

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**M I N U T E S**

**APRIL 23, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, April 23, 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 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 Lipari gave the Invocation as follows:

“Prayer for Common Ground. Today, may I be open to others ideas and beliefs, respectful of our differences, not threatened by them. May I grow in understanding of my own motives, knowing that people often act out of their own fears. May I be a force for replacing fear with insight, helping us all to be patient and kind as we talk. Strength, real strength, can always find compromise, working together, may we find a common ground, enable us to move forward with a shared purpose. May we see what is truly important and unites us, focusing on that, to banish road blocks of ego and fear, today, may I be open to others ideas and beliefs.”

**PROCLAMATION:** April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Mayor Heck asked the Borough Clerk to read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, the maltreatment, abuse and neglect of children is a significant social problem that damages children physically, mentally and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm on society as a whole and all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical or emotional harm; and

**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and the Department of Children and Families believe that strong, healthy families are the best place to raise children; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to building a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered and that achieve positive outcomes for parenting and family relationships as well as the empowerment of domestic violence victims and their children; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families embraces the Standards for Prevention Programs developed by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

WHEREAS, all sections of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts and media outlets, as well as numerous public and private agencies, have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in strengthening families during the month of April and continuing throughout the year;

WHEREAS, the “Pinwheels for Prevention” project, sponsored by the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights and the General Federation of Women’s Clubs in conjunction with the organization Prevent Child Abuse America, has placed pinwheels, the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention at Borough Hall to remind people about child abuse and what can be done to stop it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to become a powerful friend to children and parents by supporting the families in our community with friendship, information and participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, and strengthen our communities and families.

*/s/Mayor Rose Heck  
and Members of the Council*

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION:** Presented to Michael Cutruzzula for Reporting Fire

Fire Chief Richard Giarratana, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Patrick Hayes and 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Angelo Roccamo presented an award to Michael Cutruzzula for his quick response to a fire at a neighboring property. Following that presentation, Mayor Rose Heck, Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Deputy Fire Commissioner Sonya Buckman presented Michael Cutruzzula with a Certificate of Recognition and Thanks for his quick

action and bravery on April 5, 2013 when he smelled smoke and discovered his next door neighbor's deck on fire, he immediately called 9-1-1.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Christie Administration Fully Implements Landmark Fertilizer Law to Reduce Pollution and Keep Waterways Clean
  - 2) Request from HHHS Parents of Athletes to hold a "Flock of Flamingos" fundraiser
  - 3) Letter from Port Authority NY & NJ re: Teterboro Airport Runway 1 RSA Improvements and Patrol Road Flood Hazard Area Verification and Individual Permit – Project Notification

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 DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link and unanimously carried.

**PETITIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(April 9, 2013 Regular Meeting)*

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$534,145.78 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 the following report: “I would like to digress from my normal Police report to give you my opinion and observations of the importance of safety and our Police Department’s role as the primary protector of our community, our residents and our property. We are all keenly aware of tragedies and loss of life of the Boston Marathon, the Newtown, Conn. Murders, the innocent bystander killings of students, teachers, athletes, political figures, unexplainable suicides, incomprehensible muggings, hit and runs by intoxicated drivers, bullying, robberies, abductions, identify theft and much more that we are confronted with as good citizens of our wonderful community on a daily basis. Nothing good can happen in Hasbrouck Heights without safety – in our schools, on our playing fields, in our parts, on our streets – we are depending on the vigilance of our Police Department day and night 24/7, and they do a great job for us. We live in a safe town. We have the confidence and trust to go to sleep at night knowing that all that we value, all the people in our lives that we love and care about most are safe when we put out the lights and lock that door at night – we are safe and it is true. I am a life-long resident, a property owner and a taxpayer. I do not like to hear negative comments about our Police Department, what they are paid, what benefits they have, what a cheese-cake job it is to be a cop in Hasbrouck Heights – I resent the attitudes I hear that they are overpaid. I’m repulsed by the petty remarks and jealousies I hear and I ask you and challenge you to be more verbally supportive of the department that allows you to sleep well at night, every night. The price of safety is always debatable until you need them in an emergency – I ask you to appreciate what we have and say so. I ask you to be an advocate for the people who watch out for us. I ask you to be less critical and more appreciative and I ask you to see that where you live and why you live here has a lot to do with how safe you feel and who is mostly responsible for that! Thank you and that concludes my comments and observations.”

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report as submitted by Director of Recreation Robert Brady: Recreation Summer Camp Registration is April 30 and May 1 from 7-9 p.m. in the Recreation Office. The Recreation Center is open on most Friday and Saturday nights from 7-10 p.m. for all boys and girls in the sixth through eighth grades. The Center will be closing for the summer the weekend of June 8 and 9. Recreation Track and Field is underway with practices three times a week at Depken Field. The team has meets that are hosted by the NJStriders Track Program. For more info go to NJStriders.com. The Recreation Wrestling Awards Dinner was held April 19 at the Graycliff in Moonachie where coaches and wrestlers were presented with trophies and plaques to celebrate a great season. Recreation Softball is underway with eight teams playing in the South Bergen Recreation Softball League. The Recreation Department will be hosting UGALS teams in the summer for more competitive play, and a U14 travel team that will play in competitive tournaments. Free adult basketball and volleyball will continue to be offered through the spring months, check the schedule by calling 201-288-4143. Of course there is a very involved Senior Schedule with all programs held in the Senior Center. For a free schedule of events call 201-288-4143 and hit #3 key, or stop by the Center or

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Recreation office to pick up a schedule. Our Special Needs Recreation Art Program is going great, the class is held on Tuesday evenings in the Library art room. We will be soon be registering children for the next program Outdoor Play Time which will start in June at Woodland Park. If you have any questions about any recreation programs, please call Robert Brady, Director of Recreation at 201-288-4143 or e-mail 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.

**PARKS:** Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported certified playground carpet (mulch) was delivered to the DPW facility and was transported and spread throughout Woodland Park, Central Avenue Park, and Miers Park play areas. At Central Avenue Park, quotes were received for the purchase of a new chain link fence to replace the existing white PVC fence that was vandalized by 112 holes punched through it and knocking out an entire section. Funds are available and a contract was awarded to the lowest bidder. At Woodland Park, upon the DPW's attempt to open the Comfort Stations, it was discovered that a main ball valve was cracked. All plumbing supplies were purchased and the repair was complete. Also, the road that continues into the park from Harrison Avenue, the adjacent parking area, and exit to Cleveland Avenue is beyond pothole repair and needs be addressed for resurfacing with possibly Grant Funding. The DPW made arrangements for the HH Board of Education to use the Goose Sweeper at Hitchcock Field located behind the High School. The equipment is part of a shared service agreement with Moonachie, South Hackensack, Little Ferry, and Wood-Ridge. The DPW provided a 30 cubic yard roll off container to the BOE/High School as part of a spring break clean up and at Depken Field, two cubic yards of sand were delivered by the DPW to replenish the areas for athletic events. A walk behind leaf blower was also provided by the DPW to help clear parts of the field as the BOE equipment was out of service.

As liaison to the Library, she reported for the month of March, circulation was 11,199 items compared to 2012 of 10,719, an increase of 4Forty-one library cards were issued, 30 adult and 10 juvenile and one online. The Library Book and Bake Sale will be held June 1 and 2 and donations were being accepted.

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the following productivity report as submitted by EMS Elizabeth Waring. For the period of 3/15/13 through 4/15/ 13, there were 20 fire calls, four non emergency calls and 102 EMS calls. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, a house fire was quickly extinguished due in part to the quick thinking of Michael Cutruzzula who called 9-1-1 to report the fire. He also thanked the mutual aid departments who responded, Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Lodi, Moonachie, Wallington and Wood-Ridge. The HHFD had a five hour training session at the firehouse on April 14 called "to go or not to go" fire ground decision making. This class was given by instructor John Lewis who is an instructor at the Bergen County fire academy and has his own training company called Jersey Fire Guys. John travels the county giving training classes. This class was set up by Robert Knobloch who is the HHFD training officer as well as Captain of Engine Company Two. He also noted that in

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** 2012 there were zero injuries reported in the HHFD. The HHFD will be on hand for the Health Fair and 5K Run on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited to the HHFD Annual Inspection on May 11 at 7 p.m., located at 248 Hamilton Avenue.

**As Streets & Sanitation Commissioner,** Councilman Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works responded to an alarm at the Franklin Avenue Pump Station to find pump # 2 was non-functional. An electrical test showed that the motor that drives that pump was drawing 45 ohms (the measure of electrical resistance.) Normal use should not exceed 22 ohms. This indicates a strain on the pump. The pump was removed and rags were found wrapped around the impeller causing the strain on the pump. This has been an issue of concern for some time and as requested by the DPW, funds are being made available to purchase and install a grinding system that would disintegrate all types of materials that could get caught in the pumping system. The Tree Replacement Program has been completed for this spring. There are two stalks trees left standing on Coolidge Avenue that have steel cable guide wire anchored into them supporting PSEG utility poles. The tree service contactor informed PSE & G about this situation several weeks ago. Although they scheduled removal of the guide wires, to date, it has not been completed. The total road reconstruction project is on hold until that phase is completed.

**FINANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES & WELFARE:** 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 87 visitors to the Food Pantry from April 1, 2013 through April 22, 2013. Thank you also to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Andy and Joyce, Jeff and Vivian Liedenfrost, Madeleine Leddy, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Williard and Peg Walter, and to the following who provided grocery items, gift cards or monetary donations: Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, Methodist Church Women, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Euclid Masonic Lodge gave a most appreciated monetary donation, Ryan Pomarico, John Kuceravy, Chris Bonelli, Mr. Opaluch, Gene Adamkiewicz, Friedel Family, Virginia Kollar, Kathy Van Jura, McGraff Family, Colleen Leddy, Suzanne, Patty Modeira and Cookie. 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 March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$378,585.12 and at February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$5,468,380.13 which represents a decrease of \$5,089,795.01. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of March totaled \$332,873.22 of which \$156,244.63 was for Current Taxes, \$51,818.85 was for Prior Years Taxes and \$124,809.74 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of March totaled \$5,422,555.51 of which \$2,012,876.00 was for Local School Taxes,

**FINANCE:** \$773,947.35 was for debt Service, \$1,262,394.00 was for Pension Contributions, \$602,027.23 was for Salaries and \$771,310.93 was for Other Expenses. The public hearing on the 2013 budget is scheduled for later in the meeting. The CFO has given detailed reports at previous meetings and will be ready to answer any questions regarding the budget during the public hearing. The budget 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 Tax Collector's Office, located at 320 Boulevard, will be open this Saturday, April 27th, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon for the collection of second quarter taxes due on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HEALTH & LAND USE:** Under Health, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Lori French: First Quarter Report: During the first quarter of 2013 the Health Inspector conducted 44 food inspections, 7 spot checks, 6 grease trap inspections and 28 complaints of various nature. The Health Department collected \$24,322.00 in fees during the first quarter of the year and issued 1,012 dog licenses. Also the Boro Registrar of Vital Statistics issued 586 certified transcripts collecting \$8,730.00. The department also recorded 227 non-resident deaths and 26 resident deaths. Eleven marriage licenses were issued and the Health Department was notified of 20 births to town residents. As the warm weather approaches the Board of Health would like to remind all Food Establishments it is prohibited to leaving any door or window open for ventilation purposes without the protection of screening. All openings to the outside must be effectively protected against the entrance of insects and rodents. 5 K Run/Walk & Health Fair: Just as a reminder the Board of Health is sponsoring this years 1<sup>st</sup>. Annual 5 K Run/Walk and Family Health Fair, which will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon in the Senior Center at Boro Hall. To date 81 people have registered to run and a total of 24 vendors signed up for the health fair. There will be plenty of valuable health information along with prizes and give-always. Refreshments will also be served by Care-One at Wellington from Hackensack.

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. The Health Department will be hosting their Annual Health Fair on April 28 in the Senior Center. Residents were invited to stop by and check out all the information available. 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 Department of Public Works assisted the HH Little League by providing our Tree Truck with its boom to

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:** replace lights that were not working, however, our boom could not reach the back poles and our Fire Department volunteered their Ladder Truck to assist with the poles setback off the field. Strong winds damaged the cables that hold the street banner in place at the corner of the Boulevard and Division. The existing banner was removed along with the broken cables. New cable was purchased and replaced. At the Public Safety Building, a new A/C compressor was installed that controls the Police Department radio room, a roof repair was completed over the detective bureau, and the elevator doors needed service. The electrical box just off the Circle was replaced as a result of motor vehicle accident. The box provides power to the Circle for the irrigation system and holiday lights. Schedule of Meeting: Community Room, 18; Caucus Room, 8; Council Chambers, 3; Senior Center, 8 (not including Senior Activities).

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

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 4 p.m.,** Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I attended the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting of the Hackensack University Medical Center at the Metro Life Stadium in the Meadowlands. It was quite an impressive presentation of what is happening at Hackensack UMC, its current status and growth projections. Several hospitals have joined them including Hackettstown and Mountainside. They have partnered with Georgetown University and 100 of their students will be receiving training at Hackensack UMC. Pascack Valley Northern Branch will be opening in June with a ribbon cutting ceremony planned for May.

**April 4, Thursday, 4 p.m.:** I had the pleasure of meeting with Girl Scout Troop 4414. Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees joined me in welcoming Troop Leader Maria Alvarez along with Troop Members Chiara Alvarez, Denise Baquarin, Amanda Diaz, Julienne Quintos, Sofia Lopez, Isabel Lopez and Aimee Ramirez. We compared the Oaths of Office that the Girl Scouts take and the one taken by me when I took office. We spoke of what each would like to be when an adult and then we completed a tour of the Mayors' Portraits in the hall and spoke about the mayors' years of service and how many of them had streets named after them. We all enjoyed the visit.

**April 5, Saturday, 9 a.m.,** I attended the Little League Opening with Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pam Link, Sonya Buckman, Dave Gonzalez and Russell Lipari. Little League President Patrick Fass in the opening ceremonies reported there are 36 Teams this year.

**10:30 a.m.** I brought my boxes of paper to be shredded to the Central Avenue Municipal Lot and was joined there by Council Members Pam Link, Sonya Buckman, Dave Gonzalez and Environmental Commission Liaison Councilman Russell Lipari. We were joined by Donna Gasser a member of the Environmental Commission and of course, D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler who arranges for the two events each year as you heard over 3 tons of paper were shredded and recycled.

Council Members Dave Gonzalez and Sonya Buckman and I followed that event with a

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):**

trip to Woodland Park to view the progress being made there. Of course, the progress at present was the demolition and preservation of the Fireplace and Barbeque area. The new Pavilion is expected to be completed by June 1.

This was followed by the Scholarship Breakfast chaired by Councilman DiPisa at which all Council Members who attended the Little League opening participated.

**April 7, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.:** Council Members Pam Link, Russell Lipari and I met at the Little League Breakfast. Dave and Sonya had been there earlier. I saw Councilman Semencz there as well. Congratulations to President Patrick Fass and all of the Little League volunteers and teams on a very successful weekend of events.

**April 8, Monday, 6:30 p.m.:** Review Committee met to complete final interviews to fill two DPW positions; one for a mechanic and one for a sanitation worker. Almost 100 applications were submitted and reviewed at two different levels.

**April 9, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.,** Finance Meeting was held at which time we reviewed the Budget Procedures and various matters. Finance Commissioner Pam Link, Deputy Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I participated in that meeting.

**6:30 p.m.,** Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri to discuss various matters concerning the Police Department. We held this meeting at the Public Safety Building on Hamilton Avenue. We left at approximately 7:30 p.m. to attend the Council Meeting.

**8 p.m. Council Meeting**

**April 10, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. till Noon** I attended a special Library meeting at which 100 plus people learned more about the use of Social Media and Marketing Tools to be used in the expansion of businesses and organizations. It was sponsored by the NJ State Library Board and proved to be quite informative.

**The Week of April 15<sup>th</sup>** I continued to get information I needed for a special NJ League of Municipalities story that will appear in the June issue. DPW Supt. Bill Spindler, Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak reviewed the article. Photos were chosen with the story I wrote and everything was sent to the League on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**April 19, Friday, 11 a.m.** I met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees to go over the numerous Scholarship Applications. I chose recipients of the Mayor's Award, The three Chris Heller Scholarships and the seven Mary B. Quigg Scholarships. It was not an easy task since there were so many qualified and wonderful applicants.

**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):**

I later met briefly with Bill Spindler and Michael Kronyak then left for my meetings at the County Administration Building in Hackensack.

**2 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.** I attended a Round Table Discussion chaired by Director Jim Thebery. There were approximately a dozen towns there. Each group spoke of their work with Community Awareness Access for All and a calendar of coming events was given including a very extensive plan for Autism Awareness Day to be held at the County Park in Leonia on May 15. I gave a report on our group happenings followed by CAAFA Members Dorothy and Aimee McCarthy who gave reports as well as Chris Peters, also a CAAFA Member and the President of a new Special Needs Parents Group from the Hasbrouck Heights School District. Dorothy and Aimee are preparing the brochures to be given out at the Town Health Fair Day that begins Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** several people visited me with information they wanted me to have. I also answered their questions.

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 noon** I attended the special Mass dedicated to the celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Corpus Christi School. After that I attended a special dinner held at Elan in Lodi where Gina nee Salinardi was the vocalist. Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, husband Ed and I sat at the same table and we had the pleasure of meeting and greeting Parish Priests including Pastor Msgr Lew Papera, Fr. Raymond Holmes, Fr. Juan, Deacons Vincent DeFederle and Paul Carris as well as Corpus Christi's retiring Principal Michelle Maurillo, plus teachers and longtime parish friends. I had the honor of presenting Corpus Christi with a Proclamation documenting in brief the history of the School and naming all of the priests and Sisters of Charity who were stationed there over the years.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Monday 7 p.m. till 9:45 p.m.** I attended and spoke at the Joan D'Alessandro Vigil held in Veterans Park in Hillsdale. County Administrator Edward Trawinski also attended as did Rochelle Park Mayor Joseph Scarpa. The Hillsdale Mayor was also one of the 15 speakers. This was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Murder of 7-year-old Brownie Girl Scout Joan D'Alessandro. My talk centered around my sponsorship while in the Assembly of Joan's Law that mandates life imprisonment with no parole for anyone who murders and molests a child under the age of 14. This legislation came about through the untiring efforts of Joan's mother Rosemarie D'Alessandro who has three times suffered through Parole Hearings that could have released the murderer of her child. Laws are not retroactive so she continues to be diligent in her efforts to keep Joan's murderer behind bars for the rest of his life. There is a long history of work on her part to insure the safety of children and she continues to dedicate her life to that worthy goal.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 a.m.** Finance Commissioner Pamela Link and Dep. Commissioner Justin DiPisa and I met to discuss the Public Hearing on the Budget that takes place

**MAYOR’S REPORT (cont’d):**

tonight along with other important finance matters.

**6:30 p.m.** Fire Committee Meeting was held tonight in Michael Kronyak’s office. In attendance were Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Dep. Fire Commissioner Sonya Buckman, Fire Chief Richard Giarratana, First Asst. Chief Patrick Hayes and Second Asst. Chief Angelo Raccomo and me. Various matters were discussed.

Please set aside the following dates:

The Dedication of the Gift of a Clock from The Lions Club will take place in front of the Municipal Building at Noon on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

At 7 p.m. that evening the Fire Department will hold its Annual Inspection of Trucks and Equipment at the Fire House on Hamilton Avenue. This is a wonderful place to bring children to see the Fire Trucks up close and the family to take photos.

I continue to meet with residents Saturday Mornings in the Library.

This completes my report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 93. Payroll
  - 94. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes for Block 127.02, Lot 1, 411 Route 17
  - 95. Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes for Block 28, Lot 4.01, 239 Boulevard
  - 96. Authorizing United Water New Jersey Inc. to Erect 1 Fire Hydrant for the Heights Cliffs Townhouse Project
  - 97. Authorizing Change Order #1 for Improvement of Burton Avenue and Collins Avenue

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

- RESOLUTION:**
- 98. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2013 Budget

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the Public Hearing which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION (cont'd):**

CFO/Administrator Michael Kronyak gave a brief summary of the Budget. There being no public coming forward, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the Public Hearing which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to approved Resolution No. 99 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semenez voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was approved.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mario D'Agostino as Substitute Senior Bus Driver

On a motion by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Appointment was approved.

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:** None

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2301:**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2301 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2301 which was made by Councilman Lipari, second by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled **"AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN THE TITLE OF ORDINANCE # 2294 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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2301 (cont'd):**

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 approve Ordinance No. 2301 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance was approved.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:**

99. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting and any matter involving the sale, purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds

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

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 10:14 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to return to the regular meeting which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenez, 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 April 23, 2013.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk