to show cause, we have one now and it will be inserted. Mr. Sinisi asked Mr. Epstein to give a brief synopsis of the terms of the proposed settlement and set the table for the reading of those terms by indicating the nature of the lawsuit.

Mr. Epstein noted the litigation was commenced by Mr. Toronto that there were particular problems his clients had which existed with a backup generator. It was defended this was a non-conforming use, the plans were submitted to the zoning officer who didn't find any problems with it. They were here in January for a meeting with the governing body and as a result it was determined to seek a practical solution for (1) his clients did not want problems with the neighbors, (2) litigation is costly and uncertain for all involved, (3) there were a variety of proposed revisions, basic revisions are shown on the plans submitted, the generator is relocated and landscaping provided. Mr. Sinisi interrupted by requesting to mark the plans dated March 14 as Exhibit #4. Mr. Epstein continued that with respect to the closed settlement, the complaint would be dismissed with prejudice which means it can't be reinstated by these particular plaintiffs. The purpose of having a public hearing is to raise issues about whether it can be reinstated by anyone who received notice. The permits that have been issued to date are in full force and effect. A temporary Certificate of Occupancy which expires on has been issued and there will be an application to renew it. His clients are directed to expeditiously relocate the generator and perform landscaping work as per plans submitted. Pending the approval of the settlement, new permits will be requested from

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the zoning officer. Mr. Sinisi interjected that site plan and variance approval as well would require public notice under the Land Use Law and local ordinance. Mr. Epstein agreed and would conform to those regulations. The final provision of the order (paragraph 5), even though there is work contemplated to be done, that they could continue to operate with those existing permits until the approval process is cleared so the settlement is fully implemented.

Mr. Sinisi invited Mr. Toronto to speak. Mr. Toronto asked that two words – “expeditiously” asking the applicant move as quickly as possible to get the work done, get the generator done and foliage to block the view. He also noted “prejudicious”, they knew they could not bring this action again, but should for any reason the defendant not perform the settlement agreement, they would have the right to immediately file the court for an order to enforce a settlement agreement. He thanked Mr. Sinisi for his guidance in this, the Mayor and Council for their patience and help, with Mr. Epstein saying same here.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mr. Sinisi asked the Mayor to close the hearing and proposed the governing body by a roll call vote consider a motion to approve and accept the terms of the proposed settlement placed before them in the exhibits and authorize it be executed on behalf of the borough as the interim borough attorney.

Mayor Heck requested a motion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck asked that the regular meeting be continued and asked the clerk to read the communications:

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter of Commendation for outstanding job by Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department with regard to a grease fire at Skyline Apartments
  - 2) Letter of Commendation for Mr. Spindler on a job well done regarding the trimming of trees at 229 Roosevelt Avenue
  - 3) Invitation to Mayor and Council to Moonachie's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 4) Letter from N.J. Department of Transportation advising that Hasbrouck Heights three applications for the NJ

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Automated Enforcement/Red Light Running Pilot Program  
have been added to the pending list.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any items read into the record. Items #1, 2 and 4 were requested to be read into the record (copies attached).

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

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$470,771.06 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 read a letter from Chief Michael Maguire, of the Borough of Moonachie, to Chief Colaneri expressing the Moonachie Police Department's thanks for assistance provided at the funeral of Retired Moonachie Police Officer James Rose. Hasbrouck Heights Police Officer Behr provided traffic assistance in Hasbrouck Heights which was appreciated by the Rose Family and Police Department. Under Police Activities, he reported all second graders in Lincoln, Euclid and Corpus Christi schools were photographed and fingerprinted by Youth Officer Sgt. Joseph Rinke at no cost to the borough and sponsored by the Lions Club. The HHPD will be part of a pilot program allowing non-law enforcement officers to

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participate for the first time in the Special Olympics. Anyone interested was advised to contact the police at 201-288-6019 or hhp.com. An "Operation Take Back" was conducted by the Police Department on April 30 where old prescription medication was collected. A \$6,400 grant was received from the NJ Dept. Of Highway Safety for drunk driving enforcement. Under violations, he reported that in March there were 618 as compared to March 2010, 322. Under Land Use, he reported bad weather and the uncertain economy has affected the Building Department's activity during the early part of the year. Spring has brought a renewed energy to residents and they are once again refurbishing their homes. April saw a return in activity with 71 permits issued during the month, two Certificates of Occupancy for Businesses were issued and 10 for Residential resale were issued, 88 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with 70 passing on the first inspection. The Building Inspector had to do 11 return inspections because of no one being on the premises when initially scheduled. Fines were issued for doing work with no permits in the amount of \$750. The property maintenance inspector made 33 inspections, one summons was issued followed by a court appearance. Residents are reminded that shrubs should be trimmed so that the sidewalks are left clear for pedestrian traffic.

**RECREATION & PARKS:** Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the Department of Public Works has applied grass seed to all of the parks with the exception of Polifly Park. That park lost two very large trees to a storm last summer and is in need of new trees along with top soil to replace the large areas of roots that were taken out. Bill Spindler, DPW Superintendent, met with a horticulturist at the park to design a plan that would best suit the area and will implement the plan within the next few weeks. This Monday a meeting is scheduled to follow up on the Open Space Grant Program that will include improvements at the Firemen's Memorial Park. Part of the improvements is new concrete sidewalks, lighting, and irrigation as well as re-pointing the stone at the Firemen's Bell. At Depken Field, issues will be discussed about financing of a fence along Franklin and Ravine Avenues. Upgrading the park and play ground area at the field will also be discussed. At Woodland Park, bids are ready to go out for the replacement of the pavilion.

Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported the spring events include summer camp registration was held April 21 and 26. The Recreation Center is open on most Friday nights. Track and Field competed in two meets so far and congratulations were extended to Franklin Garcia who won the Long Jump at the N.J. Striders meet in Mahwah. Adult volleyball and basketball programs are ongoing, as well as senior programs in the Senior Center. As Library liaison, she reported total items circulated in March was 11,104 compared to 2010 which was 9,895, a 12% increase. There were 32 new patrons registered and current active cardholders is 5,014. There were 284 reference questions answered.

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**STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION:** As Commissioner, Councilman Gonzalez On March 24, the Department of Public Works dispatched its salt spreading trucks throughout town because of a snow and ice event that day. Hopefully that was the last we will see of this kind of weather. The Franklin Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pumping Station underwent some needed improvements this past month. The float system which activates the three pumps in the facility were changed and upgraded to an electronic measuring system as compared to the mechanical system. Also installed at the Pump Station was a natural gas fueled emergency generator system and electronic surge protection along with transfer switches completing the improvements. The DPW used 10 tons of asphalt to repair the road at the Recycling Center located at their facility on 1 Plant Road. Repairs:

1. Garbage Truck # 101 – replaced rear springs & seat belt assembly.
2. Roll-off #111 – replace access steps to drivers cab.
3. Street Sweeper – replace all hoses.
4. Front-end loader #444 G – replace cutting edge on bucket.
5. Tree Truck – replace two batteries.
6. Stump Grinder – replace all cutting teeth on wheel.
7. Dodge Pickup Truck – replace U-joint.

With regard to environmental, Councilman Gonzalez reported a letter was sent to the NJ DOT regarding cleanup on the jug handles of Routes 46 and 17. He continued that the Environmental and Transportation Committee is conducting a slogan contest and poster contest. He read the themes and rules for each contest. Under Recycling, he reported the container would be at Central Avenue on May 7, there would be no garbage pickup on May 30, Memorial Day, a holiday, and a shredding event was held April 2 which generated 5,900 pounds, and because of that he would participate in the Dunk Tank at the Street Fair May 15.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Under Finance, Commissioner Link reported the Current Fund cash balance at March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$30,249.72 and at February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$4,987,130.35 which represents a decrease of \$4,956,880.63. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.35%. Cash receipts for the month of March totaled \$506,299.45 of which \$274,303.85 was for Current Taxes, \$126,212.29 was Delinquent Taxes and \$105,783.31 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of March totaled \$5,467,425.46 of which \$1,919,932.75 was for Local School Taxes, \$679,357.18 was for Debt Service, \$579,113.44 was for Salaries and \$2,289,022.09 was for Other Expenses. The municipal budget was introduced on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with the public hearing scheduled for tonight, adoption will not occur until some time in May. Later in the meeting the CFO will give a brief summary and answer any questions regarding the budget.

Under Social Services, she reported the food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need can register by calling Rob Brady at (201) 288-4143. Thank you to the generous volunteers that help

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stock and supervise the food pantry. From March 28 through April 25 (five weeks) there were 140 visitors to the Food Pantry who received food and a food store gift card if available. We would like to especially thank the following for their most generous donations of monetary donations, food or gift cards: First Reformed Church, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday and Meals with a Mission, St. John the Divine Church, Janice Trippodi, Janet Pincus, Josephine McClean, Dorothy Gumbrecht, Kathy Van Jura, Phyllis Burman, Mike DePalma, Bertha Spader, Lynn Callahan, La Forge Family, Diane Fontaccione, Mion Family, Tribeca Bakery and The Bread Man, Maria Wochiechowski and the Bergen County Municipal Clerks Association. The response from the residents and friends of Hasbrouck Heights continues to be outstanding and very much appreciated. If you would like to donate, the items most needed are all types of toiletries, soaps, paper products, detergents, rice, beans, coffee, tea, juices and jelly. Please no pasta or vegetables as these are in abundance. Donations may be dropped off at the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Under Public Facilities, Commissioner Link reported The Department of Public Works has completed painting the Fire Chiefs' Office along with all other Fire Department Offices located within the Public Safety Building. At the Police Department a new water faucet was installed in one of the bathrooms and a new security door lock was installed at headquarters as well. The fence across the street from headquarters was repaired due to snow that was stockpiled from both the Police and Fire Department parking lots. The fire alarm systems were inspected in all Borough facilities. Faulty wiring was repaired and batteries were replaced. All new paper towel and soap dispensers were installed as part of a program to have a more efficient means of dispensing those products at no cost to the Borough provided by the paper towel vendor. The schedule of meetings was as follows: Community Room – 24, Caucus Room – 10, Council Chambers – 4, Senior Center – 5 (other than senior activities).

**FIRE:** Under Fire, Commissioner Dingertopadre reported there were 39 fire calls, 22 non-emergency calls and 193 EMS calls, seven drills, six meetings, two stand bys, 14 special events, with a total of 283 calls and 1,409 man hours by our volunteers.

**HEALTH:** Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported the Lions Club will be sponsoring a blood drive on May 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the high school. Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program (H.A.R.P.) offered a Free Family & Friends CPR course, which was held on Monday, April 25, 2011. This course was very well attended and offered specific American Heart Association CPR skills to an adult/child and infant. The participants learned the signs of a choking victim and how to correctly assist, along with how to call 911 and answer a dispatcher's questions. The Health Dept. also sponsored a free certification CPR & AED Heartsaver course to all Borough coaches on Thursday, April 7, 2011. The Board of Health has scheduled the third annual AARP Safe Driver Course to be held on May

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3<sup>rd</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> in Borough Hall. This refresher course teaches safe driving strategies and defensive driving techniques and will be open to all ages. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two point reduction from your driver's license and a five percent deduction on car insurance. The cost is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members. The Board of Health collected during the month of March a total of \$4,994.00 in fees. The Environmental Health Specialist performed over 29 Health inspections, investigated complaints and spot checks. The Boro Registrar collected \$2,655.00 in certified copy fees, reported 85 death certificates, recorded 15 birth records, accepted three marriage applications and recorded four marriage licenses. The Health Department issued 1,019 dog licenses and collected a total of \$12,817.00 in licensing fees during the first three months of 2011. The Board of Health would like to remind Religious, Civic and Non-Profit Organizations who are sponsoring a food event they must obtain a Temporary Food License from the Health Dept. at least 2 weeks prior to the event. A temporary Food license is \$25.00.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Tuesdays** Finance Committee Chair Pam Link, Deputy Chair Justin DiPisa, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I have been meeting. These have been challenging times and even though the budget to be introduced tonight shows an increase we are determined to continue to work hard to reduce it.

**March 23, and April 6th** As Vice Chair I have attended Countywide Community Development Block Grant Committee Meetings as we awaited word as to whether or not the Federal Government would be allowing the HUD grants to be funded this year. We have recently learned that monies will be cut by approximately 20% less than last year. We did however continue to hear grant applications.

**April 2, Saturday** Attended the Borough's Free Shredding Event with Councilman David Gonzalez and it was very well attended as witnessed by the 5,900 lbs of Shredded paper that exceeded Dave's projection of wanting 5,000 lbs. Weather permitting we will see him in the Dunk Tank at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fair. After that I was back to my regular Saturday mornings at the Library from 10 till noon.

**April 6, 7:30 pm.** Attended the Planning Board Meeting where discussions by Remington Vernick Planners continued with the Members of the Board. The public is invited to the May 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting to voice their opinions as to the review and updating of the Borough's Master Plan.

**April 7** Met with D.O.T. Commissioner Jim Simpson to again ask him to give us a current status report on the disposition of our Red Light Camera applications. He said

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there was a limit on the number of applications approved and Hasbrouck Heights was one of those waiting for an opening. I continue to stay current with my contacts with him and his office.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday,** Attended the Little League Opening with Council Members David Gonzalez, Pam Link, Sonya Buckman and Russell Lipari.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday** Attended the Little League Pancake Breakfast with Council Members Russell Lipari and Pam Link. Dave Gonzalez and Sonya Buckman were there earlier.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> Monday,** Attended and Moderated the Contemporary Club's Candidates Night. Council Members Justin DiPisa and Pam Link were also in attendance.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:30 am,** Attended the Bergen County League of Mayors Breakfast. United Way Speaker Tom Toronto spoke about the need for special housing and those already being sponsored by the Boroughs of Allendale and Ramsey. Also discussed was the state of the Council on Affordable Housing.

**11:30 am** Attended the Finance Meeting with Chair Pam Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak. An in depth discussion was made of all possible areas of saving money with the least amount of impact on services to the residents and businesses.

**7:30 pm** Council Meeting

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8:30 am** The Business Community Committee met and Cliff Witmyer gave a status report on the number of vendors already in place. Rose Sees and I arranged for the Bergen County Band Shell to be at the Street Fair and discussion of an area of tables and seating near the concert stage was discussed. Various work by the Borough Clerk Ro Sees, Business Administrator Mike Kronyak and I continue as we get closer to the event. All sponsors are in place to cover the \$30,000 Cliffhanger Production contract. This allows for all rides, amusements and entertainment to be free to all who attend the event. Banners are up and publicity in place.

**At 10 am,** Meeting with DMV as to the auto licenses on Railroad Avenue followed by an 11 o'clock meeting in the Council Chamber that included the interested owners from Railroad Avenue. At that time the representatives of the DMV gave their opinions as it pertained to the business licenses in that area. Borough Clerk Rose Sees, Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak, Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Building Inspector Nick Melfi were also in attendance.

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**April 16, 9:30 am** Attended the Egg Hunt at Depken Field. It appeared to be one of the largest crowds we have had in recent years. We were surprised since the weather was cold and cloudy. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pam Link, Sonya Buckman, David Gonzalez and Russell Lipari attended and on the Council's behalf I thanked the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee for all their hard work. Overall Chair Pat Link also thanked the Police and Fire Departments as well as the DPW. and Mayor's Youth Committee members for all of their work along with Mayor's Celebration Egg Hunt Chairs Mrs. Nazzaro and Blanusa and the Committee's volunteers. Especially thanked was the Easter Bunny who happily posed for pictures with the children.

**April 19, Tuesday, 7 pm,** I chaired the first 9-11 Committee Meeting. It was well attended and productive. Council Members Justin DiPisa and Pam Link, Borough Clerk Ro Sees and Borough Administrator Kronyak also assisted. I was pleased at the ideas and I have attached a copy of the Minutes provided by Mrs. Sees. Along with a list of the attendees to my report.

In attendance: Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa, Councilwoman Link, Michael Kronyak, Bill Spindler, Katie Gasparino, Ed Sees, Rich Catalo, Cynthia Capozzi, Ray Vorisek, Fritz Rethage, Paul Carris, Marie Gallo, Thomas Mason and Ro Sees

I began by noting that the Firemen's Memorial site on the Boulevard at the circle presently had no electricity. To put electricity there would require PSEG to install a line and bill monthly. A suggestion to apply for a grant from the B.C. Open Space Trust Fund for \$20,000 was made by Mike Kronyak and that needed matching \$20,000 funding to update the electric, put in new sidewalks and a sprinkler system. Some of the matching funding could be solicited through sponsors.

I suggested installing two beams of light from the memorial facing upwards. It would be a constant reminder of all the lives lost on 9-11 and could be lit on weekends, or depending on the costs, more frequently. See the Attached 9-11 Minutes provided by Mrs. Sees.

**April 20, Wednesday, 1:30 pm** Attended the Library's Crafts to Share Tea Party and delivered the Mayor and Council's Appreciation and Recognition Award to them for the over 4,000 hours of work they had done in making crocheted and knitted items that were contributed to Hackensack University Hospital and Tomorrow's Children at HUMC.

**8:30 pm** Attended the Library Board of Trustees regular meeting. Various Committee Reports were given and plans for future fundraising were discussed.

**April 21, 11 am.** I attended Congressman Steve Rothman's Mayors' Round Table in North Arlington with Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak. Discussed were budget cuts

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at the Federal Level and also the availability of a number of grants. Of course, since they are Federal Grants there is much competition in being awarded those grants, the Borough does however apply for them.

**April 22, Friday,** Councilwoman Pam Link, the Council's Social Services Liaison and I were given the honor of formally receiving a check for \$1,383 donated to the Food Pantry and formally presented by Rev. Fraita-Perez of Holy Trinity Church, Rev. Joseph Pickhard and Mark Smith who helped raise the funds at the First Reformed Church's recent event. Photos were taken and a release submitted by the group will be circulated.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, 10 am.,** I had a very interesting and informative meeting with the newly formed local organization, The Chic Charity Club Executive Board. They are sponsoring a Clothing Drive at the Central Avenue Parking Lot. Proceeds will go to the Food Pantry. They are also sponsoring a "Spring Fling" on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**12:30 pm** Performed a wedding.

**April 25, Monday, 8:30 am.** I met with D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler, Mayor's D.P.W. Liaison Garrett Pepe and Borough Administrator Kronyak to review the Sewer Maintenance Program and the problem experienced in the area of the Boulevard from Central Avenue North this past weekend. Also discussed was the number of garbage left out over the weekend and the need to warn those residents to adhere to the non Pickup on Holidays of Garbage and Recycling schedule.

**April 26, Tuesday, 11:30 am** Finance Meeting.

**7 pm** Police Committee Meeting with Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak.

8 pm Council Meeting

May Poster Contest and Slogan Contest sponsored by the Environmental and Transportation Commission David Gonzalez is the council Liaison. Deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** -I would like to remind everyone that tomorrow is the School Election at which time you will be able to vote for the candidates of your choice to serve on the School Board and decide whether or not to vote for the School Budget. Polls are open from 2 pm till 9 pm.

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April 30 at 10 am the Community Awareness Access For All Committee will present its first Special Forum featuring Supt. of Schools Dr. Mark Porto who will speak about Special Education. The second speaker is Ann Ciavaglia who will speak about The New Journey Organization that addresses the needs of the physically challenged and those in need. It is also helpful to seniors.

That concludes my report.

**For the 9-11 Memorial Service planned this year, suggestions included:**

As was done on the first anniversary, walking from Corpus Christi Church to Burton Avenue and as the procession passed the various churches along Burton Avenue towards Passaic, the church bells could be sounded. The procession would end up at the Circle. The procession could be led by Honor Guards from the armed forces, police, fire and scouts. Bagpipers could lead the procession.

Mementos were suggested such as pins, ribbons, wristbands for the children. Councilman DiPisa, Ray Vorisek and Fritz Rethage were appointed as a committee for this.

Ed Sees asked if there could be a slide show showing pictures from 9-11 as the bagpiper(s) played Amazing Grace. Paul Carris said he had several slide shows which he could put on a disc. Mr. Kronyak said Rob Brady has used a blow up screen which a resident from Hasbrouck Heights owns which could be utilized. He would ask him.

Candles or flashlights were suggested.

All the choirs could be invited with those in attendance joining their voices.

The clubs such as the Lions and Kiwanis clubs would be invited to contribute.

Cindy Capozzi asked if the Junior Woman's Club could participate by sponsoring a poetry contest and/or poster contest which posters could be displayed in various stores, the library. She would bring this idea to the club board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall.

**ROSTER OF 9-11 COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDEES:**

Katie Gasparino, Ed & Ro Sees, Rich Catalo, Cynthia Capozzi, Ray Vorisek, Fritz Rethage, Paul Carris, Marie Gallo, Mike Kronyak, Bill Spindler, Thomas Mason, Mayor Heck, Councilman DiPisa and Councilwoman Link

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 71. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 29, Lot 1.01
  - 72. Authorizing a Contract with Steven D. Muhlstock, Esq. As Special Tax Appeal Counsel
  - 73. Protest of Fee Increase for 2011 From the Bergen County Utilities Authority
  - 74. Granting Permission to the Hasbrouck Heights Relay for Life to Conduct a "Paint Heights Purple" Day on May 1, 2011
  - 75. Approval of 2011/2012 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
  - 76. Authorizing a Raffle License for Hackensack Riverkeeper

On a motion by Councilman Dingertopadre, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved (Copies attached).

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck invited CFO/Administrator Michael Kronyak to make a brief statement recapping that the budget process started back in October. The budget was introduced on March 22, 2011, all under the CAPS, the 2% Levy CAP just by \$449, and under the budget spending CAP. The revenues are down by \$220,711, in excess of 5%. Under expenditures, most of the line items have stayed the same for several years. Total Appropriations increased \$368,428, 2.40%, within levy and spending CAPS. Debt Service decreased by \$77,000, but \$375,000 was paid off in bonds and \$655,000 in notes. Health insurance went up \$151,000 this year, the net increase after the employees contribution. Pension costs went up \$215,000 this year. Even though we lost some employees, this is not reflected for several years. Sewer service charges went up \$101,000, which is being investigated. The sanitary sewer landfill line item was reduced by \$20,000, with recycling doing well. DPW salaries increased by \$70,000, Police salaries decreased due to retirements, but no increased in non-union

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employees in 2010 or 2011, with 2 retirements coming up. The local purpose tax as introduced is up \$589,000, a little of 4%. The budget has been advertised, is on the website, and questions would be welcome. The committee is still looking into reducing the amount to be raised by taxation, including restructuring and reducing staff further.

When Mayor Heck invited anyone wishing to speak on the budget, to please come forward. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Elizabeth Nuzzo to Ethical Standards Board  
Joanna Kowalska to Mayor's 9-11 Committee  
Andrew Waring to Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company One

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Marilyn deRussy from Ethical Standards Board

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

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried.

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

Amanda Kistner, 50 Oak Grove Avenue, was speaking for the Hasbrouck Heights Relay for Life, Paint the Town Purple on Sunday, asked all residents to put something purple, either a balloon or ribbon, etc. She said the Relay for Life is a Cancer walk and all monies raised go to the American Cancer Society. Right now they were at \$20,000, with a goal of \$55,000. There were currently 37 teams. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Spindler to get purple ribbons for Borough Hall.

Mary Blanus, 127 Division Avenue, thanked on behalf of herself and Melissa Nazarro, Mayor Heck, Mrs. Sees and Pat Link's guidance, Chief Colaneri, DPW and Board of Education for their help provided in their organizing the Easter Egg Hunt this year. She also thanked all the council members who came out to help corral the children.

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

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Justin Watrel, 506 Collins Avenue, asked when couples get married and make a donation, he asked if there was a specific place for earmarking that donation. He was told the Friends of the Library programs or Municipal Alliance. She told him that when she was in the Assembly, she tried to put into law that legislators be allowed to perform weddings. She enjoys performing weddings.

Chris Semenech, 415 Jefferson Avenue, having asked the Police Department and Lt. Thomas Archer, what could be done about the speed of vehicles on Terrace Avenue especially late at night. The Chief would set up radar. Mayor Heck said it is dangerous when walkers do not have on light or reflective clothing.

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

**MOTION TO CLOSE: 77. Personnel and Possible Litigation**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**MOTIONS TO CLOSE CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the Closed Session and return to the regular meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

At 11:15 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre 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 26, 2011.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk