

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 26, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 8:09 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, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Christian Semenech

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:

“An Easter Prayer. Of all of God’s gifts Easter shows us our fate. Forgiven we will rise and pass through Heaven’s gate. This Easter remember the sacrifice of a Son and through his resurrection eternal life we have won. This Easter I pray that the love of God is resurrected, reborn, renewed inside your heart. God Bless You!” Anonymous

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter from Laura French, Secretary, Board of Health stating the Board of Health at their March 13, 2013 meeting rescinded Resolution #22 which recommended Bergen County Health Services and authorized Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission as Health Enforcement Agency for the year 2013
  - 2) Invitation to Little League Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 9 a.m. at the Little League Field and Annual Pancake Breakfast at the VFW on Sunday, April 7, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

- 3) Letter from Ralph LaRossa, President and Chief Operating Officer of PSEG offering update on their efforts to prevent outages as occurred with Superstorm Sandy
- 4) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of resignation of Hook and Ladder Company One member, Christopher Halloran, from the HHFD
- 5) Memo from Fire Chief Richard Giarratana advising of resignation of Hook and Ladder Company One member, Brian Morrow, from the HHFD

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 Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting, Work Session and Executive Session)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Minutes were approved.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$4,850,697.99 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:**

**POLICE:** Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa read a report submitted by Chief Colaneri Capt. Which noted that Joseph Cronin is retiring on 04/01/2013 after 26 years of service. We wish Joe and his family good health and happiness in his retirement. Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Rinke attended Lincoln and Euclid Schools Read Across America. The Corpus Christi DARE Graduation was held on 03/13/2013. New “Stop for Pedestrian Crossing” signs were placed at Madison and Boulevard by the library and Central and Boulevard by the senior center. We would like to thank Heights Pizza for donation of one sign.

**OEM Report**

Chief Colaneri attended the Bergen County Natural Hazard Mitigation meeting held at the Meadowlands Development Commission. The 2013 Mitigation Plan update for Hasbrouck Heights was submitted. The Borough has signed up with Swiftreach Reverse 9-1-1. This will allow phone notifications to be sent to residents for non-emergency matters. Administration, Recreation, DPW and Police can send out messages as needed to all or part of the community. Total February 2013 parking violations were 315, compared to 288 in 2012, moving violations 162 as compared to 269 in 2012 for a total of 478, compared 557 in 2012. YTD totals for 2013 are 920 compared to 1,029 in 2012.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report as submitted by Director of Recreation Robert Brady: 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. To register your child, just come to the center when it is open. The recreation department also has a list of senior activities, such as line dancing; fun bingo, aerobics, yoga, Mah Jon, assorted table games, 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 school new gym. Basketball will continue to play on Monday nights 7:00pm-9:00pm and adult coed volleyball will continue to play on Wednesday nights 7:00pm-9:00pm in the new gym. Recreation Track & Field started last week and the team is available for boys and girls 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The team practices 3 times a week at Depken Field. The team will compete in the NJ Striders track meet series. The program is still open for any children that would like to join. Recreation Softball has 8 teams of girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The teams are separated into age divisions. All teams are practicing a few times a week at Hitchcock field. The games will begin in early April. Special Needs Art Class is going into its 3<sup>rd</sup> week, there are 4 registered participants. The class meets once a week in the Library art room on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. The registration is open if anyone would like to join. Summer Camp Registration will be held in mid April! Look for the forms coming out in early April. 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.

**PARKS:** Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the demolition of the Pavilion at Woodland Park began on February 26. All that remained was the fireplace chimney and the barbecue grill area. There was concerns of possible water damage to the fireplace chimney and upon inspection it was determined that only the top portion will have to be removed. The main hearth will remain in place. A new flue fabricated from metal will be installed on top which will keep the fireplace functional. Several residents around the Woodland Park area have called with concerns about seeing deer in their yards. DPW Superintendent, Bill Spindler, scouted out the area bordering Woodland Park and Westmount Station (the old Curtis Wrights Complex) and found that the deer have been displaced due to the ongoing construction. The Department of Public Works does not handle any wildlife issues and can not interfere with deer at Woodland Park. The DPW is taking inventory of needs for all parks and playgrounds and has order 100 cubic yards of certified playground mulch for several playground areas. At the Central Avenue Park, new infant swings will be installed and fencing issues will be addressed when the weather breaks.

As liaison to the Library, she reported for the month of February, circulation was 9,629 items compared to 2012 of 8,979, an increase of 7%. There were 9,309 visitors. Fifty-two library cards were issued, 34 adult and 17 juvenile and one online.. Total library cards to date is 6,008. She announced that the library is holding a fundraiser on Friday, April 5 called Just Desserts from 7-9 p.m.

#### **FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:**

Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following productivity report as submitted by EMS Elizabeth Waring. For the period of 5/15/13 through 3/15/ 13, there were 21 fire calls, seven non emergency calls and 96 EMS calls. From 1/1/13 to 3/15/13 there have been 71 fire calls, 14 non-emergency fire calls and 262 EMS calls. Members of the Fire Department were on hand for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt which was held at Depken Field on March 23. The HHFD Annual Inspection will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. Residents are invited to attend and inspect all apparatus and may ask department personnel questions about the equipment. Any residents with questions or concerns may call the HHFD office at 201-288-0082. The Fire Chiefs will be more than happy to meet with any resident and give a tour of the equipment and fire house. The Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) Standards for Firefighters is enforced by the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJDLWD) and NJ Department of Health (NJDOH). A review by PEOSH was completed and the HHFD passed its inspection. All fire department apparatus is maintained on a regular basis.

As Streets & Sanitation Commissioner, Councilman Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works responded to an alarm that the Franklin Avenue Pump Station was in flood mode. Upon arrival at the station it was discovered that pump # 2 was non-operational. All basic measures failed to bring the pump up to operational status. The pump was then removed from its housing to find a mop head wrapped around the impeller. The mop head was removed, the pump was put back in place, and the electrical breakers were turned on for operation but failed to stay on. After some testing it was found that the motor which operates pump # 2 was not functioning. The age of

**STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd):** that motor made it impossible to rebuild as it had been refurbish on several occasions during its usage, therefore, a new motor was installed and the pump station was restored to full operation. On March 7, the DPW setup all snow plowing equipment again to prepare for a Nor'easter as predicted. On March 8, the DPW salt trucks covered the town and then the plowing operations followed up as the storm progressed. On March 18, the salt crews were out for this storm followed again by the plow trucks. Bergen County was billed for streets plowed within the Borough and salt was replenished under a County Co-op Program. Five tons of cold patch asphalt material was used to repair potholes as hot asphalt is not available at this time of year. DPW Superintendent, Bill Spindler, attended a preconstruction meeting at Ken Job's office to review the Road Resurfacing Program. The contractor states it will begin the second or third week of April. I met with Mike Kronyak and Bill Spindler at the Borough Hall to discuss the DPW Budget and all it requests for 2013 programs which include road resurfacing, vehicle replacement, and sanitary sewer improvements.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE:** Under Social Services, Commissioner Link Sincere thanked the generous residents of Hasbrouck Heights who continue to donate to the Food Pantry and keep the shelves stocked. There were 104 visitors to the Food Pantry from March 4, 2013 through March 25, 2013. Thank you also to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Peg Walter, Vivian Leidenfrost, Dolores Jones, Dorothy Petroulas, Marion Rolando, Elsie Sternbach, Ethel Ball, Elaine Ruroede, Madeleine Leddy and Colleen Leddy, and to the following who provided grocery items, gift cards or monetary donations: Boy Scout Food Drive, Mrs. Trippodo, Maureen Cimiluca, Dr. Bodenstein, Phyllis Burman, Annette Agostino, Barnika Thota, Jen, Martha, Kathy Van Jura, Arlene Carreau, Al and Mary Carney, Bob Weiner, Josephine McClean, Ryan Pomarico, and to Madeleine and Colleen Leddy who donated the most beautiful Easter Baskets for each of the children, the United Methodist Women, St. John's Episcopal Church and Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday. 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 who 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 February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$5,468,380.13 and at January 31, 2013 was \$3,580,272.35 which represents an increase of \$1,888,107.78. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of February totaled \$6,424,436.62 of which \$6,226,116.40 was for Current Taxes, \$50,641.42 was for Prior Years Taxes and \$147,678.80 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of February totaled \$4,531,642.95 of which \$2,296,100.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$911,115.55 was for County Taxes, \$600,416.22 was for Salaries and \$724,011.18 was for Other Expenses. The 2013 budget is being introduced

**FINANCE (cont'd):** tonight with the public hearing scheduled for April 23, 2013, at 8:00 pm in the council chambers. The budget as introduced is within all required “Caps” and will result in an increase in the Local Purpose Tax from \$13,831,225.70 in 2012 to \$14,006,525.41 for 2013, an increase of \$175,299.71. This represents an increase of 1.26% or 1 tax point in the Local Tax Rate. Each tax point represents approximately \$35.00 in taxes on the average house with an assessed value of \$350,193.00. The CFO gave a detailed report at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be ready to answers any questions at the public hearing. We do not have final numbers on the School and County tax requirements so an accurate estimate of their impact cannot be made at this time. The agenda also includes an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank.” This ordinance Does not automatically increase the amount of spending allowed but it does allow for the amount of the “Cap” increase not appropriated to be retained for the next two succeeding years, this is commonly known as the “Cap Bank.”

#### **Report on Bond Anticipation Note Sale**

The Borough accepted bids on short term borrowing known as a Bond Anticipation Note on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The amount of the note to be borrowed is \$3,850,000.00 and the most favorable net interest rate received was 0.528% submitted by TD Securities. The note will mature on March 28, 2014, at which time interest in the amount of \$20,328.00 will be due.

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

**AARP Safe Driving Course:** The Health Dept. has scheduled another AARP Safe Driving Course to be held on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Borough Hall. Because of the large turnout at our first driving course, AARP agreed to come back for another class. The cost for the class is \$12.00 for AARP member and \$14.00 for non-members. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two-point reduction from your driver’s license and a five percent deduction on car insurance premiums.

**Annual 5 K Run/Walk & Health Fair:** The Board of Health in conjunction with the Junior Woman’s Club is sponsoring the first annual 5K Run/Walk and Health Fair on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to benefit high school senior scholarships to town residents and the JWC’s State Project for Seeing Eye Dogs. The 5 K Run & Health Fair will start at 9:00 am at Boro Hall with check-in time at 8:00 am. Runners can sign up online at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com) or at the Health Dept. For more information on the 5 K Run please contact Tina Dowd at 201-370-3826 or email [tdowd@gmail.com](mailto:tdowd@gmail.com). And for the Health Fair please contact Laura French at 201-288-1636 or email [hhhealth@bergen.org](mailto:hhhealth@bergen.org).

**Health Consultation Program:** The Health Dept. provides a monthly Health Consultation Program on the fourth Thursday of each month by appointment only. Services include: Health History evaluation, blood pressure screening, height and weight measurements, individualized counseling and education about community and

**HEALTH (cont'd):** health resources with a public health nurse. To make an appointment please contact H.A.R. P. at 201-996-2038

**Prohibiting of Feeding of Wild or Stray Animals:** The Board of Health would like to remind residences that it is prohibited to feed any wild or stray animal on any property, public or private in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights. Animals such as feral cats, raccoons, possums and groundhogs have fleas and ticks and could carry rabies. By feeding wild or stray animals you are attracting these animals into your neighborhood and making it unsafe for your family, neighbors and their pets.

Wild animals have a natural instinct that can be dangerous. They may bite or scratch without warning. If you should see someone feeding wild or stray animals please contact the Board of Health at 201-288-1636.

**Food Manager Certification Course:** Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission will be conducting a Food Managers Course and certification exam on Monday, April 22 and April 29, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You must attend both sessions. This is a nationally recognized certification. The price of the course is \$165 per person certified check or money order only. This class includes the certification exam, textbook & handouts. The class will take place at the Closter Senior Center, 295 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ. You must bring a photo ID and #2 pencil. Seating is limited so please register early. Applications can be found at the Hasbrouck Heights Health Dept. Please contact Laura French at 201-288-1636 if you have any questions.

Under Land Use, Commissioner Lipari read a report: The New York Times has noted that the inventory of homes is low and that is true of Hasbrouck Heights as well. Only 10 Certificates of Occupancy for home sales were issued last month and homes seem to be on the market a much shorter time than last year. The new homes are proceeding on schedule. The total funds collected in March were \$15,862. 65 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 87%. The property maintenance inspector made 21 inspections. He followed up 28 times and issued 3 warnings. Property owners are reminded that trash and garbage may not be stored in front of the property. Trash and garbage may only be put by the curb on the evening prior to scheduled pick up.

As Senior Citizen liaison, Councilman 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. We are currently looking for a new Zumba Gold Instructor, Darlene our previous instructor has had a schedule change so all Zumba classes are suspended until we find a new instructor. As soon as we hire a new instructor Zumba will continue. 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.

**Environmental/Transportation Liaison:** As Environmental/Transportation liaison, Councilman Lipari reported on Saturday, April 6, 2013, a free shredding event will be held from 9am to 1pm at the Borough Hall Parking Lot on Central Avenue. This event is co-sponsored by Bergen County Utilities Authority and the Hasbrouck Heights Recycling Program. The satellite recycling container will also be available from 7am to 12 noon as it usually is on the first Saturday of every month. Three (3) roll-off containers were purchased with the funds from the Recycling Program and Clean Communities Program at no cost to the taxpayers. The roll-off containers are 20, 30, and 40 cubic yard capacity and are used to transport our recycling and litter related items. The Senior Bus has been under frequent repairs by the manufacturer as water has been leaking into the bus. The dealership has replaced the top hatch, all windows and resealed all the joints. The latest repairs will replace the roof of the vehicle as water is still penetrating into the bus. While the newer bus is under repairs, the old senior bus is being used but several repairs were needed for that vehicle to operate. Replaced were the brake lines and master cylinder, alternator and voltage regulator along with parts for the exhaust system and new batteries.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** Commissioner Semenez reported the former Library facility located at 301 Division Avenue, which is being used as the Masonic Learning Center, was in need of a roof repairs at two separate roof links. It appeared to be damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy as water was coming into the building. The first area of repair was at the front entrance at which a canopy roof overhangs the main door and the other area was a flat roof just off the main building. This facility has a roof on the main building and another roof on a rear addition of the building that is at least 20 years old and be monitored for any other maintenance issues. At the DPW facility, a new panic door bar and lock were replaced on the main entrance door, all fire extinguishers were serviced, and all electrical outlets for the welding units were replaced. The first quarter elevator inspections and maintenance was performed and a new smoke detector was installed in the Public Safety Building elevator shaft. A motor vehicle accident just off the Circle damaged the electrical box that powers up the entire Circle area (Sprinkler System and Holiday Lights.) A new box, circuit breaker panel and timer is on order, it will be installed upon delivery. The concrete footings and electrical conduits have been installed for a new Clock Tower that was purchased by the Habrouck Heights Lions Club and donated to the Borough. The Clock Tower will be located in front of the Municipal Building. The unveiling of the clock by the Lions Club will take place sometime in April. Schedule of Meeting: Community Room 14, Caucus Room 8, Council Chamber 6, Senior Center 6 (not including Senior Activities).

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

**Feb. 26, Tuesday, 7 pm:** We hosted a public meeting with John Leon of NJ Transit as our guest to listen to resident- complaints about train access. The placing of the fence at the Teterboro Heights Williams Avenue stop has caused a safety problem for them as well as adding to the time it takes for their individual commute to their jobs. We learned that the fence has forced them to walk along Route 46 West to get to the station. Mr. Leon said he would bring their message back to New Jersey Transit and get back to

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** them. To date their problems have not been resolved. I traveled to Newark to attend the NJ Transit Board Meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and personally addressed that Board asking them to take positive action to help our residents. I also spoke privately with Mr. Leon in the hope that he would be able to address the problem in a timely manner.

**Feb. 28, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.** Finance Chair Councilwoman Pamela Link and Vice Chair Councilman Justin DiPisa and I met with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak to continue working on the Budget. Our weekly Finance Meetings have focused on holding down costs of running the operation of our town with our top priority being in continuing to offer the services expected by our taxpayers and keeping costs down. With that in mind we have, with the expertise given by Mr. Kronyak, been able to keep our budget increase the lowest it has been over the past decade as we worked to settle two important contracts; one being the Police Contract and the other the Dept. of Public Works Contract.

**March 1, Friday, 9 a.m.:** Read Across America Day was a most enjoyable part of my day. At 9 a.m. I read to the Students at Lincoln School. At 11 a.m. I read to the students at Euclid School. All part of the annual event.

**1:30 p.m.:** I participated in the World Day of Prayer meeting at Lutheran Church.

**5 p.m.** I met with Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless and Council Members Pamela J. Link and Russell Lipari along with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, and Police Chief Michael Colaneri at Ralph's office. We discussed a proposal for a connection to the existing cell tower at the Police Station. After reviewing all the information received from Verizon we made a decision to refuse the proposal.

During the next week, I made my usual stops at the Municipal Building to meet with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

We all remembered to set our clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Savings Time that began on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**March 12, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.** Pam Link, Justin DiPisa, and I continued our weekly Finance Meetings and prepared for that evening's Council Meeting and Work Session.

**7 p.m.** Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez, Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I met.

**March 13, 8:15 a.m.** I left Hasbrouck Heights to attend the New Jersey Transit Meeting in Newark.

**6 p.m.,** I attended the Corpus Christi DARE Culmination Ceremony. Council Members Russell Lipari and Christian Semencz were also in attendance. Pastor Fr. Lew Papera

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** opened the ceremony with the St. Francis Assisi prayer in honor of the newly named Pope Francis the First that occurred in Vatican City that very day. Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Juvenile Officer/DARE Coordinator Sgt. Joseph Rinke and I were honored to speak at the event. We recognized the students, teachers and parents who participated in the DARE event held in the gym that evening.

**March 14, Thursday, 7:30 a.m.,** I attended the League of Municipalities monthly breakfast meeting at The Arena Diner and as First Vice President was given the honor of introducing President and CEO Robert Garrett of the Hackensack University Health Network. We learned more about the hospital and its affiliates and the plans for expansion of their health services, including the plans to build on to the Hackensack University Medical Center's Emergency Facilities. He also spoke of the official opening of the Hackensack University Medical Center at Pascack Valley Opening in June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayors of both Hackensack and Westwood commented about their collaboration with Mr. Garrett and the Health Network in both their towns. Chad Melton of Hackensack UMC at Pascack Valley was introduced by Mr. Garrett and spoke of his work in Westwood.

**March 16, Saturday, 10 a.m.** Part of my morning at The Library was having the pleasure of attending the Stuffed Animal morning after the sleepover Breakfast hosted by the Junior Friends of the Library headed by Justin Watrel. The children were there to pick up their stuffed animals and learn of their overnight adventures in the Library. Library Director Mimi Hui and Children's Librarian Marie Joyce were both recognized at the event. My congratulations to the Library Director, the Staff and the Junior Friends of the Library for another outstanding job well done.

**March 18, Monday, 6 p.m.,** A special meeting was held as promised by me at the Tuesday Council Meeting with our Police Labor Attorney Thomas Hanrahan, Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless, Council President Pamela J. Link, Police Commissioner Justin A. DiPisa, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees present to address PBA Attorney D. John McAusland, PBA Local 102 Vice President Police Officer Paul Bassett, Lieut. James Miller and Lieut. Charles Lesho as to questions they raised at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Even though I had requested after that meeting that the PBA Attorney forward us their questions in writing and he agreed, no such communication was ever sent, nor brought forward that evening. When asked, even though phone calls were made to ask when they would be forthcoming, he noted he had been busy with three fundraisers and noted he could not get them to us.

A lengthy meeting was held at which our attorney, Mr. Hanrahan, spoke at length as did all of us in response to any and all questions and comments made.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday,** Our weekly Finance Meeting was held, with updates and discussion about the introduction of the Budget at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**7 p.m.** Michael Kronyak and I attended the Reorganization Meeting of the Southwest

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):** Community Development Block Grant Committee meeting held at Boiling Springs in East Rutherford. I was re-elected Chair of the committee and Joseph Crifasi Vice Chair. Applications were heard with no action taken since the allotment from the Federal Government had not yet been made. The next meeting will take place after notice has been received.

**March 22, 7 p.m.** Council Members Pam Link and Russell Lipari and I attended the Mickey's Kids Foundation event at Il Villaggio's. Tom and Michele Meli who head the Foundation are to be congratulated on the success at the event. They raised enough money to purchase another Service Dog to be donated to a child in need.

**March 23, Saturday, 10 a.m.:** The Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Athletic Field. Chairing the event was Cindy Palmieri with her Co-Chairs daughter Kate and Erin. They did an outstanding job. Over 500 children enjoyed the event and their meeting with the Easter Bunny. Council Members Pamela Link, Sonya Buckman, David Gonzalez, Russell Lipari and Christian Semencz were there.

I thanked the Mayor's Community Celebration Committee Members who volunteered that day: Dorothy Bernice as BUNNY, Pat Link, Lisa Quish, Laura Baker, Lynn Taylor, Melissa Nazzaro, Guy Bernice, Michelle Sery, Dennis Nuzzo, Brian Willard, Jackie Nuzzo. Youth Committee Members: Emily Condal and Community Service participants: Jessica Gasparino, Jena Tagliabue, Michelle Artuso, Micah Gnollora, Jacqueline Hackett, Rachel Weber, Gabriella Cruz, Giovanna Tsiolas, Sara Bailey, Sophia Marino, Amanda Azer, Brendan Sturm, Kevin McCann, Nora Abdel, Emma Nichols, Shawn Waldron, Meghan Azer, Emily Reyes, Cayla Garden, Christine Schwartz, and Rebecca Rhein. All were thanked for a job well done.

Our volunteers from the Police Dept. included Police Chief Michael Colaneri, who is in charge of the children on the field along with Police Officers, Sgt. Joseph Rinke, Michael Colaneri Jr. and Sean Woodbridge worked that day along with Fire Chief Richard Giarratana and his Volunteer Firefighters. They all worked to make the day a safe and wonderful experience for the children and their parents.

**March 25, Monday,** Met with both Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak at the Municipal Building.

**March 26, 7:15 p.m.** I held a brief Police Committee Meeting prior to this Council Meeting.

I continue to be available to meet with the public on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. till noon with the exception of Easter Week Saturday, April 6th. No appointments are necessary.

This concludes my report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

72. Raffle License for Lincoln School PTA
73. Authorizing the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen Community Development Block Grant Program for Construction of Barrier Free Curb Ramps
74. Authorizing Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission as Health Enforcement Agency for 2013
75. Authorizing Agreement with Health Awareness Regional Program, Hackensack University Medical Center as Public Health Nurse for 2013
76. Authorizing Agreement with Bergen County Department of Health Services for Animal Control Services for 2013
77. Authorizing Compliance with IRS Code with Regard to Bond Anticipation Note of March 28, 2013
78. 2012 Appropriation Transfers

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**RESIGNATIONS:** Christopher Halloran from HHFD Hook and Ladder Company One  
Brian Morrow from HHFD Hook and Ladder Company One

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2300:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):****ORDINANCE NO. 2300 (cont'd):**

**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2013”** 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 9, 2013.

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semenez voting No, and all other council members voting Yes, the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction was approved.

**RESOLUTIONS: 79. Introduction of 2013 Budget**

On a motion by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semenez voting No, stating that four days was not enough time for him to review this budget, and all other council members voting Yes, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

Mayor Heck respectfully asked to make a comment which was that Councilman Semenez knows that they have been working on this budget for months. He also has access to herself, to Councilwoman Link, to Councilman DiPisa and of course our learned Finance Officer. He had ample opportunity to look at pieces of it as it was going along. She appreciates the fact that he was making that statement and hopefully he will seek out more information from the Finance Officer prior to the public hearing.

When asked if he wished to comment on this resolution, CFO/Admin. Kronyak said no, that the public hearing was on April 23, 2013.

**ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:****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”** 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 continue the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2298

**ORDINANCE(S) ON CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):****ORDINANCE NO. 2298 (cont'd):**

which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2298 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay, Councilman DiPisa who had stepped out, and all others voting Yes, the ordinance was approved.

Councilman Semencz as he stated before, felt there were problems with this and when he talked to the attorney representing the Borough, he still felt there should be a written test.

Councilman DiPisa later told Mayor Heck that it was his intention to vote Yes and didn't realize he had missed the vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:        80.     Personnel and Continuing Litigation**

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

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 10:00 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to return to the regular meeting which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

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

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**Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk**