

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 8:22 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, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Christian Semenech

Absent: Councilman Justin A. DiPisa

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

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

“Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion, allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace Oh God and continue to remind us that all we do here, all that we accomplish is for the pursuit of truth, for the greater glory of You and for the service of humanity, we ask these in your Name. Amen.”

**PROCLAMATION: “Read Across America”**

Councilwoman Buckman read the following Proclamation in observance of Read Across America Day March 1, 2013:

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students’ future academic success, their preparation for America’s jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Hasbrouck Heights has provided significant leadership in the area of

**PROCLAMATION (cont:d)**

community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *NEA's Read Across America*, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted on March 1, 2013, which would have been the 109th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, *Read Across America-NJ* is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association, and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, calls on its citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 1, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses *NEA's Read Across America* and *Read Across America-NJ*, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

*Dated: February 26, 2013  
/s/Mayor Rose Heck  
and Members of the Council*

Kathy DiGuglielmo, Library and Media Teacher at Lincoln School was presented with two Proclamations, one for Euclid School and one for Lincoln School.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 10 a.m.
  - 2) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of Resignation of Steven Pell from Hook and Ladder Company One

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There being none, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman Lipari and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck noted the Relay for Life Committee was holding a kick off meeting at the high school on Wednesday, February 27. Amanda Kistner, chairman, had invited Mayor Heck and the Council to attend at 7 p.m.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, with Councilman Semencz adding a correction to add his name to the correspondence referring to the thank you letter sent by the Drug Awareness Week committee; and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$141,746.64 specified in the Schedule hereto annexed, have been examined and approved by the Finance Commissioner, or his Deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in the accounts listed for payment of the claims;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the claims be paid and checks be issued on the funds and accounts indicated on the attached schedule.

Signed Pamela J. Link  
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

**REPORTS:**

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report as submitted by Director of Recreation Robert Brady. Recreation Basketball is wrapping up the regular recreation season, and our 5 traveling teams are winding up the regular season. The 7/8 grade boys are doing great with a record of 8-2. Recreation wrestling- We just hosted the district championship last Sunday and our team won 16 total medals, 4 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze. The wrestlers that placed 1st & 2nd will move on the regions this Sunday in Hackensack H.S. Wrestlastics- is a wrapping up on Monday 2/25/13, the class finished up with 11 members and all the kids really had a great time learning the fundamentals of wrestling. The recreation 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 6th, 7th, & 8th 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, Zumba Gold, and more are offered on a monthly senior activities calendar. Recreation adult basketball and adult coed volleyball continue to meet at the high

**RECREATION AND PARKS (cont'd):** 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. Recreation Track & Field will have registration Thursday March 7th 7pm-9pm in the recreation office. The program is available to boys and girls in the 5th-8th grade.

Recreation Softball Registration was held last week and so far we have 2 teams of 3rd 4th grade girls, 3 teams of 5th 6th grade girls, and 3 teams of 7th 8th grade girls. The practices will begin March with games in April. The recreation department is starting a new special needs recreation program, see attached outline and brochure for all the exciting info. 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 liaison to the Library, she reported for the month of January, circulation was 9,489 items compared to 2012 of 8,979, an increase of 5%. Forty-two library cards were issued, 29 adult and 12 juvenile and one courtesy. Total library cards to date is 5,958. She reminded everyone that the Book and Bake Sale is scheduled for June 1 and 2 and donations of books was ongoing. March 22 is the Junior Friends meeting from 3-5 p.m.

Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the Department of Public Works has trimmed the trees located directly behind the flag pole at the Firemen's Memorial Park. The flag was torn by several branches and the ropes were continually getting wrapped around the branches. The flag was replaced and is free of any encroachment. At the Policeman's Memorial several light bulbs were replaced and two (2) trees were staked as they were bent over during Superstorm Sandy. As part of a shared service program the DPW tree crew removed a tree located on Depken Field that had come down and damaged the fence on the Board of Education property. This was also a result of Superstorm Sandy. A preconstruction meeting was held at Ken Job's office, relating to Woodland Park Pavilion project. Ken Job, Bill Spindler, Detective Alan Baker, and the contractor Whirl Construction attended the meeting to discuss the demolition start date of February 25. The projected should be completed by May 1.

**POLICE, FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under Police, Deputy Commissioner Gonzalez read a report submitted by Chief Colaneri which noted that the Chief and Sgt. Rinke had met with Dr. Porto, Dina Messery and CFO/Admin. Kronyak to discuss school security and to investigate the placement of a School Resource Officer into all Borough schools. He thanked Sheriff Saudino for sending the work detail to Police headquarters to paint the interior. He reminded residents that snow must be removed for their sidewalks or a summons will be issued. Several summonses were issued this past snow storm. He also reminded residents to not throw the snow into the street and no overnight parking permission will be given during snow emergency. H read a letter sent from Euclid and Lincoln School PTAs to Chief Colaneri on behalf of the Drug Awareness Committee thanked him for attending the rally. Response received and the program provided were positive reinforcement for all children, parents and staff. Total January parking violations were 264, moving violations 178 for a total of 442.

Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following productivity report submitted

**POLICE, FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** by EMS Elizabeth Waring for the period of January 15, 2013 through February 15, 2013: there were 44 fire calls, four non emergency calls and 141 EMS calls. He continued that the Hasbrouck Heights Installation Dinner was held at the Graycliff on January 26, 2013. This year members with 25 years of service were acknowledged for their service: Patrick Hayes, Kevin Todd, Robert Thomasey, Joseph Taylor Jr., Christian Semencz, Thomas Rubino, Angelo Roccamo, Mark Rista, Robert Jones, Michael Ratkowski, Lawrence Donohue and Edmund Carter Jr. He commended the members. The HHFD will be on hand for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Depken Field on March 23. He also noted that on March 10, clocks spring forward at 2 a.m. reminding residents to change their batteries in all carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

As Streets & Sanitation Commissioner Gonzalez reported at 7pm on January 22, a call from the Police Desk prompted the Department of Public Works to respond to a possible sanitary sewer blockage. After investigating the situation it was determined that the main line on Route 17 South in the area of KFC was blocked. A DPW crew set up traffic signs and cones along with Police assistance on the highway for safety while the work was being performed. The main line was cleared and the highway lanes were reopened. On January 25 salt trucks were out as precipitation fell in the form of ice. Again the ice fell on January 28 and the salt trucks covered the town. A dusting of snow fell in the amount of 1-inch on February 3 dispatching our salt trucks and another dusting of snowfall on February 5 sent the trucks out again. A DPW crew shoveled all the crossing guard areas for safe passage. On February 7, salt brine was sprayed on the roadways as a blizzard was predicted for our area. The blizzard started on February 9 and all DPW personnel were out plowing the snow for the next 28 hours. After the storm was ended the DPW removed the snow on the Boulevard and from all the churches. On Sunday night the DPW removed snow from the schools area streets that had been stockpiled by the BOE when they cleared their properties. On Monday, February 11 snow was cleared from the storm drains as heavy rain was falling and needed access to the basins. Bergen County was billed for all the plowing that our DPW performed on the county roads and the county also replenished salt used during the several storms. Five tons of cold patch asphalt was used to fill potholes this month. A number of tree stumps were removed as weather permitted.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE:** Under Social Services, Commissioner Link offered sincere thanks to the generous residents of Hasbrouck Heights who continue to donate on a daily basis. There were 124 visitors to the Food Pantry from January 22, 2013 through February 25, 2013. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry, and to the following who provided grocery items, gift cards or monetary donations: Linda Swalsky who held a food collection for her 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and brought in a huge amount of bags of food; Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church, Frank Trent, Bob Wiener, Ann Fiero, Karen McDowell, Arlene Carreau, Mrs. Tripodi, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Marie Vecchi, Anna Mastropietro, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley, Amy, Josephine McClean, Phyllis Burman, Rosemary Smith, Andrea, Lisa Barralle, Susan Jarocki, Mrs. Agostino, John Rizzo, Marion Plaskow and Colleen Leddy,

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE (cont'd):** Most of these donors come in several times during the month which is most appreciated. Donations are accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The food pantry is open on Monday mornings (on Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday) from 9am-11am for Hasbrouck Heights residents in need. Anyone in need that would like to register can do so with Robert Brady by calling (201) 288-4143.

Under Finance, Commissioner Link read the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at January 31, 2013 was \$3,580,272.35 and at December 31, 2012 was \$2,460,232.99 which represents a increase of \$1,130,039.36. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately .25%. Cash receipts for the month of January totaled \$4,372,887.79 of which \$4,005,981.76 was for Current Taxes \$98,070.72 was for Prior Year Taxes and \$268,835.31 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of January totaled \$3,252,848.43 of which \$2,037,876.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$657,221.60 was for Salaries and \$557,750.83 was for Other Expenses. She continued that the process of formulating the 2013 Municipal Budget continues with the Finance Committee meeting weekly. Introduction of the budget has been extended from February 10 to March 15, 2012. The CFO completed the Annual Debt Statement and Annual Financial Statement which were submitted on their due dates. Some key points indicated by the Annual Financial Statement are as follows: 2012 Tax Collection Rate was 99%, a small increase over 2011's rate of 98.88%. Cash surplus generated in 2012 was \$1,062,571.59 as compared to \$1,111,893.43 in 2011. Delinquent Taxes at 12/31/12 were \$407,014.59 as compared to \$338,224.30 at 12/31/11. These are all factors to be considered when formulating the 2013 budget. The 2% appropriation and levy CAP are also critical to the formulation of the budget. As of today the draft budget is under the appropriation CAP and the final levy CAP calculations are being completed.

**HEALTH & LAND USE:** Under Health, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Lori French: 5 K Run/Walk & Health Fair: The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health is planning their 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual 5 K Run/Walk and Health Fair on Sunday. April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Along with our annual Health Fair the members of the Board of Health decided to organize a 5 K Run to help raise scholarship funds for town residents and the N.J. State Seeing Eye Dog Program. The Race and Health Fair will begin at 9:00 am at Borough Hall on Central Ave. If you or someone you know would like to donate supplies and gifts to the participating runners please contact the Hasbrouck Heights Health Dept. Our goal is to donate 100% of race proceeds to the various programs. If you make a donation by March 24, 2013 your contribution will be acknowledged on T-shirts provided to runners along with other event-related printed material. Dog Licenses: The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2012 dog license has expired on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 and must be renewed as soon as possible. The Health Dept. has issued over 860 dog licenses and reminder letters will be mailed out during the last week of February.

Under Land Use, Commissioner Lipari reported traditionally the month of January is a little slow in the Building Department. This year is no exception. The total funds

**HEALTH & LAND USE (cont'd):** collected were \$6,888. 91 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 89%. Work was not ready for inspection 10 times this month. The property maintenance inspector made 11 inspections. He followed up 22 times and issued 2 warnings. Reminder to the residents, please insure that you are in compliance to the borough ordinance which requires house numbers to be prominently displayed as well as the permit placard so the inspectors can readily find the house needing inspection.

As Senior Citizen liaison, Commissioner Lipari reported The following highlights are happening in our Senior Center, 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. Come and participate in our Zumba Gold Class, attendance is really building. The class is a fun way to exercise to latin music. Men and Women are invited, cost is \$1.00. The class is held on Friday afternoons at 1pm in the center. 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 9am-4:30pm.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Commissioner Semencz reported the repairs on the emergency generator located at the Public Safety Building, which had a burnt circuit board that controls the transfer switch, was completed and the entire system was tested and back on line with minimal interruption. Police Chief Colaneri was informed and kept abreast of the situation as was the Police Desk. Also at the Public Safety Building, new LED light fixtures were installed in two (2) stairwells. According to OSHA regulations, scaffolding needed to be erected by the contractor to access the fixtures. The stairwells located in the Fire Stations and to the Court were available at all times and the project is now completed. At the DPW facility, garage door panels were replaced, an electrical circuit breaker was installed for one of the heating units and a circulation pump was replaced on another heating unit. Work was completed in the Library relating to the fire sprinkler head that discharged water as a result of a frozen pipe. The total cleanup was performed by an environmental company and the Borough's insurance carrier will cover the claim. Schedule of Meeting: Community Room 26; Caucus Room 11; Council Chamber 9; and Senior Center 5 (not including Senior Activities).

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

Jan. 30, Wednesday: I participated in the Farewell Program held at Boiling Springs Senior Center in East Rutherford for Director Barbara Russell. She was retiring after 37 years of outstanding service in that position. County Executive Kathe Donovan, the East Rutherford Mayor and Council and a host of others were there to speak and wish her well in her retirement. Barbara will actually continue her work in the volunteer community. Heleyne Trent of Hasbrouck Heights who has served as her assistant for 13 years was left in charge. Hasbrouck Heights Seniors have continued to use the services

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** offered there which include nutritious lunches for under \$2.00 and numerous programs, including a Health program run by the County.

Jan. 31, Thursday 8:30 a.m. I called the first Street Fair meeting to plan our Fifth Annual Street Fair. Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie Sees, Cliff Witmeyer, and Jimmy Spadola of Cliffhangar Productions, Sam Papasavage of Heights Specialty Pharmacy (formerly BeJay Drugs), Fritz Rethage of the Gazette, Vicky Oller of TD Bank, Peter Gallo III, Dave Fanale Century 21 Eudan Realty and Police Chief Michael Colaneri. I spoke of location change projection and the committee asked if they could make an appointment to give more input. The Committee said yes. Letters requesting sponsors have already been sent to the businesses that routinely sponsor the event, along with letters to new businesses.

Feb. 4, Monday, 10 am I attended a meeting with Supt. of Schools Dr. Mark Porto and Dr. Helfant. I asked for the meeting to go over information I needed for a new program we were planning for the Recreation Dept. and also to address some additional needs the school will have from the Borough.

Feb. 5 Tuesday, 10 a.m.: Mayor's Senior Citizens Committee meeting; the first of the New Year. Borough Clerk Rose Sees, Recreation Director Rob Brady; Members Peter Gallo, Jack Coneys, June Raymond, Dolores Jones, Madeleine Leddy, and Dorothy Petroulas. Tonight we will hear a resolution that came out of the meeting to allow recycling and trash to be placed at the curb at sunset or 7 p.m., whichever comes first. Regular garbage will continue to be picked from the backyard. A Senior Citizens Exercise Program is being investigated by Rob Brady. This was discussed last year, but several negatives were reviewed in that if we placed equipment in the building we would have to hire a person to monitor its use and had to come up with many rules that created problems. Rob and I spoke and he is pursuing a special package from one of the existing Exercise places in town whereby interested seniors could come to the Municipal Building perhaps twice a week and then driven down by the town bus. We will have more about that in the near future.

Feb. 6, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., I attended the Planning Board meeting.

Feb. 7, Thursday, 10:30 am: I met with Recreation Director Rob Brady to review and report on status of new Recreation Program. Both he and I compared notes about our work with Council Members Pamela Link CAAFA Treasurer, and Sonya Buckman, Commissioner of Recreation.

11:30 p.m. I attended the Finance Meeting with Councilwoman Pamela J. Link who is Chair and Councilman Justin A. DiPisa who is Vice Chair along with Borough Administrator/Finance Officer Michael Kronyak

Feb. 12, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities Breakfast at The Arena in Hackensack. Freeholder Chairman David Ganz was the

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** guest speaker. Budget matters and County services were discussed and a question and answer period followed.

11:30 a.m. I attended the Finance Committee Meeting with Chair Pamela Link, Justin DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. Budget matters and needs of departments were discussed as they related to budget.

7 p.m. A Police Committee Meeting was held. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez along with Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I attended. The new Police Ordinance and Police Promotion procedures were discussed at length along with the status of the department.

8 p.m. Council Meeting

Feb. 17, Sunday 11:30 a.m. A meeting was held with Recreation Director Rob Brady at which time we met with Westwood Recreation Director Gary who answered questions we had about his Westwood/Washington Township Special Needs Recreation Program. Council President Pamela J. Link, Recreation Director Sonya Buckman and I were pleased to have the opportunity to go over the final plans for our Hasbrouck Heights program with Rob Brady, having obtained the firsthand answers we sought for the Borough's program. Councilwoman Link is Treasurer of the Community Awareness – Access For All Committee and I was there as its 2013 President. CAAFA has been actively reviewing and meeting to prepare the program for well over a year. Chris Peters a CAAFA member first brought the suggestion to CAAFA a little more than a year ago. So many people played a part in investigating and preparing the program led by Recreation Director Robert Brady, who did an excellent job in preparing the program which opens the second week in March and I want to thank everyone, including Supt. of Schools Dr. Mark Porto and Dr. Helfant. We are hoping that the 250 families involved will access the program. Please contact Rob Brady at his office or stop by to pick up a registration form and program at the Municipal Building.

Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Finance Meeting was held with Chair Pamela Link, Justin DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. Budget matters are close to being finalized. Report on status of the D.P.W. contract was discussed.

Feb. 23, Saturday: 10 am to noon I met with residents at the Library. I continue to be available there and residents have been visiting me with their suggestions and questions. After five years I am still enjoying the meetings and will continue to be there on Saturdays.

12:30 a.m. I officiated along with Council President Pamela J. Link at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held at the newly established Heights Dental Office at 440 Boulevard. Dr. Mussarat Patham a local resident has added the facility to her New York practice. We were joined by her family and friends along with Mr. Arcari of Arcari Iovino architects who designed the new facility.

**MAYOR’S REPORT (cont’d):** Feb. 24, Sunday, 1 p.m. I attended the 2013 Chinese New Year Luncheon Celebration sponsored by the Friends of the Library at the Asian Grill. Council Members Sonya Buckman, Pamela J. Link, Russell Lipari and Christian Semencz were also in attendance. The Tibetan Youth Group dressed in traditional clothing entertained us with music, song and dance. The young women and men are very talented and their performance was very well received. Hasbrouck Heights is fortunate to have 11 Tibetan families living here.

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. I will meet with John Leon of New Jersey Transit prior to the public’s 7:30 p.m. meeting.

8 p.m. Council Meeting.

I continue to be available to meet with the public on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. till noon. No appointments are necessary.

This concludes my report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 50. Authorizing Agreement with the County of Bergen for Municipal Alliance Grant
- 51. Amending Regulations Regarding the Time at Which the Certain Classes of Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse and Recyclable Materials that are Subject to Curbside Collection Under Chapter 152 of Borough Code may be Placed at the Curb for Municipal Collection on the Following Day
- 52. Authorizing Raffle License for PTSA Hasbrouck Heights MS/HS
- 53. Authorizing Raffle License for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights
- 54. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien #2009-0001, Block 3.01, Lot 27, 24 Woodland Drive
- 55. Authorizing an Agreement with Cliffhanger Productions for the May 19, 2013 Street Fair
- 56. Authorizing Approval of 2013/2014 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers

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

57. Authorizing Raffle License for Junior Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights

58. Authorizing Cancellation of Old Checks

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** Steven Pell from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company 1

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the resignation of the foregoing, which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2297:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 231 ENTITLED "SOIL MOVEMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MAJOR SOIL PERMIT APPLICATIONS BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE PLANNING BOARD ONLY AND THAT, ONCE SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE SO DESIGNATED, THE REVIEWING ENGINEER SHALL BE THE PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER"** 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 March 12, 2013.

On a motion by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved

**ORDINANCE NO. 2298:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE I ENTITLED "CREATION AND ORGANIZATION" OF CHAPTER 55 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS UPDATING THE SAME TO AS TO CONFORM TO CURRENT APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES"** 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 (S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):**

Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on March 12, 2013.

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:****ORDINANCE NO. 2294:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE # 2255 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$140,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PAVILION IN WOODLAND PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND IN THE SUM OF \$69,500.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$63,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW”** ADOPTED ON MARCH 8, 2011, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION TO \$140,000.00, THE DOWN PAYMENT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO \$12,500.00 AND THE AUTHORIZED DEBT TO \$108,000.00” 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. 2294 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Semencz seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2294 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2295:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE HASBROUCK HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

**AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 102"** 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.

Before the opening of the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2295, Councilman Semencz requested to speak about this ordinance, that he had a lot of problems with it, that after a Probationary Patrolman finishes school he gets a \$10,000 raise which equals 33% and then every year after goes to 20%, 17%, 14%, 12%, 11%, 10% and 9% and when you get into the fifth year of service, not only 11% but 2.5% increase for longevity. He thought this ordinance should be postponed. Mayor Heck said this is a contractual agreement and steps were put into place years ago. We do not have the right to change this at this particular time. It is not going against Governor Christie's rules and stay within CAP, and go under when we can. An additional step was added to increase the time before it gets to top pay, which was agreed to under the new contract negotiations.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2295 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Councilwoman Link seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2295 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2296:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled "**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2013**"

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. 2296 which was made by Councilman Semencz, 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 Councilwoman Link

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):**

seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2296 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Semenez voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:**        59.    Borough Property

Mayor Heck requested a motion to go into Executive Session which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:30 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to return to the regular meeting which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez 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 February 26, 2013.

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**Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk**