

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**October 22, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 8:05 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 2, 2013 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2013.

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

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Gonzalez gave the Invocation as follows, in observance of Breast Cancer Month:

“Father, for the strength you have given me I thank you. For the health you have blessed me with, I thank you. For the women who are going through breast cancer and their families I ask you to strengthen and to heal as you see fit. Lord we know you want us to be in good health and to prosper. Lord use us to do the work you have for us to do. For we know time is getting short on this earth. Lord be with every woman who is sick and encourage them as only you can. I know how faithful you are. You have shown yourself to be everything you say you are in your Holy Word. I praise you for you made this body and you can heal this body. In Jesus Name I pray. Amen.”

**UPDATE FROM DAVID HOLLENBECK, PSE&G REGIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER:**

David Hollenbeck said at the September 24 Council meeting they were advised of some issues in town. He introduced Guy Vogt, Vegetation Manager who would be explaining what work they have been doing. The work was actually scheduled for next year's trimming cycle and budgeted for then, but was moved forward to this year. In addition, in working with the DPW, they identified "danger" trees. He also introduced Joe Valente from PSE&G Engineering Department who looked at the issues with that Circuit who will report on what they have done this past month. Regarding the Streetscape, the poles were removed from Phases I through IV, and they are working on Phases V and VI.

Guy Vogt reported that shortly after the September 24 meeting, referring to the list of streets he compiled, he patrolled the entire circuit, highlighting locations needing work, brought in six crews, some are still in town, and trimmed the entire circuit, removing 25 trees up to date. Mr. Hollenbeck said this was cost avoidance to the residents. DPW Supt. Spindler gave the list they were aware of, but Mr. Vogt identified several others. He asked for questions from the audience.

John O'Donnell, 159 Oldfield Avenue, asked if any work was done on Oldfield Avenue toward the VFW. He noted that anywhere from Franklin Avenue to Henry Street, power is lost and 151 and 159 are enmeshed with wires. He did not see any work done on the trees in front of those properties this past month. Mr. Vogt said he would check it out the next day. The circuit they worked on contained pieces of Oldfield Avenue.

Lori Cintron, 164 Oldfield Avenue, said in September specific addresses were given from 140 to 190 Oldfield Avenue that lose power. There was one flicker since the last Council meeting. She also noted the streetlight at 184 Oldfield Avenue is out.

Vera Romano, 140 Oldfield Avenue, said when she called one time she was told her block was in a grid with Carlstadt. She questioned why they were on that grid. Mr. Hollenbeck said there were many reasons why problems occurred, squirrels, mylar balloons, branches coming down. When you see a momentary flicker, the power is not out, the system is designed that if there is a break, it will reset if there is no fault. He said there were a lot of wires needing trimming of branches, with 25 other areas that were portentous.

Rosemarie DiPisa, 176 Oldfield Avenue, said it seems to be a cluster, the trees are an issue, but it is whatever grid line they are on. Outages can be as long as two days. There are elderly, disabled and was asking why in the past three years this has been happening. After living there for over 40 years, were they switched to another grid causing the problems from Henry Street to Franklin Avenue?

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**UPDATE (cont'd):**

Councilman Gonzalez asked if it could be transformer trouble, how old are they, are they the same in every town and have any new transformers been replaced in the last four-five years that may be the problem. He referred to his own home losing power where a new transformer was installed. Mr. Hollenbeck said last year around this time a lot of transformers were replaced in the area.

Joe Valente said he went out and are patrolling the whole circuit. They have found some problems, spacer cables that hold the wires, it could be a lot of things. The system is interconnected with all the substations throughout. Breakers were installed so that one section does not affect another. He asked to be given an opportunity to do what they have to.

Mayor Heck asked what the rule of thumb was for replacing a transformer. He said some are 50 years old and still work. She said then you are doing a process of elimination. He said they are looking at wires, if they were out of the pin. They infrared the circuits and can see if connectors are weak or overheating. They will keep going until the problem is found.

Mr. Hollenbeck said what they have done is advance work and from what he was hearing, it has improved over the past month. He said below the street light is a good indication it is not PSEG's problem, it could be telecommunications. Mr. Hollenbeck said they are addressing the response from employees, the energy strong proposal, they are beefing up substations. And he noted that tidal surges take five days to restore lines when brackish water floods the lines.

Councilman Semenez said it goes back three years, can you look at your diagrams to check, which they said yes. He asked if the customer relations from PSEG going to be better than what these people have experienced.

Councilman DiPisa said this is a crucial situation, at this time of year, with continuous outages in this area. He asked them to come back personally to report.

Mr. Hollenbeck said in a couple of weeks they could come back during the day and sit down with the residents, to see how they are doing.

Mayor Heck said they are working on it, have made some progress, and there hasn't been an outage.

Councilman Gonzalez said it is not just happening in this area, it is happening in pockets around town. He asked if the transformers are the same manufacturer. Mr.

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**UPDATE (cont'd):**

Valente said a transformer is replaced only if it is faulty and is very rare. He said that tomorrow he would be out with the crew.

Art Fekete, 155 Oldfield Avenue, his wife is on oxygen 24/7 and asked why they can't be switched to another grid. Mr. Valente asked for an opportunity to look to see if they have been switched.

Mayor Heck said the PSEG Representatives will be back on November 12.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Kathleen Kelly to Board of Health (*Correction of name*)

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Robert Callahan to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Ambulance Auxiliary

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

He was welcomed by Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez, Deputy Fire Commissioner Sonya Buckman, EMT Coordinator Liz Waring and Capt. of EMS John Riordan.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Hunter Cassiere as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Justin Elias Girona as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Mario Sheifik as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Donato Squeo as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Steven Salerno as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Peter Rokssi as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Richard Neumann as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Haider Pathan as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter  
Rebecca Weber as Hasbrouck Heights Junior Firefighter

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Public Notice re: Zoning Board Public Hearing of 423 Heights, LLC, 423 Route 17 South Signage  
2) *The Observer* Affidavit stating the official advertising rate

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

- 3) Invitation from Mayor's Celebrations Committee to attend Annual Tree Lighting at the Circle on November 29, 2013 following the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade
- 4) Affidavit of Stephen Borg, Publisher, *The Record* attesting to circulation for period Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013
- 5) Affidavit of Stephen Borg, Publisher, *Herald News* attesting to circulation for period Oct. 1, 2012 to Sept. 30, 2013
- 6) Invitation to all from American Legion Post Commander Michael Cahill to attend Veterans Day Ceremonies on November 11, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, Terrace and Passaic Avenues
- 7) Invitation from Mayor's Celebrations Committee to attend Annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 1 p.m.

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Item #7 was requested to be read (copy attached). Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$494,956.75 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.

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**BILLS (cont'd):**

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 the following report submitted by Police Chief Michael Colaneri:

Halloween is approaching and we again ask all parents to keep their children home on the night of October 30<sup>th</sup>. There will again be a zero tolerance policy on those damaging property. Sgt. Baker has begun teaching DARE to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in all schools. Lt. Rinke, Sgt. Colaneri and Det. Behr have been selected by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and Bergen County Sheriff to be members of the Bergen County Swat Team. The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department Officers scored among the highest in the testing to qualify for this team. The CERT Training has begun with 25 participants with various backgrounds taking the training. Under Statistics, he reported moving violations year to date in 2012 were slightly over 1,100. In 2013 they are almost 2,000, a 726 increase. He commended the Police Department.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman gave the following report: Recreation Adult Coed Volleyball meets every Wednesday night 7-9 p.m. at the high school new gym, recreation men's basketball meets on Monday nights at the high school new gym. Both programs are free of charge for Hasbrouck Heights residents. The Annual Senior Halloween Party is scheduled for this Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> 12-3 p.m. in the senior center. The party is sponsored by the recreation department. There will be a hot and cold buffet as well as music and dessert. Costumes are encouraged! We have a very involved Senior Schedule all programs are held in our Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard. For a free schedule of events call (201) 288-4143 and hit #3 key, or stop by the center or recreation office and pick up a schedule. New programs that are featured in the center this fall are Zumba Gold, Billiards, and our senior fitness group "silver sneakers". Special Needs Recreation Basketball is 10 weeks long and held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The program is supervised by Jamie Woyce, for more information you can email the recreation department at [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com). Halloween in the Park was a great event, and the recreation department would like to thank the following people/organizations: first the Mayor and Council for their support in all the recreation programs, also Bill Spindler and the Hasbrouck Heights D.P.W for their help setting up, and driving the tractors that pull the

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### **RECREATION AND PARKS (cont'd):**

hay wagons, Chief Colaneri, Traffic Officer Robertson and the rest of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department for their cooperation with this year's event, Fire Chief Rich Giarratana and the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Porto and the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education, Ronald Kistner and Peter Bothe from the Bergen County Parks Department for the use of their hay wagons. Resident Al DeAngelo of Nightmares Haunted Attractions for his props, knowledge, volunteers, and his time. Chris Zamski of Funtime Entertainment, Ms. Lewites and her Key Club student volunteers that helped serve refreshments all evening, also members of the Recreation Advisory Board that volunteered all night Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Tony Bonillo, Craig Messery, Pat Campen, and Tara and Kerry DeAngelo. I also would like to thank Sanzari/Creamer Construction for supplying the hay bails. Thank you to all of these people for making this year's Halloween in the Park the best so far, I hope everyone had a great time; next year will be even better. Recreation Basketball, and Recreation Wrestling registration is still available for anyone who would like to register a child you can do so by coming to the recreation office and filling out a registration form. Wrestlastics registration will be held Tuesday 10/29/13 in the recreation office from 7-9 pm. The program is open to boys in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or 6 years old. If you have any questions about any recreation programs please call Robert Brady, Director of Recreation at (201) 288-4143 or email him at [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com). You can also follow the recreation department on Twitter @hhrecreation and Facebook by liking our Facebook page Hasbrouck Heights Recreation.

**Under Parks**, she reported the Department of Public Works set up Woodland Park and prepared the Pavilion area for Town Day on September 28. There were many tasks such as placing out barricades and cones, moving picnic tables from under the Pavilion to the lawn area, and assisting Rob Brady with any additional requirements. On October 15 the Recreation Department also hosted "Halloween in the Park". That morning the DPW was asked to fix a tire that was off its rim on one of the hay wagons that is used to transport participants during that event. Two DPW trucks and employees were used to help with the event. The hay bales were picked and returned to Fletcher-Creamer Construction Company who loans them to us every year this occasion.

As **Library** liaison she reported that in September, 9,982 items were circulated. Total circulation to date decreased 2% as last year they were still helping Lodi, 10,113 people walked through the library door, 60 new library cards were issued, 27 adults, 31 children and 2 online. Total library cards to date is 6,338. The library now has a new volunteer policy for those wishing to obtain volunteer hours.

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department kicked off Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12 by visiting Euclid and Lincoln Elementary Schools and the Kathy Dunn School. Captain Robert Knobloch scheduled the visits and as accompanied by EMS Coordinator Liz

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**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd):** Waring, Captain of Hook and Ladder Company Peter Kolodziej, firefighters Tom and Greg Rubino, Frank Aquila, Ed Carter Jr., Brandon Iribarne and EMS member Rebecca Ratkowski. Firefighter Tom Rubino talked to the children about safety which was followed by an instructional video with “Sparky” the fire dog and his rabbits teaching the children to be “Rabbit Ready” and have two ways out. This was followed by a visit outside the school to show the children the fire trucks and ambulance. The children then watched members put on their fire gear so they could see what a firefighter would look like in full gear. The HHFD was on hand for town Day, Halloween in the Park and will be available for the Ragamuffin Parade on October 26. On October 7, the HHFD was called to the scene of an accident on the Boulevard involving a NJ Transit bus and a box truck. All three Chiefs were at the scene as well as Engine Company 1, Rescue Truck and both ambulances. Mutual Aid ambulances from Wood-Ridge and Moonachie were also called to the scene.

Under Streets & Sanitation, Commissioner Gonzalez reported Leaf season started on October 14 and residents may place leaves in the street but not within 10 ft. of a stormwater catch basin. Leaves may also be placed at the curb in paper leaf bags or in upright containers. Leaves in plastic bags will **not** be collected. Limbs, branches, or bushes must **not** be mixed in with leaves. They must be separately bundled and tied and put at the curb for branch collection. (See Recycling Calendar.) Last day to put leaves in the street is December 13<sup>th</sup>. After that date leaves must be bagged or placed in an upright container. Leaves are removed on a non-scheduled basis during the season.

### **Repairs:**

Stump Grinder – sent to manufacturer to analyze computer problems.

Loader 444D – repair hydraulic cylinders, replace accelerator assembly along with bushing & pins.

Mason Dump – replace transmission & cooler lines.

Garbage Truck 101 – replace brake drums & shoe kit.

Garbage Truck 102 – replace hydraulic hoses.

Tink Claw – replace hydraulic cylinder.

Sweeper – replace hydraulic hoses and fittings.

Leaf Pusher – replace rubber edge.

**FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:** Under Social Services, Commissioner Link offered sincere thanks to the generous residents of Hasbrouck Heights who continue to donate to the Food Pantry and keep the shelves stocked. There were 110 visitors to the Food Pantry from September 30, 2013 through October 21, 2013. Thank you also to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Ethel Ball, Anna Tracz, Joyce and Andy, Al Kinsley and Jeff Leidenfrost. We are especially grateful for the following who provided grocery items, gift cards or monetary donations: Corpus Christi Brown Bag



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**FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES (cont'd):** Sunday, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Women, Bible Baptist Church, Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus, Nanda Family, Isabella Britton, Nora Abraham, Susan Jarocki, Kathy Van Jura, Mr. Trump, Elizabeth Coccia, Kristen Schaeffer and the HH Swim Club, Villacampa Family, Barbara G. Rosemary Smith, Judy Corbliss, Mrs. Matern, Bawa Family, Aidan and Stephen Desics, Cookie, Mrs. Pertuz and Josephine McLean. Donations are accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Under Finance, Commissioner Link gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at September 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1,371,133.96 and at August 31<sup>st</sup> was \$4,211,481.69 which represents a decrease of \$2,840,347.73. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of September totaled \$730,525.95 of which \$249,614.40 was for Current Taxes, \$24,970.73 was for Prior Years Taxes, \$12,916.38 was for Pre-Paid 2014 taxes, \$311,108.79 was for State Aid and \$131,915.65 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of September totaled \$3,570,873.68 of which \$2,114,527.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$568,242.31 was for Salaries, \$453,805.00 was for Debt Service and \$434,299.37 was for Other Expenses. Final 2013 tax bills were mailed in September which included the fourth quarter payment, which is due November 1, 2013, as well as the first and second quarter payments due in 2014. In addition to its usual business hours, the Tax Collector's Office, located at 320 Boulevard, will be open on Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 9 a.m. until noon for your convenience.

The formulation of the 2014 budget has begun. We do not have any specific information on exactly how the Budget and Levy Cap's will be treated for next year but we expect more information within the next few weeks. After the close of October, Department Heads will receive 2014 budget request forms which are to be completed and returned to the Finance Officer. The Finance Committee has already begun holding regular budget meetings and will ultimately get back to meeting every week as the deadline to introduce the budget approaches.

**HEALTH & LAND USE:** Under Health, Commissioner Lipari reported during the third quarter of 2013 the Health Inspector conducted 75 food inspections, 14 spot checks, 22 grease trap inspections and 27 complaints of various nature. The Health Department collected \$12,325 in fees during the third quarter of the year and issued 1,237 dog licenses. Also the Boro Registrar of Vital Statistics issued 514 certified transcripts collecting \$7,650. The department also recorded 199 non-resident deaths and 14 resident deaths. Twelve marriage licenses were issued and the Health Department was notified of eight births to town residents.

**Blood Screening Program:** The Board of Health hosted a Blood Screening Program

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**HEALTH & LAND USE (cont'd):** on Thursday, October 3, 2013 in the senior center from 9 to 11 a.m. Over 40 people participated in this fall's event. Medical Lab Diagnostics provided two phlebotomist and a nurse.

**Shingles Vaccine Clinic:** The Board of Health in conjunction with Dr. Bellavia from Heights Medical and Heights Specialty Pharmacy will be conducting a Shingles Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, November 7, 2013. The clinic will be held in the Hasbrouck Heights Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard from 1 to 3 p.m. Dr. Bellavia will be administering the vaccination. Pre-registration and payment is required for all participants. The vaccine will be available for anyone over 60 years of age. The fee for the vaccination will be \$170. Health insurance will be accepted. Pre-registration & payment is due by October 31, 2013. To pre-register or to see if your health insurance applies please contact Heights Specialty Pharmacy located at 450 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights or call 201-288-0404.

**Same-Sex Marriage Licenses:** Pursuant to a recent court decision, same-sex couples must be afforded the opportunity to enter into marriage in state of New Jersey as of Monday, October 21, 2013. In order to comply with the court ruling local registrars must ensure that same-sex couples & opposite-sex couples follow the same procedures that are required to enter into a civil marriage. The Hasbrouck Heights Health Dept. is prepared and ready to comply with the new court decision and has received many questions and has accepted marriage applications from same-sex couples.

**Senior Center:** As Senior Liaison, Councilman Lipari reported the annual Senior Halloween Costume party will be held this Thursday from 12 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Center. There will be a hot and cold buffet, dessert, and a DJ for dancing. Costumes are encouraged! There is a monthly calendar of events available at the senior center for all senior residents of Hasbrouck Heights. The activities include: line dancing, senior yoga, senior aerobics, advanced yoga, Bingo, mahjong, games and cards. Residents can enjoy free coffee and snacks while attending the recreation sponsored activities. Senior Lounge is open every day to watch TV and socialize with friends. Zumba gold has started, the classes are great, so if interested come to the center at 12pm on Friday afternoons. If interested in our new "silver sneakers" fitness program stop by the center and put your name on the interest survey. Coming this fall, Senior billiards league. If you have any programs that you would like to see added to our calendar of events just call 201 288 4143 and ask for Robert Brady, the Senior Program Coordinator. Center is open Daily 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Land Use:** As Land Use Commissioner, Councilman Lipari reported during the month of October, 45 UCC permits, 15 local permits, five approvals of Zoning Compliance and 10 Certificates of Occupancy were issued. The total receipts for these were \$12,955. Land Use (cont'd): Although most of the permits were for home renovations, Harbor Freight was issued the interior demo for the 65 Route 17 site. Eighty three initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 91.6%. There were

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**LAND USE (cont'd):** 4 instances where the contractors were not ready for inspection and 3 that failed. The Property Maintenance Inspector had 11 inspections and followed up with those same residents people 21 times. 5 warnings were issued, one summons was issued and he took pictures of 15 properties. The Building Inspector/Zoning Officer traveled the Route 17 corridor taking pictures of illegal signage – pennants, banners, a grand opening sign that is 8 months old. Notices will be sent out, followed by summonses if compliance is not achieved.

The Zoning Board will be hearing an application regarding signage for 7Eleven on Route 17 South and an addition to a home that has non-conforming setbacks.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Semenez reported the repairs at the Public Safety Building included the replacement of the HVAC compressor at the Police Desk and a roof repair over the Firehouse section of the building. The A/C units above the Firehouse garage have large ducts that are wrapped with insulation that cracked and separated from the metal allowing water to penetrate into the garage area. One of the four units has been re-wrapped and the other three units will be done on a scheduled which allows for budgeting of this project. At the Borough Hall a repair of the rear entrance sidewalk was completed as the expansion joint material needed filling as to avoid any trip hazards. The night light on the clock tower as fixed by the manufacturer as the clock is under warranty. The glass block on the comfort station at Woodland Park was replaced as it was broken by vandals. Schedule of Meetings: Community Room 11, Caucus Room 6, Council Chamber 5, Senior Center 6 (not including Senior Activities).

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Heck began by asking for a moment's silence for the passing of a wonderful person Teresa Roccamo. She is the mother of Second Asst. Chief Angelo Roccamo.

**Sept. 26, 27, Thursday and Friday:** I met with Ro Sees and Michael Kronyak on several business matters. Ro and I discussed layout of the newspaper and she brought me up-to-date on progress with the new Publisher layout. It would take time to learn the new way to put the Borough Business Bulletin together and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees did an outstanding job in doing that.

I prepared for the Town Day Community Awareness Access for All Table that would be at Town Day. I sorted materials to be given out that day and marked boxes to be brought to Woodland Park that day. I thanked Rob Brady our Recreation Director, etc. who arranged for Youth Committee Members to help at the CAAFA Table.

**Sept. 28, Saturday, 10 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.:** Kate Palmieri and Paul Nichols were given the task of asking people to fill out forms to update Police Dept. records of people who

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might need help during storms and other emergencies. They were very professional and helpful to people all day long. CAAFA Members Brenda Colaneri, our secretary, and Councilwoman Pam Link, our treasurer, came to help and answer questions and give out pertinent material all day. Member June Raymond also stopped to help and later her son Actor Adam Mucci stopped by. We spoke about how wonderful it was for the kids and residents to have such a fantastic event. Adam who grew up here is always a big supporter of his hometown and willing to help us when needed.

Miss Teenage New Jersey Katherine Campbell arrived to help between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and she was whisked away by various groups for photo opportunities; one of which was the Boy Scouts. She was introduced to the crowd of people who came to participate in the big day. It was a beautiful day, and it was wonderful to see all of our town organizations so involved and sharing their time to help make the event a success. Hundreds of children never tired of the great slides and fun amusement pieces, not to mention enjoying eating the hot dogs and popcorn. Most important of all and key to the success of Town Day was the pre-planning done by our very able and talented Recreation Director Rob Brady. I want to recognize him and give him a big thank you on behalf of all the residents and especially the children of Hasbrouck Heights.

**Sept. 29, 1 p.m.** I performed a wedding at The Hilton Hotel after which I spoke at our Library's Special event. It was a meeting at which the work and cooperation between the Boards of Trustees and The Friends of The Library were highlighted with special guest speakers. It was very well attended. Mimi Hui our Library Director was the perfect host to this informative event.

**Sept. 30, Monday:** I stopped by the Municipal Building to fill out my CERT application and check-in with the Borough Clerk and Administrator, Ro Sees and Mike Kronyak, along with staffers Jean Curci, Cindy Palmieri and Louise Balsamo (the last two alternate days in that office) at their desks and/or computers; popping up and down to take care of people who stop at the window to seek assistance. I like to stop by at various times during the week to keep up with Borough matters, discuss matters brought to my attention on my Saturday mornings in the Library, or just meeting people in my travels. I am proud of the work every department does and believe me, not a day is slow or quiet in the Municipal Building with phones ringing, people stopping by for various needs, taxpayers dropping by to seek advice from our Tax Collector Chita Parker and Angela Ferraro; there are people needing permits, licenses, and information from Planning and Zoning Board Secretary Dorothy Bernice and Board of Health Office Secretary/Registrar Laura French and Rob Brady's office, especially on Monday mornings with about 60 people coming to the Food Pantry, after which he heads to his office to take care of the Message Board and then plans and completes whatever is necessary for that day's or week's events.

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The Municipal Building as well as our Free Public Library is hustling and bustling with people and children all day long.

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 7 pm:** The first in a series of seven CERT classes began. Barry Leventhal is in charge and will be assisted by some members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Dept. The first class was very informative. We received a big packet of material that will help us learn emergency rescue techniques.

**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday,** I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities where we learned of the news program sponsored through the Attorney General's office and in conjunction with County Prosecutor Molinelli who was also in attendance to explain what a good program this is. The program is entitled Fugitive Safe Surrender Program and affords an opportunity for individuals wanted for nonviolent offenses in New Jersey to turn themselves in and, in the same day, remove any warrant filed against them and to adjust the underlying municipal or state summons complaint filed against them.

**10 am,** I met with the Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak to go over several matters after which I met with Ro Sees to go over Borough Business Proofs and copy.

**7 pm,** we had a short Finance Committee Meeting – Chair Pamela J. Link, Justin DiPisa and I met with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

**8 pm,** Council Meeting at which time we honored Rob Brady for again being Coach of the Year and his Championship Girls Track Team.

**Oct. 11, Friday 10 am,** Returned Proofs with correction to Ro Sees and she had more proofs for me to read. She is doing a great job with the new program. The paper looks good.

**Oct. 15, Wednesday:** Senate Election. 7 pm CERT class

**Oct. 17, Thursday:** Two Brownie Troops along with their leaders came to visit with me at Borough Hall. Brownie Troop 4703 which included Tess Cangialose, Katie Deppert, Chrissy Costa, Jordan Metcalfe, Aishwarya Dodda, Veronica Burns, Amanda Binder, Sophia Sancillio, Emily Balmesada, Ellie Cipollone, Angelica Duffy, Chloe Antigua, Amelia Stehlik and their Troop Leaders Suzanne Cangialose and Gina Deppert; and Brownie Troop 5291 which included Isabella Hernandez, Olivia Loos, Olivia Roque, Isabella Playa, Riley DeMicco, Annalisa Tahiri, Victoria Stehlik and Troop Leaders Gina Hernandez and Kim Loos.

**Oct. 21, Monday** I stopped at the Municipal Building to go over some business. I again

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**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** commended Rose Marie Sees for a job well done. I also send my thanks to all of the departments who contributed to the Borough Business Bulletin. It is so important for the public to know what work is being done and this is a good way to communicate the achievements of our hardworking Department Heads, and Members of the men and women of their departments. My thanks and congratulations to all.

**Oct. 22, Tuesday 7 pm** Finance Meeting was held with Chair Pamela Link, and Deputy Com. Justin DiPisa along with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

**8 pm** Council Meeting.

I continue to hold my Saturday Meetings at the Library and of course I invite residents to feel free to come visit on matters of interest to them. I am in the process of adding to my Saturdays by having special topics of interest to be discussed on Saturdays throughout the year. I will be announcing my plans in the near future.

The Mayor's Community Celebrations Children's Rag-a-Muffin Parade is this coming Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Melissa Nazarro and Lisa Quish are the co-chairpersons of this event. The Children will meet at the Public Safety Building on Hamilton Avenue and march to the Municipal Building.. Once they arrive they will go into Senior Center. Once they arrive the children will have refreshments and entertainment will be provided. This concludes my report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 176. Awarding of Bid for Construction of Coolidge Avenue
  - 177. Authorizing Approval of 2013/2014 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
  - 178. Supporting the Fugitive Safe Surrender Program
  - 179. Endorsement of Certificate of Sale #2013-0004 for Cancellation
  - 180. Approving Raffle License for PTSA Hasbrouck Heights High School
  - 181. Amending ZZ Spirits, LLC Liquor License to Include "Trading as Liquor Master"

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by

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

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

Councilman Semenez asked Mayor Heck if to speak, that he was a little upset, concerned with the *Borough Business Bulletin*. There was a Help Wanted ad for a Parking Enforcement/EMT, that it was never discussed with the Council, that it was not fair that this was the way he found out. Mayor Heck said they were talking about it since last year, that it falls under the Police Department, and the person could also be certified to answer ambulance calls. He had the opportunity to get in touch with Mayor Heck since he received the paper. If he had input, he could have contacted the Chief of Police or Fire Chief. It was her decision to put it in this paper so that every resident in town would be aware. It is not a classified ad, it is a general announcement. If he had a good suggestion, he should talk to the Police Chief.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the meeting to the public which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

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

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:47 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Semenez, 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 October 22, 2013.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk