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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

May 24, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 8:27 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, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Councilman Russell A. Lipari

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Lipari gave the Invocation as follows:

“It is better to allow our lives to speak for us than our words. God did not bear the cross only 2,000 years ago. He bears it today, and he dies and is resurrected from day to day. It would be a poor comfort to the world if it had to depend on a historical God who died 2,000 years ago. Do not, then, preach the God of history, but show him as he lives today through you.” *Mahatma Gandhi*

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PETITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(May 10 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

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

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BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$127,419.50 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 Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE AND LAND USE: Under Police, Deputy Commissioner Gonzalez read a report submitted by Police Chief Michael Colaneri: the new 9-1-1 system has been delivered and installation begun, paid for by insurance proceeds after the present system sustained damage due to a power surge during a storm. The Department participated in the Annual Street Fair, officers helped reunite lost children with their families. Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Rinke, Ptl. D'Amico along with CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak, and himself were dunked in the Dunk Tank. Councilman Lipari, Ptl. Cooke, and Ian Rinke helped with \$600 raised for Special Olympics. On May 18, Chief Colaneri and Lt. Archer attended the Bergen County Police Memorial Service where a wreath was placed for Hasbrouck Heights Patrolman Gerard DeLamater who was killed in the line of duty. He read a letter from a resident commending Officer Armeli for responding to her call of a truck blocking her driveway to which he was able to find the owner and have it removed. Under Land Use, May was a busy month people were hoping to be outside and enjoy the outdoors so they started the activity towards making their homes more enjoyable. This department issued 89 permits totaling \$18,315. 2 Certificates of Occupancy for Businesses were issued, 11 for Residential resale were issued and 5 Zoning Compliances for the Industrial Zone. 110 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with 107 passing on the first inspection. The property maintenance inspector made 26 inspections with 16 Summonses issued followed by a court appearance. Residents are reminded that a summons for high grass may be issued without being given a warning. This will also serve as a reminder that storage of construction material after construction is completed on residential property is prohibited.

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RECREATION & PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman said her report was read during the Youth Week meeting by Maria Alcivar.

Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported 343 children are signed up for summer camp thus far. It is available to boys and girls ages 6 through 14 which begins on June 27 and ends on August 5. The following camp trips are still available: Wildwest City, Great Adventure, Hurricane Harbor, Liberty Science Center. The track and field will complete its season on May 26. Cross County will have registration early June for summer training. Adult basketball and volleyball are ongoing. As Library liaison, she reported total items circulated in April was 9,940 compared to 2010 were up 3%, There were 32 new patrons registered and current active cardholders is 5,051. There were 187 reference questions answered.

STREETS, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION: As Commissioner, Councilman Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works has completed planting 25 trees throughout town as part of the Tree Replacement Program that occurs every year during the spring season. Although the DPW has watered these trees, we would like the residents who received a tree to please care for the new planting to ensure its growth. The DPW was busy doing several tasks at our Street Fair that took place on Sunday, March 15th. Barricades and cones were put in place to block off the streets as requested by our Police Department. Garbage and recycling cans were placed throughout the area and were maintained during the event. Power cords were dropped from poles so that vendors would have use of electricity. A total clean up of the Boulevard was completed after the event that included sweeping and blowing off the sidewalks, sweeping the streets, and collecting garbage. As Recycling liaison, he reminded residents as the satellite container would be at the Central Avenue parking lot on June 4 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and no garbage pick up on Memorial Day, May 30. Later this year a second shredding event will be held. He was asking for a goal of 7,500 lbs. and if achieved he would participate in the Dunk Tank next year.

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC FACILITIES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link reported the Current Fund cash balance at April 30th was \$526,750.75 and at March 31st was \$30,249.72 which represents an increase of \$496,501.03. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.35%. Cash receipts for the month of April totaled \$3,837,362.16 of which \$3,670,924.76 was for Current Taxes, \$65,385.83 was Delinquent Taxes and \$101,051.57 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of April totaled \$3,340,861.13 of which \$1,919,932.75 was for Local School Taxes, \$573,006.92 was for Salaries and \$847,921.46 was for Other Expenses. The Chief Financial Officer will be working with the Tax Collector to determine if estimated tax bills will be required this year. Estimated bills are one way to ensure cash flow required to meet our obligations. Another option would be to borrow Tax Anticipation Notes but that is generally more costly.

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

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 stock and supervise the food pantry. From April 25 through May 16 (3 weeks) there were 80 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: Mrs. S, United Methodist Church, United Methodist Church Women, St. John the Divine Church, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday and Meals with a Mission, Diane Gallick, Mary Carney, Henry's Deli, The Bread Man and Tribeca Ovens, Rose Marie Casale, Kathy Van Jura, Josephine Falco, Ethel Ball, Carol Armison, Augie and Theresa Hund, Mr. Kinsley, Joe LeConte, Ron Ellis and Judy Marques. 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, fruits, 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.

The Public Facilities report was read at the Youth Week meeting by Brianna Walsh.

FIRE: Under Fire, Commissioner Dingertopadre reported that the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held its Annual Inspection on Saturday, May 7. The public was invited to observe the fire and rescue equipment displayed at the fire house. During the period of April 1 through April 30, there were 16 fire calls, 15 non-emergency and 115 EMS calls.

HEALTH: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported the Center for Disease Control has developed 15 capabilities to serve as National Public Health Preparedness Standards. The NJ State Health Department must complete assessments of these 15 capabilities in partnership with the local health departments in order to meet the CDC grant application requirements. The LINCS Agency - Bergen County Health Department is supposed to convene with other local health department agencies in the County as well as the essential community partners in order to complete the capabilities assessment by June 1 deadline. Each public health agency should either have the capabilities or have access to the required capabilities to a formal agreement with the LINCS agency, The FDA has a project providing materials and methods that affect health and food employees to understand the reasons why providing proper safety practices is important to prevent illnesses, deaths and loss of income and reputation resulting from food related diseases. The materials will be available in seven different languages.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Heck began her report by saying that this past week we lost three active citizens of Hasbrouck Heights. For Police Lt. Hank babula, who retired manuy years ago; Ann McGill a former Crossing Guard and Mr. Ed Rose, a long time volunteer with Boy Scout Pack 17 here in Hasbrouck Heights. He and Jim Toronto were two of the most dedicated individuals who kept Scouting alive here in Hasbrouck Heights. Our prayers are offered for them and their families.

I would like a moment of silence in their memory.

Tuesdays Finance Committee Chair Pam Link, Deputy Chair Justin DiPisa, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I have continued to meet. As previously noted this has been one of the worst budget years we have had in 25 years. Everything has hit in this one year. Tax appeals, surplus is down and low interest rates are very low, monies coming from permits down, foreclosures, and of course pension and health benefits up (no new tool kit legislation has happened in Trenton to help us). Our committee has already put several plans of action in place and there will be three less employees on our payroll come July; two from layoffs and one retirement with no new replacement. Cuts in Department budgets have been made and now we must work on the results of our police arbitration.

During that process it was noted that the Police Dept. has lost 7 men over the past 5 years; retirees included a Deputy Chief, Captain of Detectives, and Lieutenants. Those ranks were never filled and by ordinance were removed from the Police Organizational Chart. We did at one time have 32 Police Officers and now we have 29. Our department will remain at the number 30 when our budget is in better condition. Our DPW also remains one man short and will remain that way, until the budget is in better condition. In cooperation with the Finance Committee and the present circumstances, Department heads have made cuts and there is a reduction in overtime. We are still working hard to cuts costs without adversely impacting the services we need here in Hasbrouck Heights.

April 27, Wednesday, 7 pm I attended the TANAAC meeting in Moonachie. Quarterly reports were made available. I also asked for an update, if any, on the air pollution study that was completed a couple of years ago. That information is in our possession.

April 29, Friday, noon: I attended the Bergen County Community College Fifth Friday luncheon. Guest Speaker was Bill Baroni, Deputy Director of the NY/NJ Port Authority. He gave a very interesting speech with slides giving the progress of the 9-11 Memorial and the World Trade Center Building. Hard copy of the presentation is on file in our office.

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Mayor's Report (cont'd):

April 30, Saturday, 10 am to noon: The Community Awareness Access for All Committee hosted a very interesting meeting in the Senior Citizens Room of the Municipal Building. Council Members Pam Link, and I attended as members of the CAAFA Committee along with Councilmen Russell Liparti and Justin Di Pisa. Supt of Schools Dr. Mark Porto gave a very interesting talk on Special Education and education of all the students in the District. Mr. Mahon gave a brief presentation on New Journey since his wife Anne Ciavaglia Mahon was unable to attend. Important information was given out to those in attendance.

May 3, 10 a.m. I had made arrangements to visit the Franklin Avenue Senior Citizens Building. Mike Kronyak and I were there to listen to the seniors and their individual needs. We were later joined by Councilman Russell Lipari. It was a very interesting meeting and subsequently we will be meeting with Housing Authority personnel.

May 4, Wednesday, 10 a.m. I attended a meeting with Dept. of Transportation personnel and Police Chief Colaneri, Borough Engineer Ken Job and Borough Administrator at the site of the Environmental Basin on Franklin Avenue. Much was discussed and the fact that it was raining was important so that the D.O.T. experts could witness firsthand some of our complaints. Those complaints were a result of the warnings we had given them before the project started. The results of that meeting were presented at the last Work Session of the council by Engineer Ken Job.

Subsequent to the on-site meeting we had a follow-up meeting in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall.

1 p.m., to 2:30 p.m. Met with Library Director Mimi Hui to participate in an assessment and marketing survey that is in progress. A number of subsequent meetings are to be held with employees and the Board. Results will give us a better view of the Library's needs in the future – focusing on the next five years. We are proud of our library and want to continue to serve the community with the highest standards.

7 p.m. I attended the Planning Board Meeting. At 7:30 pm a Public Hearing was held on the updating of the Borough's Master Plan.

May 5, Thursday, 8 am I met with the Mayor's Business Community Committee and Cliff Witmyer of Cliffhangar Productions to go over final plans for the May 15 Third Annual Street Fair. Overall discussions were held at to preparations; number of vendors; entertainment; location of stages and rides; along with placement of tables and chairs for people to sit, eat and relax (new this year). Placement of Porta Johns were also reviewed.

Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak and Borough Clerk Rose Sees were the contact people between me and Cliff. Dave Fanale of Century 21 Eudan Realty and Bill Lenox

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of Lenox Auto Body were to be on hand for placement of vendors, etc. early Sunday morning. Chief Colaneri arranged for the Police to be on duty in the area and DPW Supt. Bill Spindler made arrangements for setup and for Dep. Supt. Jim Schneider to be there on Sunday for ongoing work, clean – up and also final clean up of the Boulevard after the event. The Dunk Tank was to be set up as last year in Heights Florist's Driveway with arrangements for Mike Kronyak, Chief Colaneri, Juvenile Officer Joe Rinke and Dep. Police Commissioner/DPW Commissioner David Gonzalez to be ready for dunking. My personal thanks to all.

9:30 am I met with Borough Clerk Ro Sees who gave me the scholarship applications to be reviewed for the Chris Heller Scholarships, The Mayor's Scholarship Award, The Andy Feintuch Award and the Quigg Scholarships.

6:30 p.m. As Chair of the Southwest Community Development Block Grant Committee I opened the meeting at which decisions would be made as to the allocation of monies for various grant requests. Even though the total dollars received were down by approximately 16% we were able to recommend money to all who applied. Those will now go to the County for their approval and then on to the Federal Government. Final decisions are expected in July. Hasbrouck Heights Grant request was recommended in the sum of \$80,450 for barrier free curb ramps. I also want to announce that Rob Brady our Open Space Representative reports that an \$18,000 was given to Hasbrouck Heights for its Firemen's Memorial Park for lighting, etc.

May 7, 7 p.m : Fire Commissioner John Dingertopadre, Deputy Fire Commissioner Sonya Buckman, Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pamela Link and Russell Lipari and I attended the Fire Department Inspection. Fire Chief Kevin Todd presented the members of his department and introduced Fist Asst. Fire Chief Richard Giarrantana and Second Asst. Chief Patrick Hayes. The equipment was lined up ready for inspection by the Mayor and Council and the residents of the Borough. Everything was in order and the Department members thanked for their outstanding service to the community.

May 10, Tuesday, Council Meeting and Work Session

May 11, 6 p.m. The Countywide Community Development Grant Committee Meeting. Even though the monies from HUD were cut, we were able to vote on grants to be distributed Countywide.

May 15, Sunday, 10 a.m., Third Annual Street Fair opened to wet streets and heavy clouds. Even with this bad weather, people began to come out and rides were opened for the children and before we long attendance was far more than anticipated that day.

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Estimates for the day were almost 20,000 people; less than the 30,000 we had last year under sunny skies, but a success nonetheless. The children had fun, Vendors were busy, the food was great, the concerts and children's shows enjoyed, and certainly the dunk tank was again a huge success.

Special Thanks to the sponsors who paid for this wonderful event.

Platinum Sponsor: Alfred Sanzari Enterprises

Gold Sponsors: Costa Memorial Home, Care One Wellington, Hackensack University Medical Center, Sanzari – Creamer and Hackensack Nissan.

Silver Sponsors: BeJay Drugs, Boiling Springs Bank, Otterstedt Insurance, Hekemian & Co. Inc. Hennessey Heights Funeral Home, TD Bank and Kundert Volvo.

Bronze Sponsors: Allen & Allen Insurance, Chandless, Weller & Kramer, Bill O'Shea's Florist, Hasbrouck Heights Pizza, Heights Flower Shoppe, Hilton Hasbrouck Heights, Holiday Inn Hasbrouck Heights, IHOP Hasbrouck Heights, Lenox Corp., Mason & Musella, Esqs., Pepe Plumbing & Heating, ShopRite of Lodi and Valley National Bank.

In Kind Sponsors included: Houlihans of Hasbrouck Heights, The Record/Herald News, The Observer, The Gazette and 101.5 RXP.

May 17, Tuesday 10:30 am I met briefly with Police Chief Colaneri and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak on a variety of matters to be announced at a later date..

11:30 am Finance Meeting

May 19, Thursday, 1:30 am Environmental Posters were judged and will be placed in the Library for all to see. Euclid, Lincoln and Corpus Christi Schools were notified of winners and that certificates will be ready for the meeting of the 24th. John of Bill O'Shea's Florist will again present the children with flowering plants at each of the three schools the first week in June.

May 21, Saturday, Attended the Library's Book and Bake sale. I am never disappointed and was able to purchase many books in wonderful condition. I like to share them with people and children I know.

May 22, Sunday, 10:30 am, Attended the First Mass of newly ordained Deacon Paul Carris. The church was crowded and Paul gave his first sermon for which he received a long and loud round of applause. There was a very wonderful article with photos in Monday's Local Section of the Record newspaper. I understand a story and photo also appeared in The Herald News.

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5:30 p.m. attended the Youth Week Dinner held in the Senior Center. Thanks to Ro Sees for all her work and thanks to Youth Week Advisor Barbara Kritzer for helping to organize the event.

On behalf of the People of Hasbrouck Heights, I wish to thank PSE&G for the planting of two new weeping Cherry Trees at the circle and the new bushes on either side of the Welcome to Hasbrouck Heights Sign on the corner of Passaic. They promised us they would do the plantings and have the area landscaped after the work they did at the Circle last year. Thank you again to PSE&G.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Monday is Memorial Day. Please take time to come to the Parade on Terrace Avenue and the special service that takes place immediately after at the Veterans memorial Park located between Henry and Passaic.

I continue to meet with residents on Saturday mornings from 10 am till noon. Of course those meetings will soon come to a close for the summer and then I will be available on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 86. Authorizing Permit for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights to Conduct Public Display of Fireworks on June 30, 2011
 - 87. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue a Check for Mayor's Scholarship Award
 - 88. Authorizing the Treasurer to issue a Check for the Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award
 - 89. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue Checks from the Trust Fund for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards
 - 90. Supporting Resolution Senate Bill No.54, which offers Relief from some of the Permitting Process for Regular De-snagging and Desilting of Local Streams
 - 91. Opposing Senate Bill No. 1351 which Amends the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.

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CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):

92. Urging the Governor and the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners to Return Cost Savings to Municipalities Served by the Sewerage System
93. Designating the Month of June as National Aphasia Awareness Month
94. Approval of 2011/2012 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
95. Authorizing Contract for Radio Maintenance
96. Authorizing a Professional Agreement with Appraisal Systems, Inc. to Provide a District-Wide Reassessment Program for the Tax Year 2012
97. Approval of Bylaw Amendments to the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund
98. Authorizing Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations at 151 Henry Street, Block 22, Lot 11, and Impressing a Lien for Costs Thereof upon the Premises
99. Supporting A-3412 Sharing the Burdens of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds
100. Authorizing Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer for Liquor License #0225-44-008-006 P.A.K.M. Associates LLC to Rt. 17 HH, LLC, t/a Wine and Beer Depot

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

APPOINTMENTS: William Pols to Rent Leveling Board
Benita Foresta to Rent Leveling Board
Karen McDowell to Ethical Standards Board

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

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RESIGNATIONS: Joan Verile from Rent Leveling Board
Ronald Kistner from Rent Leveling Board

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resignation was accepted.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**ORDINANCE NO. 2261:**

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE SUM OF \$125,000.00 TO ABIDE THE COST OF A REAL PROPERTY TAX RE-ASSESSMENT PROGRAM APPROVED OR ABOUT TO BE APPROVED BY THE BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION TOGETHER WITH RELATED NECESSARY EXPENSES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE SAME BY THE ISSUANCE OF “SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES” PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 SHOULD THE SAME BE REQUIRED”** 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 June 14, 2011.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**ORDINANCE NO. 2260:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2260 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 261-51 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS WHICH SETS FORTH THE SCHEDULES OF BUS STOPS SO AS TO DELETE THEREFROM REFERENCES TO THE BUS STOPS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BOULEVARD AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH FRANKLIN”**

Jeff Traverso, 251 Kipp Avenue, as a commuter to the city and given the loss of the stop at Kipp Avenue, asked if someone could elaborate on the unique safety concerns of the Franklin Avenue stop.

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ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**ORDINANCE NO. 2260 (cont'd):**

Chief Colaneri gave a few reasons: the stop at Kipp and La Salle were removed because of congested areas and they interfered with weddings, funerals and crossing of children. The Franklin Avenue bus stop is the longest painted as required by New Jersey Transit and recently said they wanted it longer. He questioned why when neighboring towns do not have this requirement. Three factors came into theory. (1) parking is a premium on the Boulevard; (2) take the commuters out of the area to give more parking on side streets; (3) it is a congested area in the Central Business District.

June Raymond, 223 Jefferson Avenue, said with the removal of the bus stop on Franklin, she would not be able to walk to another bus stop as it would be too far, as well as for seniors who live on Hamilton Avenue. She cannot walk more than one block and asked for reconsideration as it would affect many people who have a problem walking. Franklin Avenue is a central location.

Tony Walsh, 154 Division Avenue, regarding what the Chief had said about parking being alleviated. He thought it would get worse on his block, there are already cars parked on his street blocking his house before 7 a.m. He was a commuter who took the bus to New York City. He suggested taking the Rite Aid bus stop away. He agreed that Franklin Avenue stop should not be eliminated.

Chief Colaneri said he received a complaint today on Division Avenue, with Parking Enforcement Officer Sean Woodbridge putting warning signs on cars parked before 9 a.m. and summonses would be issued the next day.

The Rusins of Jefferson Avenue, both commuted to the city and it would be an inconvenience. Right now they are walking 2 ½ blocks and to walk 6 ½ blocks would be inconvenient. He thought you would want the bus stop in the central district. People may be coming from Hackensack to the center of town. When you have stops eight blocks apart does not make sense.

Chief Colaneri said other options were investigated and had looked at other towns who have 25 feet and Carlstadt only 15 feet. Mr. Rusin said there are a lot of people who live in this area who take the bus. Councilwoman Link asked if Franklin Avenue could be a courtesy stop. NJ Transit has liability issues. Mayor Heck said the busses do not pull in and make it difficult for people crossing and making turns. The Chamber of Commerce has asked the Chief to do this for the past 13 years. NJ Transit was called in to shorten the spaces who said no. They suggested getting rid of Division Avenue. Apparently it was noted a large number of people use Division Avenue. She agreed the Rite Aid stop was a waste. She was sorry for Mrs. Raymond not being able to walk, but said walking is not a bad thing. Discussion began last year.

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ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**ORDINANCE NO. 2260 (cont'd):**

Mrs. Rusin said that when her family moved here over 35 years ago one of the selling points was the proximity to New York City and public transportation. She thought it a disappointment to have less stops. Mr. Rusin said courtesy stops were not being used anymore.

Councilwoman Buckman asked to study it a little longer, going back to what June said, many people have difficulty walking, she being one of them. She is fortunate having a bus stop on her block but consideration should be given to those who cannot walk. Councilman Gonzalez as someone who commuted to the city hated the many stops. He suggested giving it another month to study, looking at all alternatives. Councilman Lipari personally conducted a survey when the hiring of a dispatcher was under discussion. Several solutions were suggested among the store owners, parking meters, diagonal parking, cutting the sidewalk to four feet. He also thought this should be considered further.

Jeff Traverso, 251 Kipp Avenue, said that once the Kipp Avenue stop was removed, Franklin Avenue grew in numbers which should be considered for the other stops if this stop is removed.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, traveled to the city and stood at a courtesy stop south of the Boulevard on Lincoln Avenue. There is no reason why a driver cannot stop, but she could not tell how many times the drivers drove right by six or seven people, with the same thing happening on the return home.

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to continue the public hearing on this ordinance to the regular meeting of June 28, 2011, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

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

Skip Smith, 156 Oldfield Avenue, on his own behalf, parked his camper in the VFW parking lot and was recently told he needed to remove it. He asked what ordinance was he in violation of, had a rental agreement from the VFW. This parking lot was part of the moratorium. Chief Colaneri said the violation was Borough Ordinance #1104,

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

the fire zone as it was across several spaces. The agreement for the overnight parking was for businesses to be allowed to rent parking spaces to neighbors. The VFW was included in that survey for 150 Terrace Avenue. Borough Attorney Chandless asked for a chance to review this. There is a provision in the zoning ordinance to park on residential property. Mr. Smith said it was a 31 foot toy holder (trailer) for the transporting of motorcycles. Mayor Heck suggested allowing Mr. Chandless and Chief Colaneri time to review this. Mr. Chandless said this did not come under the moratorium, which was intended in respect to the parking of motor vehicles.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:38 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 May 24, 2011.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk