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**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**November 27, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 8:03 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, 2012 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 3, 2012.

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

Absent: Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilman John Dingertopadre

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

**INVOCATION:** Councilwoman Buckman gave the Invocation as follows:

“Open our Minds and Hearts. I pray that we may at all times keep our minds open to new ideas and shine in dogma, that we may grow in our understanding of the nature of all living beings and our connectiveness with the natural world, that we may become ever more filled with generosity of spirit and true compassion and love for all life. I pray that we may learn the peace that comes with forgiving and the strength we gain in loving, that we learn to take nothing for granted in this life, that we may learn to see and understand with our hearts, that we may learn to join in our being. Amen” *Jane Goodall*

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter from Housing Authority of Bergen County Announcing their Relocation to One Bergen County Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor on December 10, 2012
  - 2) Letter to Mayor Heck from Cablevision with an update of their performance during the Snow Storm
  - 3) Memo from Chief Richard Giarratana to Mayor Heck and

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

Council announcing the results of the Fire Department Election of Officers for 2013

4) Affidavit of Stephen Borg, Publisher, attesting to the circulation of The Record for the period October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

5) Affidavit of Stephen Borg, Publisher, attesting to the circulation of the Herald News for the period October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

6) Letter to Mayor Heck dated November 19, 2012 from David M. Roche advising of his resignation from the Board of Adjustment effective immediately

7) Request from Junior Girl Scout Troop 517 and Brownie Troop 4508 to use Central Avenue parking lot on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as a drop-off location for a Christmas Toy Drive and School Supply Drive to benefit the Robert L. Craig Elementary School children of Moonachie

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #2 and #7 were requested (copies attached), Mayor Heck asked for Council confirmation of the request of the girls scouts and brownies, which was unanimously carried. Mayor Heck then 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:** *(November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting)*

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$142,302.39 specified in the Schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

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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:** Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa read a report submitted by Chief Colaneri: Capt. John DeLorenzo retired 11/1/2012 after 25 years of service. He was wished health and happiness as he starts a new chapter of his life. The Police Entrance Exam has been progressing with the written, physical endurance and loral interviews with the State Chief's Association portions complete. Watch Guard Mobile DVR Systems were installed in all patrol cars. Department members will train in the new state of the art high definition system this week. As part of our phone alerting system, residents can register a secondary number like cell to our system by going to [www.bcoem.org](http://www.bcoem.org) and click on the swift 9-1-1 Emergency notification services link and following the prompts. The Department would like to thank Ron Ingui at R.C. Landscaping for the trimming, mulch and mums at the Police Memorial. The October monthly report of total summonses issued are: Parking 2012, 189 compared to 309 in 2011; moving violations 143 compared to 124 last year for a total of 332 this year and 433 last year. Total year to date parking 2151 compared to 3353, moving 1549 compared to 1193 in 2011 and total year to date 3700 compared to 4546 in 2011.

**RECREATION:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report as submitted by Director of Recreation Robert Brady: Recreation youth basketball- grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> boy and girls will be drafting teams this week, and starting practice the first week of December with games starting in January after the Holiday break. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will start the first Saturday in January and continue for 8 weeks. Recreation wrestling- will start practice this week, the program will compete in the Twin County Jr Wrestling League. Our recreation department will be hosting 2 major tournaments this season. The Hasbrouck Heights Invitational scheduled for Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Andy Feintuch District 15 Championship scheduled for Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>. Both will be held in the Hasbrouck Heights High School New Gym. Wrestlastics- is a program we started for 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys to introduce them into the wrestling program. Their practices will begin on Monday 1/7/13 at 6:15pm at the Franklin Fitness Center. The recreation

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center is open on most Friday and Saturday evenings 7pm-10pm. The cost is \$40.00 for the school year, and the center will be available for children in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. To register your child, just come to the center when it is open. The recreation department also has a list of senior activities, such as line dancing; fun bingo, aerobics, yoga, Mah Jon, assorted table games, and more are offered on a monthly senior activities calendar. Recreation adult basketball and adult coed volleyball continue to meet at the high school new gym. Basketball will continue to play on Monday nights 8:15pm-9:30pm and adult coed volleyball will continue to play on Wednesday nights 8:15pm-9:30pm in the new gym. For more information on current or upcoming recreation programs feel free to email the Recreation Office [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com), or you can find us on Face book at "Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Department" and follow us on Twitter @HHrecreation. As Library Liaison, she read a short report from Mimi Hui and the Library's activities during the storm: The impact of Hurricane Sandy's aftermath will be felt for a very long time. The storm left many communities without power, heat and communication and untold damages. Our library along with Borough hall was affected but not like our neighbors of Little Ferry and Moonachie. The library was open to the public immediately afterwards on Wednesday, October 31. We were able to connect to the one working outlet that was connected to the Borough's backup generator. We were able to power up two staff computers, a Wi-Fi router and power strips that charged our laptops. Countless people needed Internet service, materials to read, recovery information and a place to keep their children occupied. Everyone on staff came in. We worked by emergency lighting and wore coats to keep warm. The library set up an information table in the Senior Center to offer assistance while people charged their phones and laptops. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library for their help to man the table. Power was restored on Sunday night. Stats for October are: Circulated items 9,380; circulation materials shows an increase of 5% from last year; 10,902 people walked through the doors, 45 new library cards issued, 25 adult, 16 children and 4 courtesy. Total library card holders is 5,917.

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Deputy Commissioner Buckman reported that DPW Supt. Spindler received a proposal from Jersey Mulch Products LLC to remove the Borough's leaves from the DPW facility at \$7.00 per cubic yard. We are currently charged \$9.50 cubic yard from Environmental Renewal and the leaves must be transported to their facility in Totowa. This will result in a savings of \$2.50 per cubic yard. He estimates that half of the leaves came down as a result of Sandy and are included in the storm pile debris removal leaving a remainder of 1,482 cubic yards. This will be a savings of \$3,505, not including man hours and fuel. He awarded the contract to Jersey Mulch Products to free up his staff to perform other routine duties.

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She read a report from DPW Supt. Spindler: I solicited quotes and awarded a contract to vendor, Jersey Mulch Products, LLC, to tub grind and remove mixed storm debris (tree branches & leaves) that is currently stock piled at the DPW facility. The cost of removing the debris in house by the DPW is estimated @ \$16,465 for 1000 cubic yards which including dumping fees and fuel for trucking. However, this does not include wear and tear on our vehicles and manpower. The awarded contract for this project is \$7,800 for a savings to the Borough of \$8,665. In 2011, if you recall, the same type of procedure was carried out for Hurricane Irene. He noted that you are aware of this issue as we meet on a daily basis to discuss many topics but understand it is important to me to always look for the most efficient way to save our taxpayers money with regards to the operation of the DPW. At this time, to continue to keep my staff on task and assign them where required to maintain our daily operation, this is the most cost-effective way to produce a constructive outcome. My staff has worked tirelessly in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy clearing trees, cleaning up our streets, ensuring the safety of our residents, and dealing with numerous complaints in addition to completing their regular duties. With the deficiency of two employees that are out on Workers' Compensation, they have worked very hard and I commend them for dedication.

Listed below is the breakdown of DPW vs. Outside Vendor:

Dumping Fees:		
1000 cu. yds. @ 16.00 per cu. yd. of Mixed Yard Waste		\$ 16,000.00
Fuel Cost:		
68 gallons @ 3.42 per gallon		465.12
	Subtotal:	16,465.12
Vendor: Jersey Mulch Products LLC		(7,800.00)
	Total Saving:	\$ 8,665.12

Under **Fire**, Deputy Commissioner Buckman read the following results of the Fire Department Election for the year 2013: Fire Chief- Richard Giarratana, First Assistant Chief-Patrick Hayes, Second Assistant Chief-Angelo Roccamo, Secretary-Justin Watrel; Treasurer-David Gumbrecht. Engine Company One: Captain-Robert Pietz, Lieutenant-Kevin Todd, Secretary-Justin Watrel, Treasurer-Christian Semencz. Engine Company Two: Captain-Robert Knobloch, Lieutenant-David Gumbrecht,

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Secretary-Patrick Mucha, Treasurer-Robert Munoz. Hook and Ladder Company One: Captain-Peter Kolodziej, Lieutenant-Jeffrey Rubino, Secretary-Michael LeSane, Treasurer-Daniel Wixon. Ambulance Squad: Captain-John Riordan, Lieutenant-Elizabeth Waring, Secretary-Patrick Mucha. Rescue Squad: Captain-Bernardo Valente, Lieutenant-James Halloran. .Ambulance Squad: Captain-John Riordan, Lieutenant-Elizabeth Waring, Secretary-Patrick Mucha. Rescue Squad: Captain-Bernardo Valente, Lieutenant-James Halloran.

She asked for a motion to confirm this election which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE:** Under **Social Services**, Commissioner Link reported The amount of donations received for the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry was abundant and provided a wide array of items to be distributed the past few weeks. From Oct. 1 through November 19, there were 190 visits to the Food Pantry. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry: Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Peg Walter, Vivian Leidenfrost, Nancy Nimmo, Dolores Jones, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Ethel Ball, Elaine Ruroede, Joyce Belbo, Andy Rastocky, Maria Wojchiechowski, Al Kinsley, and Jeff Leidenfrost and to Girl Scout Troop #498 who brought groceries and stocked the shelves. We can't say thank you enough to the following generous donors who provided an enormous amount of groceries, turkeys, gift cards and monetary donations: Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, First Reformed Church, Bible Baptist Church, American Legion Post 106 gave a most generous monetary donation, Elks Lodge #1962 who provided generous Shop Rite gift cards, Euclid Masonic Lodge, Dorothy Petroulas gave groceries and Shop Rite gift cards, HH Middle School Food and Gift Card Drive, Euclid School Food Drive, HH Garden Club Food Drive, Lincoln School Food Drive, BeJay Drugs Food Drive, Van Jura Family, Debbi and Bob Weiner, Nellie Fader, Nora Abraham, Nancy Eisenberg, Coleen Sarden, Vickie Avila, Sharon Herman, Joann Valle, Pertuz Family, Mr. & Mrs. Rista, Mrs. Velicki, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Paul Fitzpatrick, Councilman John Dingertopadre, Gabriella, Barbara Juliano, Carol Amundsen, Mrs. Bove, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Manz, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kinsley, Judy Corbliss, The Stumper Family, Dave Jackson, Mr. Houghton, Mattern Family, Carol Mason, Joe Messeri, Helen Krimpkey, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert, Delfino Family, Bonnie Gerquest, Phyllis Blom, Bill Stanaland, Margo & Charles Giamo, Tony Cavallo and Gateway Realty, McGrath Family, Kim Quatrone, Madeleine Leddy, Annabella Lila Swarski, Christine, Remax, Barre, Diane Nicoletti, Mr. Nugent, Mr. DiPalma, Corum Family, Trippodo Family, John Fargo, Jennifer Asplund, Grace, Donna Fortunato, Gloria Cotter, The Postmans, Susan Jarocki, Connie Margaliano, Joe Genoroski and Lorraine Barry. Gifts for the holidays were received from Corpus Christi Rosary Society, Young Fashions and Debi and Bob Weiner. Please call 201-288-0195 for more information. The food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need.

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Under **Finance**, Commissioner Link read the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at October 31, 2012 was \$2,628,545.97 and at September 30, 2012 was \$1,613,375.47 which represents an increase of \$1,015,170.50. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of October totaled \$4,298,099.18 of which \$3,998,483.26 was for Current Taxes, \$4,201.88 was for Delinquent Taxes, \$10,365.70 was for Pre-paid 2013 Taxes, \$148,839.90 was for State Aid and \$136,208.44 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of October totaled \$3,282,927.68 of which \$2,012,876.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$595,853.79 was for Salaries, and \$674,198.89 was for Other Expenses. The formulation of the 2013 budget continues. The CFO will be attending a budget update meeting on December 7, and hopefully will get additional information on the budget and Levy Cap which we understand will be 2% for 2013. There will be a provision for the Budget Cap to be increased to 3.5% which the Borough will take advantage of again in 2013 since this increase will create a CAP bank which could be used in future years. Department heads received 2013 request forms to be completed and returned to the CFO. The Finance Committee will begin regular budget meetings every week as the deadline to the introduction of the budget approaches. All departments are accumulating costs associated with Hurricane Sandy so that the appropriate documentation can be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. The level of reimbursement has not yet been determined but 75% has been used for the last few FEMA events.

**PARKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION:** Deputy Commissioner Lipari reported The Department of Public Works has been clearing trees and large limbs from all our parks as a result of Hurricane Sandy. A large tree was cleared at Polifly Park that was toppled over on the corner of Terrace and Cleveland Avenues as well as the top of another tree that fell in the park. Veterans Memorial Park was cleared in time for Veterans Day ceremony and over 60 cubic yards of limbs and branches were removed from the Memorial Park area. In Miers Park, 30 cubic yards of debris was removed and just north of the Circle by the Hasbrouck Heights sign a very large limb from a Weeping Willow tree, which came from private property, was removed as it had fallen onto the common sidewalk. At Woodland Park, 360 cubic yards of trees and limbs were removed and will require several more days of clean up. The Circle was prepared for the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony in which the DPW hung lights on all the evergreen trees and placed out holiday figures. The night of the Tree Lighting, the holiday figures were vandalized. All of them were knocked over and several were broken. The DPW responded the next morning to try and salvage what they could.

**HEALTH & LAND USE:** Under **Land Use**, Commissioner Lipari reported During the month this department issued permits with income totaling \$28,320. 9 Certificates of Occupancy were issued on the sale of homes. There remains one empty storefront on the Boulevard. Ninety-three initial UCC inspections were done during the past month

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with a passing rate of 67%. Work was not ready for inspection 20 times this month. Residents and contractors are reminded not to call unless they are ready for inspection. The property maintenance inspector made 14 inspections. He followed up 22 times and issued 3 warnings. Due to storm damage Rebuilding Together has extended the deadline for applications until December 9th. The application is available in the building department. Anyone wishing to volunteer to work with Rebuilding Together can call 201-489-9454.

Under **Health**, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Lori French: Hurricane Sandy Report: Following Hurricane Sandy the Health Department conducted an assessment of which food establishments were with or without power. Businesses, which lost power, needed to be inspected and cleared for opening prior to resuming operation. Health Inspector, Joanna Adamiak visited over 34 establishments between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, which included the hotels and most of the businesses along Rt. 17. At this time Ms. Adamiak conducted inspections with discarded food, sanitized equipment and ensuring proper temperatures for refrigeration units. The Health Dept. has also been in communication with Maschio's Food Service ensuring the proper procedure with cleanups in our schools cafeterias. The following week a group of food establishments along the Boulevard regained power and after an inspection was able to open by lunchtime on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. At this time the Board of Health Members would like to commend the owners of the food establishments for their cooperation and knowledge along with working with the Health Dept. during this very serious crisis to ensure the safety of the public. Annual Dog Licenses: The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2012 dog license will expire on January 31, 2013. Over 1200 renewal notices will be mailed on December 31, 2012. To renew your dog license, proof of a valid rabies vaccine must be submitted along with your application and payment. Dogs with immunizations, which will expire during 2012, will require a booster prior to obtaining a license. Please call the Health Dept. at (201) 288-1636 if you no longer have your dog. The Teterboro Animal Shelter will be offering free rabies vaccines and low cost microchips to the pets of Bergen County residents on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Residents must bring your pet's current rabies certificate that shows the expiration date of the rabies vaccine.

Under **Senior Citizens**, as Council liaison, Councilman Lipari reported The Recreation Department would like to thank our Senior Community for sharing the senior center with the residents who lost power after Hurricane Sandy. The center was used as a charging station for residents without power. We also served coffee and refreshments for residents that were waiting for their electronic devices to charge. In November we started "Zumba Gold" a fun way to exercise to Latin dance music. The class is open to all seniors, and is held in the center on Friday afternoons at 1pm. The cost for the class is \$1.00. The senior lounge is open on a daily basis, it is a great place  
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to come watch television with your friends, enjoy your favorite shows on our comfortable couch and chair. The recreation department would like to thank all the seniors that attended our 10<sup>th</sup> Halloween costume party, all in attendance enjoyed great food prepared by Henry's Deli and danced to DJ music. All provided by the recreation department. Our goal is to have as many town seniors attend our daily programs, so please bring a friend, or if you know anyone that needs more information have them contact the recreation department at 201 288-4143. Monthly program schedules are available in the senior center and in the recreation department waiting area. .

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Oct. 26, Friday Department heads met and/or spoke by phone to discuss storm preparedness. Police, DPW and Fire Depts all indicated they were prepared for the potential storm predicted by weather services. Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak kept in touch via e-mail. County Government buildings notified their buildings would be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Ragamuffin Parade was a success. Congratulations to the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee for their volunteer work. A special thanks to Lisa Quish who chaired the event.

Oct. 29, Monday we were all listening to the warning of an extremely dangerous weather pattern threatening the East Coast. Borough Hall opened in the morning to complete certain necessary work and the Food Pantry was open. Library was closed. Borough Hall closed at noon. Power outages began on this date, including at Borough Hall and the Safety Building. Generators went on to give power.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Police cancelled the Trick or Treating event town-wide due to storm. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> was given as the date the event would take place. Borough Administrator Kronyak was splitting his time between Borough Hall and the road. The DPW, Police and Fire Dept. responded to countless emergencies under dangerous conditions and performed to the highest standards.

Oct. 31, Wednesday Borough Hall opened Wednesday under generator power. It does not power the entire building but does power the Senior Center which is designed to be used as a shelter when needed. Outlets were identified so that additional power could be provided by extension cords. Mike Kronyak, Rob Brady, and Keith Brown, opened up the senior center as a charging station. They were assisted by Ro Sees, Jean Curci, Cindy Palmieri, and Louise Balsamo. Library personnel set up a table with paperback books that residents could take free of charge. Coffee and snacks were provided. Many residents took advantage of a place to charge their electronics as well as have a place to keep warm, watch television and mingle with others. Some stayed all day

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working on their computers. Numerous calls and visits were fielded by the Borough Clerk's office from residents who were without power, especially those living on a portion of Henry Street, Ottawa Avenue and the north end of town. They were without power until Nov. 8th. They were of course very upset and anxious to have power restored. We let them know we were doing all we could, stating that each day numerous calls and e-mails were being made to PSEG by Mayor Heck and Mr. Kronyak as well as the DPW Supt Bill Spindler who needed them to take care of downed trees entangled with live wires. (Many streets were blocked because of this and lights on Route 17 where our Police were needed to insure road safety. Those residents who called and were without power were invited to come to the Senior Center or the Library to get warm and out of the house.

Mike Kronyak worked with Keith Brown to run extension cords to offices so that every department could be open and available to residents. The Senior Center was set up as a warming and charging center and opened around 9 a.m. and remained open till 4:30 p.m. Coffee and snacks were available and many residents partook of this service. There were no requests from any residents to be relocated to a shelter; if needed they would have been brought to a County Shelter for to one of our local hotels who had established special rates. Rob Brady updated the Message Board regularly. Many of our employees were also without power during the storm as were the Mayor and Council.

I as mayor had lost power for 3 days, and cable which powered my internet, land phone and television. For eight days I remained dependent on my Blackberry where I was able to receive and make phone calls and retrieve e-mails sent mainly by Borough Administrator Kronyak who kept me advised of happenings and needs to be met. He was my link to all departments and what was happening. PSE&G was informed of all of our problems on a regular basis with little or no response.

The following Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail issued by Mike Kronyak gives an idea of the communications sent.

"All,

"We have a few critical issues in Hasbrouck Heights that need some attention.

"The Borough Hall located at 320 Boulevard has been without power since Monday night. We are open for business and running on a limited basis by generator. The Borough Hall must be on a grid that powers part of the business district which is still out.

"There is a BP Station located at the Corner of the Boulevard and Williams Avenue that has full tanks of fuel but no power. This station could be a vital backup to the Borough's  
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fuel supply which is running low due to delivery problems.

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“All but one or two streets have been cleared of trees and are passable but we have sections that are without power:

“Low numbers of Henry Street between Boulevard and Woodside Avenue

“Low numbers of Ottawa Avenue between Oak Grove Avenue to Austin Place

“North end of town from Baldwin Avenue to Longview Avenue

“Williams Avenue west of Terrace Ave - tree and wires down blocking road

“Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Mike Kronyak

Borough Administrator

As time progressed, and power outages lingered, the administrative office handled a high volume of calls from residents. A map was maintained of areas without power which were highlighted in yellow. The north end of town was the area with had the largest number of residents without power. This outage was a two fold issue involving a sub-station problem and downed poles and wires. This was restored in two phases on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Power was restored on Henry Street 1:30 a.m. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, on Franklin Ave the around 3:45 p.m. November 7<sup>th</sup>, Lincoln Ave and Ottawa Ave between 6 and 7 p.m. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The last outage was a 16 unit apartment complex on Terrace Ave which was restored Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Besides the reports from Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak, I received detailed reports from Police Chief Michael Colaneri, and DPW Supt Bill Spindler as well as Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees.

I have decided to hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers for Storm Reports to be available for the public and to give residents and opportunity to ask questions.

I also remind all that during this time period Mike Kronyak, and/or I participated in Conference Calls with PSE& G and the Governor, as well as communications from The Office of Emergency Management and the County Executive.

Nov. 8, Thursday, 3 p.m., Mike Kronyak and I attended the meeting called by Congressman Bill Pascrell at his Paterson office located in the Robert Roe Federal Building. The President of PSE&G was there to field questions posed by the

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Congressman and the Mayors from Bergen, Essex and Passaic Counties.

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Nov. 11, Sunday, 11 a.m., I spoke at the Veterans' Day Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Nov. 13, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Chair Pamela Link, Co-Chair Justin DiPisa and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I attended the meeting. Followed at 8 p.m. by the council Meeting.

Nov. 19, Met with both Mike Kronyak and Rose Marie Sees. We went over Storm Sandy reports and discussed coming events and Meetings.

Nov. 20, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. A Police Committee Meeting was held. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I were in attendance. An overview of recent retirements and the department along with future needs of the department were discussed in general.

Nov. 23, 7 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade chaired by President Ray Vorisek and Jason Cosimano was a success as was the Tree Lighting Ceremony held at the Circle chaired by Pat Link of the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. TD Bank served refreshments enjoyed by all. Santa and Mrs. Claus held court in the Senior Center after the Parade and the children received their candy canes and had their photos taken. Donuts and Hot Chocolate were also served in the Center where parents and grandparents mingled with the children. It was a great evening of Traditional Celebration and fun. Our thanks are extended to all the volunteers and participants who made this event such a success.

Nov. 26, Monday, 11:30 a.m. Finance Chair Pamela Link and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak met with me to discuss coming events and to plan a wrap up of matters needing attention before the end of the year. I continue my availability to meet with residents in the Library from 10 am till noon. This concludes my report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 171. Construction – Payment of Fees to State
  - 172. Budget Appropriation Transfers
  - 173. Raffle License for Concerned Parents Assn of Corpus Christi

### **CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

On a motion by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously

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carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached).

Appointments: Keith Schmitt to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine  
Company #2

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing appointment which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried. Mr. Schmitt was invited up to be sworn in by Mayor Heck, assisted by Deputy Fire Commissioner Buckman and Engine Company Two Captain Robert Knobloch.

Resignations: David Roche from Hasbrouck Heights Board of Adjustment  
Effective November 19, 2012

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing resignation with regret, which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

#### **ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

##### **ORDINANCE No. 2291:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6 GRANTING TENURE TO WILLIAM SPINDLER IN HIS POSITION AS SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**” 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 December 11, 2012.

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

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

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 2290:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE ORDINANCE NO. 2290 (cont'd):**

**COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND**

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**LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$71,000.00”** 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2290 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2290 which was made By Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried. Mayor Heck invited anyone from the public wishing to speak to please come forward.

Susan Sconzo, 215 Boulevard, and the owner of Primadonna Salon, referred to an article in The Observer which read that Mayor Heck and Councilman DiPisa had met with her, which she stated had not happened. Mayor Heck replied that she and Councilman DiPisa had visited the site early on the morning of October 25 to see what steps could be taken and that Ms. Sconzo was offered two options, obtaining a portable ramp or installation of railing. The contractor was already advised to repair the sidewalk abutting her building on Franklin Avenue which was to be done when the “punch list” was done. She directed CFO/Admin. Michael Kronyak to meet with Ms. Sconzo and Borough Engineer Ken Job to discuss her options.

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.

#### **ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:13 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman 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

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account of the Regular Meeting held on November 27, 2012.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk