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BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

March 27, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 8:08 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, 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: Mayor Heck gave the Invocation as follows:

Traditional Gaelic Blessing: “May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Request from Cub Scout Pack 17 for permission to host a Pack Camping Night at Woodland Park on Friday, June 1, 2012.
 - 2) Release from NJ Department of Environmental Protection of First Stage of Long-awaited Lower Passaic River Cleanup Begins; *DEP Stresses Need for a Complete Cleanup of the Passaic River*
 - 3) Request from Chic Club of Hasbrouck Heights to hold

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

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Clothing Drive during Townwide Garage Sale, June 2, 2012
in Central Avenue Parking Lot

- 4) Letter from Governor Chris Christie to Mayor Heck re: NJ DOT Fiscal Year 2012 Municipal Aid Program for Boulevard Streetscape Phase V in the amount of \$146,500.00
- 5) Letter from Governor Chris Christi to Mayor Heck re: due to pension reform, savings to Borough under PFRS of \$288,123 and PERS of \$33,435.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #1, 2, 3, and 5 were requested to be read (copies attached). Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS: Jean T. Lindquist presented a petition entitled “Depken Project: Fence, Franklin Avenue” with eight signatures (Copy attached).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(March 13, 2012 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Dingertopadre and unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$4,815,589.67 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:

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POLICE: Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa reported that Corpus Christi DARE Graduation was held March 22. Speakers were Msgr. Lew Papera, Mayor Heck and Chief Colaneri. Sgt. Rinke was thanked for doing an outstanding job with the kids. On March 23 Chief Colaneri read to the students of Lincoln School. The DARE family night at Space Odyssey is March 27 with over 100 DARE students attending. Tips on how to safeguard your home and cars against burglaries was sent to the Observer and Patch. He summarized them (copy of release attached). He also noted that property is being stolen at airports and to be aware. Statistics are Parking violations in February 2012 were 288, February 2011 were 371. Moving violations were 269 in February 2012 with 91 in February 2011. Total for February 2012 were 557 as opposed to 462 in February 2011, with year to date 2012 - 1,029 opposed to year to date 2011 - 925.

RECREATION: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman as submitted by Recreation Director Robert Brady. Summer Camp registration is April 10 and April 19. The Recreation continues to be open on the weekends. Recreation Basketball traveling team had a very successful season and 7th and 8th grade girls won the championship over Lyndhurst and became first Recreation team to win the championship. Recreation Wrestling Awards Dinner will be at the Graycliff on April 17. She congratulated the following wrestlers for placing in the New Jersey State Wrestling championships: Sean O'Malley, 1st Place, Mickey O'Malley, 4th Place and Jason DalCortivo, 7th Place. Recreation Track and Field registration garnered over 75 girls and boys in 5th through 8th grades. Recreation Softball has 105 girls registered in three different divisions and will play in traveling schedule in the Recreation League. Adult programs are ongoing, as are Senior Center programs. As Library liaison, she reported the Library circulated 9,588 items last month with total circulation of materials to date shows a 6% increase from last year's figures. 31 new patrons were registered, with total to date of 5,505 card holders, 10,125 people walked through the Library doors last month. The Book and Bake Sale in conjunction with the Town Wide Garage Sale will be held June 1 through June 3.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Commissioner Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works received a report of sewage flowing above ground in the area of Veterans Place. After investigating it was discovered that PSE&G installed a utility pole that penetrated the sanitary sewer line. The Utility Company was notified of the damage and met with Bill Spindler and Ken Job in order to rectify the situation. As a result of the October snow storm, Aspen Tree Service completed the tree removal list supplied by the DPW. The position of the trees made it impossible for the DPW Tree Crew to perform the removal due to their limited equipment. Bill Spindler, DPW Superintendent and Mike Kronyak, Borough Admin./CFO met with a FEMA representative to finalize the process of applying for reimbursement of funds as a result of Hurricane Irene and the October Halloween snow storm. The application was completed after several meetings. The Road Resurfacing Program was reviewed and a list of streets was given to our Borough

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd): Engineer, Ken Job to go out for bid.

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Repairs: As part of the shared services between the DPW and the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education, Steven Daus, DPW mechanic with knowledge in auto body fiberglass repairs, was called upon to inspect the pitchers mound at Depken Field. After his examination of the mound, he determined that he would be able to make the necessary repairs. Steve added supports to the equipment and performed the fiberglass repairs. All the work was completed at the DPW diesel shop. As a result, there was a savings of \$5,000 for not having to purchase a new pitcher mound.

As Environmental liaison, Commissioner Gonzalez reported

FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE: Commissioner Link read the following Finance Report: The current Fund cash balance at February 29, 2012 was \$5,342,714.90 and at January 31, 2012 was \$3,320,050.77 which represents an increase of \$2,022,664.13. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of February totaled \$6,281,236.87 of which \$6,123,375.21 was for Current Taxes, \$32,774.24 was Delinquent Taxes, and \$125,087.42 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of February totaled \$4,254,148.72 of which \$12,191,494.08 was for Local School Taxes, \$964,146.15 was for County Taxes, \$596,092.44 was for Salaries and \$502,416.05 was for Other Expenses. She continued that the 2012 budget was introduced March 13, 2012 with public hearing scheduled for April 20, 2012. As introduced the budget is within all required "Caps" and will result in an increase in the Local Purpose Tax from \$13,670,206.04 in 2011 to \$13,831,225.70 in 2012, an increase of \$161,019.66 representing an increase of one tax point in the Local Tax Rate and approximately \$35.00 in taxes on the average house with an assessed value of \$349,750.00 after the reassessment.

Under Social Services, Commissioner Link reported the food pantry is open on Monday mornings from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need that has to register can do so with Robert Brady by calling (201) 288-4143. From January 1, 2012 through March 26, 2012 the pantry helped over 279 residents in need. Thank you to the generous volunteers that help stock and supervise the food pantry, as well as to the following donors: Cub Scout Pack 17 Food Collection, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, United Methodist Church, St. John the Divine Church, Cindy Capozzi, Josephine McClean, Debra Weiner, Ms. Kim, Mr. McGill, Karen McDowell, Jun Cham, John Rizzo, Donna Boyd, Jill Ng, Dr. Bodenstein, Tom White, BeJay Drugs, Meals with a Mission, Paul Fitzpatrick, Bible Baptist Church, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Marie Vecchia, Rosemarie Smith, Cornerstone Church, Mrs. Friedel, Lincoln School, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Cole, Doug and Joanne Rozum, Ann Hofman, Carol Kronyak, Gina DeFlorio, Janet Pinkus, Elaine Werner, McGrath Family, Vicki Granski, Dave MacPherson, Mrs. Trippodo, Tim Nugent, Joe Blythe, Arlene Carreau, Mrs. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Dussault and Anonymous. The response for donations has been most

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PARKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION: Under Parks, Commissioner Dingertopadre reported the DPW has spread Certified Playground Mulch at the Woodland Park playground area as well as the playground area at Miers Park. More mulch was ordered for the playground located on Central Avenue. The Comfort Station at Woodland Park was vandalized by smashing of the block glass at the entrance. The DPW removed the blocks to avoid any danger and is in the process of repairing it. Also as a result of vandalism, the DPW repaired the gate and fence post at Central Avenue Park playground.

The annual service of all fire extinguishers throughout all borough facilities was completed as well as the maintenance on the elevators at the Municipal Complex and Public Safety Building. Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room, 18; Caucus Room, 5; Council Chamber, 5; Lobby, 1; and Senior Center, 1 (not including Senior Activities.)

HEALTH & LAND USE : Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Lori French:

Free Rabies Shots

The Teterboro Animal Shelter will be offering free rabies vaccines to all Bergen County residents on Thursday, April 5th & 19th between the hours of 3:30 and 5:00 pm. Residents must bring proof of ID along with your dog's current rabies certificate that shows the expiration date of the rabies vaccine.

Seeing the Doctor Together

The Board of Health advises seniors not to visit doctor appointments alone. A family member should accompany them. This would help the patient understand the medical issues and keep track of the doctor's recommendations. Also family members should help coach older patients, before the visit, about what their goals are for the visit and the role that the patient wants the family member to play.

What to do with Feral Cats

The Bergen County Animal Control would like to remind residents of the services available pertaining to feral cats. A resident could contact the BCAC and request an animal trap to be placed on their property. It is the resident's responsibility to set the trap, monitor it and call the BCAC when a cat is caught. The BCAC will then come and remove the cat from the property. Another service offered is Trap-Neuter-Release. Using this technique, all the feral cats in a colony are trapped, neutered and then

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returned to their territory. This service stabilizes the size of the colony by eliminating new litters. Both of these services are free to borough residents. For more information please contact the Bergen County Animal Control at 201-752-4260.

Health Fair

The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department is pleased to announce this years *Family Health Fair* will be on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 11 am to 2 pm in the Senior Center at 320 Boulevard. There will be plenty of valuable health information along with prizes, give-always and samples. Refreshments will also be served by Care-One at Wellington from Hackensack.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

"I would like a moment of silence to remember the passing of a very active long time community member Gertrude "Gerri" Guth. Our condolences go to the entire family. She was a lovely lady.

March 28, Tuesday, 7 pm attended Fire Committee Meeting with Councilman Dave Gonzalez, Fire Chief Rich Giarratana, First Asst. Chief Pat Hayes, Second Asst. Chief Angelo Roccamo, EMT Liz Waring, EMT Michael Thomasey and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

March 29, Wednesday, 3:30 pm, Met with Brownie Troop 60517 and Troop Leaders Jonna Calvanico, Natalie Homan, Melissa Nazzaro and Kristin Schwartz. I spoke with all the Brownies about the duties of the Mayor and how interesting the work was. I also gave them a brief history of former mayors as we viewed their portraits on the wall of the first floor hall. The girls were very inter-active and we all had a great learning experience.

March 2, 10 to noon, *Read Across America Day*: Read and attended events at Lincoln School with Principal Lisa Brinker and School Librarian Mrs. DiGugliemo.

1 pm to 3 pm, Read at various classes at Euclid School. Was greeted by Principal Peter O'Hare.

6:30 pm Attended PTSA Tricky Tray at VFW with Councilwomen Pam Link and Sonya Buckman.

March 6, 11:30 a.m. Attended Finance Meeting with Committee Chair Pam Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

Friday, March 9,-Thursday, March 15-Friday March 23 participated in Read-A-Thon

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at Lincoln School by reading to a class on each of those days beginning at 2:45 pm. It was most enjoyable.

March 12, 7:30 a.m. Attended Bergen County League of Municipalities Breakfast at the Arena Diner. Senators Paul Sarlo, Gerald Cardinal and Loretta Weinberg were guest speakers and spoke of the State Budget. They answered a variety of questions posed by the Mayors and listened to suggestions.

2:30 p.m. Spoke at Care One Wellington in Hackensack. With a Women's History Month Theme about my many experiences as an Assemblywoman. Was introduced by Nadine Blowe and Executive Director Charlotte Sodora

March 13, Tuesday, 11:30 am Continued to participate in Tuesday Finance Committee Meetings with Council Members Pam Link and Justin DiPisa along with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

Wednesday, March 14, 2 pm Held a meeting at the Senior Housing with Domingo Santana, and Building Mgr. Jim. Councilman Russell Lipari and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak were also present. The meeting was held at the request of a senior housing resident.

5:30 p.m. Attended the first of several meetings held in the County Administration Building in Hackensack as a member of the Countywide Community Development Block Grant Committee. We listened to Grant Requests from various organizations and will vote on March 28th to approve certain grant applications.

Friday, March 16, 8 a.m. Attended an informative meeting on the problems that can be involved on the internet. Former County Detective Drew Donofrio spoke of the advantages and disadvantages of social media. I joined Supt. of Schools Dr. Mark Porto in greeting the teachers who would be involved in a full day of workshops.

March 19, Monday, 10:30 a.m. Police Chief Colaneri and I met with Msgr. Lew Papera of Corpus Christi R.C. Church to discuss the Street Fair to be held May 20 from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. An additional Block will be introduced on a test basis this year. Changes in traffic patterns were also discussed.

March 21, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Attended the Mayor's Business Community Committee Meeting to discuss plans for the Sidewalk Sale. Copy of the minutes prepared by Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees are attached.

7 p.m. Chaired the Southwest Community Block Grant Committee Meeting with Councilman Justin DiPisa and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak. The Committee

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held its final meeting to vote on HUD Grant Applications. Hasbrouck Heights Recommendations will now be reviewed by the Freeholder Board.

March 22, Thursday, 7 pm. Attended the Corpus Christi DARE Graduation along with Council Members Justin DiPisa, Russell Lipari and Pam Link. Speakers included Msgr. Lew Papera, Corpus Christi Principal Michelle Murillo, Police Chief Colaneri, DARE Officer Sgt. Joseph Rinke and me.

March 27, 8 :30 am met with DPW Liaison Garrett Pepe for breakfast at Fisher's. We discussed a number of idea possibilities for the business community and the Borough.

10 am, .Met with Dr. Mark Porto at the Board of Education Building.

11:30 am I attended The Finance Committee meeting with Chair Pam Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. General Discussion of the budget took place, plus idea possibilities for the future and status the Part Time Paid Ambulance EMTs and various other possible money saving contractual services.

7 p.m. Fire Committee Meeting

8 pm Council Meeting

Saturdays I am available to meet with residents in the Library from 10 a.m. till noon. This past Saturday, March 24th, at 9 a.m. Council Members David Gonzalez, Sonya Buckman and I participated in the Grand Opening of the 10,000 sq. ft. Jump On In a wonderful party and play area filled with a variety of games and activities for children located on Route 17 behind Kiddie World Furniture.

I reminded everyone of the Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 31st at 10 a.m. and noted in case of rain it would be held the following week on Saturday, April 7th at 10 a.m.

Street Fair Meeting March 21 Minutes:

PRESENT: Mayor Rose Heck, Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie Sees, Rob Brady, Cliff Witmeyer, Jimmy, Lori, Bill Lenox, Fritz Rethage, Peter Gallo, Ray Vorisek, Sam Papisavas, Joseph Costa, Dave Fanale, Chief Colaneri, William Spindler,

Mayor Heck reported she and Chief Colaneri had met with Msgr. Papera regarding moving the Street Fair to Washington Place. Msgr. Papera said yes, but was concerned about traffic, mobility and drop offs. Mr. Fanale said it was okay for him. Chief Colaneri was not excited about doing this, as he was concerned with parking on side streets, sending traffic onto Washington Place which dead ended in two blocks and trucks and/or busses would have a difficult time turning. It would require hiring two

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police officers, one on Kipp and Boulevard and one on Washington Place and Burton Avenue, until 1 p.m. Mayor Heck thought it was worth a shot, remembering the Corpus Christi Carnival which was held for three days without any problems.

Mayor Heck questioned the food vendors, with Ray Vorisek asking about duplicity of vendors and local businesses. It was noted that some of the local vendors said they lost business last year. Cliff Witmeyer said they always take into consideration town businesses. Bill Lenox said putting all the food vendors by the entertainment stage might not have been too friendly, especially with a lot of them offering sausage and peppers. Cliff said the rain held up a lot of activity last year. It was suggested to mix up the food vendors, and Cliff said he will take that into consideration.

Mayor Heck suggested to Ray Vorisek, who is Chamber of Commerce President, that maybe they could sponsor an outdoor mall and run it for the local merchants. She also suggested promoting the Street Fair ahead of time and giving out coupons to be used within a week or two of the Street Fair to bring in business. Peter Gallo said he used his data base by sending an e-mail out offering a coupon for 30% off on video and it worked for him. Jimmy said over the years the Street Fair has been held, not one vendor said they did not want to come back.

Mayor Heck asked Cliff if all the rides would be between Kipp and Washington, who said yes.

In the future she asked if testing to go south on the Boulevard be contemplated, which the Chief agreed. Cliff said if going to Washington was okay for Corpus Christi, and going south doesn't work, then thought to going a few blocks north be contemplated.

When it was asked, there would be no rain date.

Rob Brady asked about Porta Johns and if there was a sponsor. Dave Fanale said he would contribute towards them if he could put up signs on them.

Bill Spindler said his department will be there from beginning to end. Mayor Heck said the planters will not be placed on the Boulevard until after the event. Cliff asked about electricity, and was told all the decorative lighting has been energized.

Cliff asked the Chief if the Kids's Stage could be placed on Kipp to which he answered on the west side would be okay. Jimmy said so far there are 32 vendors signed up. Cliff said Jimmy had signed up Curly's Ice Cream as a sponsor. Last year, the Heights Bar and Grill had sponsored all the tables and chairs.

This year the top entertainment will be The Cameos.

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Regarding tents, Cliff said as he had lost at least 15 last year, along with tables and chairs, this year he was incorporating a security system.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Caucus Room in Borough Hall. All committee members are invited to attend, a reminder will be sent.

This concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

57. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid Due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 66.01, Lot 17, 37 Route 17
58. Authorizing Refund of Taxes Overpaid Due to a Tax Court Judgment for Block 18, Lot 12, 141 Cleveland Avenue
59. Authorizing Agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for Recreational Field
60. Authorizing Raffle License for PTSA Hasbrouck Heights HS Project Graduation
61. Approval of 2012/2013 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
62. Authorizing Compliance with IRS Code with Regard to Bond Anticipation Note of March 30, 2012
63. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2011-0006 for Block 196, Lot 18
64. 2011 Appropriation Reserve Transfers
65. Authorizing Entry into Agreement with County of Bergen for Emergency Services Notification System

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2277:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO STABILIZE AND REGULATE RENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH A RENT BOARD, WHICH ORDINANCE IS TO BE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE “2012 RENT LEVELING ORDINANCE”** 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 April 10, 2012.

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2276:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2276 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2012”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

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

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Jean Lindquist 211 Field Avenue, was representing the residents of Franklin Avenue across from Depken Field. She presented a petition signed by the residents regarding the fence to be installed at the field. In reading past minutes, it was stated the residents did not want to look into the field. The Petition summary and background: "We read the article posted in the Observer dated March 15, 2012, from the Council Meeting, discussing the Depken project which includes fencing along Franklin Avenue and disagree with the statement made by Mayor Heck. Town Engineer, Kenneth Job, states that the fence to be installed is made by the same company that made the screening fence for the giants Stadium practice field. Justin DiPisa asked why they aren't getting a fence to match the one on Oldfield Avenue, which he said was a very nice-looking one. Mayor Heck said that neighbors had requested a screening fence so that they cannot see into the field. The neighbors on Franklin Avenue (including the corner of Franklin & Field, & corner of Franklin and Oldfield) disagree with Mayor Heck's statement. We never said we do not want to look into the field. We do not want to have advertisement signs inside or outside the fence along the Depken field, Franklin Avenue fence. In addition, we feel the look of the screened fence and/or advertising signs, whether inside or outside, along Franklin Avenue, will devalue our homes and depreciate Hasbrouck Heights. The Action petitioned for: We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to change the fence from the screened fence and use the same fence used along Oldfield Avenue and refrain from allowing advertisement signs outside or inside the fence along Franklin Avenue. Signed by: Jean T. Lindquist, Nora T. Lindquist, Robert Shaw, Nancy Ellebracht, Mira Han, Joan Gill, Steven Padelski and V. Natarajan.

Mayor Heck said the people right opposite Franklin came to say they didn't like what they saw close to the fence because certain things were happening which they didn't wish to see and they wanted us to remove the sight where they could look through. First they wanted trees or arborvitaes which couldn't be done as there wasn't enough room between the fence and sidewalk. When asked, Mayor Heck did not want to name them. Ms. Lindquist said this was about the complete fence on Franklin Avenue, that there are two different fences now, and liked the decorative fence on Oldfield Avenue. Mayor Heck said maybe they changed their minds. The fence specifications were under review, and a decision was imminent. This has been going on for several years. Councilman Gonzalez concurred with what Mayor Heck said, as he was with her when they were talking to the residents on Franklin Avenue who said they did not like the type of fence there now, wanted some type of shrubbery, and some type of privacy fencing. Mayor Heck would check with that person to make sure they had changed their mind. Ms. Lindquist was concerned with security with a closed fence.

Joan Gill, 219 Oldfield Avenue, liked the view (of the field) from her home. She asked if one or two people objected, did they have the right over the majority.

Councilman DiPisa said they had walked the area in June of 2008.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Mayor Heck said she would ask the borough engineer to provide a picture of the proposed fence and survey the people who complained, as well as making an onsite visit. The project was placed on hold.

Thomas Krommenhoek, 225 Central Avenue, a lifelong resident of Hasbrouck Heights, referring to the (Municipal Building) complex, that when it was being built the neighbors were told their lifestyle wouldn't change, who disagreed that his has turned for the worse. He said the parking lot across the street has become a club with loud music, dancing, speeders at night, the fence around the park is an eyesore. Mayor Heck said cameras have been ordered. Mr. Krommenhoek said he has called the police five times in the last three weeks. Mayor Heck asked Capt. Cronin to address this issue, who said the night crew would be doing hourly checks, suggested if it doesn't improve, putting chains across the parking lot entrances. Councilwoman Buckman (who lives on Central Avenue), concurred with Mr. Krommenhoek. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Spindler to report, who said it is cleaned daily, but loitering is the problem. Reference was made to making the street one way and a cul de sac when the original plans were being made and were rejected. Mr. Kronyak asked for time to get things under control. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Krommenhoek to speak with Chief Colaneri directly.

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

ADJOURN:

At 9:27 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez 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 March 27, 2012.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk