

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 28, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 8:08 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees stated that the meeting complied with the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting having been made to all members of the Council by personal service on January 2, 2014 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 2, 2014.

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 Semenezc

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 Semenezc gave the Invocation as follows:

“Loving God of our Past, Faithful God of our Present, Provident God of our Future, We offer You Praise, Love, Thanksgiving Now and Forever.”

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes advising of resignation of Jeffrey Grubb from Engine Company One
 - 2) Affidavits of Stephen Borg, Publisher, attesting to the circulation of The Record and The Herald News for the period October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
 - 3) Notice of Hearing of Planning Board of Hasbrouck Heights from Burke Outdoor Media for installation of a Digital Billboard at 140 Route 17 North

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

Mayor Heck asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. There were none. Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Communications which was made by Councilman Semenech, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$216,038.70, 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 from a report submitted by Police Chief Michael Colaneri. It has been a busy time for the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department providing traffic safety for Borough projects: Streetscape, Veteran's Park renovation, curb project, and the Boulevard milling/paving.

The Department participated in Town Day, Operation Medicine Drop and Halloween in the Park.

\$2,946 grant was received to purchase replacement bullet proof vests from the State of New Jersey.

Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Robertson and Sgt Adamo attended the AAA Traffic Safety Lunch and the Department received an Award of Merit for our efforts in the area of Traffic/Pedestrian Safety.

Glow sticks and reflective Halloween bags will be distributed at all schools for children

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prior to Halloween.

Halloween and Mischief Night: The Borough 9:30pm curfew will be strictly enforced. There will again be a zero tolerance policy for anyone doing damage and we ask parents to keep their children home on "Mischief Night" and ask they respect other people's property.

Under Statistics, he reported parking summons for: September 2014 347 versus September 2013 317, Year to date are 3326 versus 2,569 in 2013. Total moving violations: September 2014 254 versus September 2013 181. Year to date are 3,298 from 1,919 in 2013. Totals for September to date are 6,624 versus 4,488 in 2013.

He congratulated Chief Colaneri on his being recognized at the 16th Annual Salute to Champions Breakfast at Bergen Community College on October 24.

RECREATION AND PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the Department of Public Works prepared Woodland Park for our annual Town Day by moving all the picnic tables out from under the Pavilion to the grass area. This allowed for the space needed by the band. All access roads were closed off with barricades and garbage was collected throughout the event.

The DPW also assisted with "Halloween in the Park" by hauling hay bales to the event for the wagons and staging areas. Two trucks and drivers were provided to transport the hay wagons throughout the park.

The Woodland Park comfort stations have now been winterized and are closed until the Spring as there is no heat in these facilities. Also the water has been shut off as well as the winterizing of the irrigation systems at the Park, 911 Memorial, and Police Memorial.

The DPW painted the flag pole at Veterans Memorial Park after the construction was completed.

Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported Halloween in the Park was a great success, on Tuesday October 14th the beautiful Woodland Park was transformed into a scary haven for creepy clowns, chainsaw wielding zombies, werewolves, zombies, hillbillies, and grave diggers. The pavilion was a safe place for families to meet and enjoy free apple cider, donuts, and cookies. There was free face painting available and movies on the big screen. From 6-6:45 pm Brobee, Abby Kadabee, and Dora the Explorer showed up to meet and take pictures with the young children before their hay rides.

RECREATION (cont'd):

The Recreation Department would like to thank the following people for helping with this year's Halloween in the Park. The Hasbrouck Heights Mayor and Council and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Al DeAngelo and Rich Gronci, and all the actors from Nightmares Haunted Attractions, Bill Spindler and the Hasbrouck Heights D.P.W., Chief Colaneri, Traffic Supervisor Ian Robertson and the HH Police Department, Fire Chief Pat Hayes and the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Ron Kistner and Peter Bothe from the Bergen County Parks Department for the use of their hay wagons, Abbe Lewites from the High School for the key club volunteers, Sanzari Creamer construction for their hay bails, and members of the Hasbrouck Heights Recreation Advisory Board: Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, John Barratta, Pat Campen, Craig Messery, and Tony Bonillo. I would also like to thank Mark Sonzogni, Tara DeAngelo, Kerry DeAngelo, and Lou Vizzacherro.

Recreation Youth Basketball registration was held in early October, however if you would still like to register your son or daughter you can sign up at the recreation office. The basketball program is open to boys and girls in grades 1st-8th. The cost is \$45.

Recreation Wrestling registration was also held in early October, and if you would like to register your son you can sign up at the recreation office. Wrestling is available to boys in 2nd – 8th grades, the cost is \$50 with a \$25 uniform deposit.

Wrestlastics registration will be held in early November it is open for boys in the 1st grade, the program is 8 weeks long once a week for 1 hour.

Recreation Center has an open registration for boys and girls in 6th –8th grades, if you would like to register your child you can do so by bringing them to the center when it is open on a Friday or Saturday night and fill out a registration form.

Adult Coed Volleyball meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm at the Hasbrouck Heights High School's new gym. The program is open to men and women 18 years and older.

Adult Basketball meets on Monday evenings from 7pm-9pm in the Hasbrouck Heights High School's new gym. The program is open to town residents and HH alumni 18 years and older.

Senior Center Halloween Party was held last Wednesday, October 22nd in the Senior Center. The Party was catered by Henry's Deli and Mucci's Italian Deli in Saddle Brook. The seniors enjoyed a free lunch, DJ music, and cookies and cake from Shop Rite.

RECREATION (cont'd):

Special Needs Basketball started last Thursday, the program meets every Thursday at Euclid School Gym at 6:30 pm. The Program is open to local boys and girls 6 years and older. The cost is \$40 for the 8 weeks program.

As Library liaison, she reported for the month of September, Library circulated 9,992 items, comparing with 2013 of 9,982, a .1% increase. There were 9,557 who walked through the doors, 34 library cards were issued, with total library card holders at 6,835. This past week the Friends of the Library and Chamber of Commerce had the Taste of Hasbrouck Heights in the Senior Center which was very very successful with just about every restaurant in Hasbrouck Heights and Wood-Ridge participating. Entertainment was provided by Chip Dee and his students. She also mentioned that on October 5, she and Mayor Heck attended an event in the library where Jetson Pema, the Dahli Lama's sister who runs an orphanage organization was honored. There is a large group of Tebetan residents in Hasbrouck Heights and they were honored to have her visit. She thanked Mimi Hui for arranging this wonderful event.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported from a productivity report submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring: for the period of Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 there were 71 EMS calls and 30 Fire calls. The HHFD was at Town Day and all children had a chance to see the fire trucks and ambulances and use the firehose to knock down flames in our display house. They were at Halloween in the Park and the Ragamuffin Parade.

On Oct. 13, the HHFD/EMS responded to a call for mutual aid in Moonachie with Chief Pat Hayes, Engine 616, Ladder 617 and EMS 603 responding. This was a 4-alarm building explosion and many other mutual aid towns responded as well. No injuries were reported.

Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 5-11, the department visited all schools where the children had an opportunity to see the apparatus as well as how a fireman looks in full gear.

He reminded everyone that clocks fall back this weekend and residents should replace all batteries in smoke/c/o detectors. Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 79% of the time. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, or where extra time is needed, to awaken or

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assist others, both types of alarms, or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms are recommended. For more information please visit the nfa.org website.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez reported As part of the Boulevard Streetscape Project, the Department of Public Works provided traffic signs and posts to the contractor performing the construction. New stock has been ordered to replace that equipment and will be put back into inventory. Metal plaques were fabricated by our DPW mechanic, Steve Daus, to be placed on the Boulevard benches from phase I and II which were located from Washington Place to Jefferson Avenue. The plaques were retrofitted for each bench and will be engraving. Rose Marie Sees, our Borough Clerk, is overseeing the bench project.

LEAF SEASON COLLECTION 2014

Leaf season began on October 20. Residents may place leaves in the street (not within 10 ft. of a stormwater drain catch basin). Leaves may also be placed at the curb in paper leaf bags or in upright container. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected. Limbs, branches, and/or shrubs may not be combined with leaves. They must be separately bundled and tied and placed at the curb for branch collection. (See Recycling Calendar.) Leaves that have branches mixed in will not be collected. Leaf removal is on a non-scheduled basis during the season.

Last day to put leaves in the street is December 14; after December 14 leaves must be bagged.

The DPW removed PSE& G lamp post base bolts from along the Boulevard and the holiday lighting is scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving.

After some investigation it has been determined that the so-called "Burma Road" located west of Woodland Park and Woodland Drive belongs to the Borough of Wood-Ridge and not Hasbrouck Heights. In the past our DPW performed regular maintenance of the area. This area is part of the Westmount Station development and our DPW will no longer maintain the property. (Please refer to the attached email from Ralph Chandless)

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under **Finance**, Commissioner Link gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at September 30th was \$1,779,419.46 and at August 31st was \$4,833,804.12 which represents a decrease of \$3,054,384.66, the entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

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FINANCE (cont'd):

Cash receipts for the month of September totaled \$679,211.35 of which \$217,065.54 was for Current Taxes, \$4,472.16 was for Pre-paid 2015 taxes, \$305,746.80 was for State Aid and \$151,926.85 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of September totaled \$3,731,635.45 of which \$2,200,610.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$476,600.00 was for Debt Service, \$596,756.37 was for Salaries and \$457,669.08 was for Other Expenses.

Final 2014 tax bills were mailed in September which included the fourth quarter payment, which is due November 1, 2014, as well as the first and second quarter payments due in 2015. In addition to its usual business hours, the Tax Collector's Office, located at 320 Boulevard, will be open on Saturday, November 1, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. until noon for your convenience.

The formulation of the 2015 budget has begun. We have limited information on exactly how the Budget and Levy Cap's will be treated for next year but we expect more information within the next few weeks. After the close of October, Department Heads will receive 2015 budget request forms which are to be completed and returned to the Finance Officer. The Finance Committee has already begun holding regular budget meetings and will ultimately get back to meeting every week as the deadline to introduce the budget approaches.

As Commissioner of Social Services, Councilwoman Link reported There were 136 visitors to the Food Pantry who came on September 29, October 6, 14, 20 and 27, 2014. Thanks to the generosity of so many the shelves of the Food Pantry continue to be well stocked.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Janice Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Audrey Gall, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Maria Wojciechowski, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach and Madeline deVelasco.

We sincerely thank the following for their generosity: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church Women, Corpus Christi Brown Bag Sunday, First Reformed Church, Bible Baptist Church, Meals with a Mission, Leon Dussault, Karen McDowell, Junior Woman's Club, Mr. White, Paul Fitzpatrick, Josephine McClean, Phylis Burman, Theresa Call, Dave Jackson, Kathy VanJura, Rosemary Smith, Fran Visco, Heather Botjer, Peter Rensch, Jan, Nicole Bailey and Saggio Family, Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club and Pack 17 Scouts Food Drive.

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HEALTH AND LAND USE: As Commissioner of Health, Councilman Lipari reported the following:

Third Quarter Report: During the third quarter of 2014 the Health Inspector conducted 71 food inspections, 13 spot checks, 24 grease trap inspections and 15 complaints of various nature. Fees collected amounted to \$17,189 and 1,171 dog licenses were issued. The Borough Registrar of Vital Statistics issued 707 certified transcripts collecting \$10,515, recorded 198 non-resident deaths and 33 resident deaths. Twenty-six marriage licenses were issued and the Health Department was notified of 28 births to town residents.

Ebola & Interovirus D68: The Health Department has forwarded a list of Ebola & Interovirus D68 education material from the Center for Disease Control to all schools in Hasbrouck Heights. Additional information can be picked up at the Health Department or on the website: www.cdc.gov/ebola.

Senior Flu Program: This year's Senior Flu Program was held on Monday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 8. About 100 residents received their flu vaccine.

As **Commissioner of Land Use**, Councilman Lipari reported during the month of October 40 UCC permits, 10 local permits, 2 approvals of Zoning Compliance and 12 Certificates of Occupancy were issued. The total receipts for these were \$19,299.

126 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 88.9%. There were 10 instances where the contractors were not ready for inspection and 4 that failed.

The Property Maintenance Inspector had 21 inspections and followed up with those same residents people 35 times. 4 warnings were issued and photos were taken for evidence.

The Zoning Board heard a residential application which was approved and the Planning Board is in receipt of a billboard application which should be heard on November 5th.

Many calls have been received in the past month regarding contractors working too late or too early. Just for clarification: Contractors may work from Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5 pm and Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm. No contractor is permitted to work on Sundays or Holidays. Homeowners are permitted to work Monday through Friday 7:30 am to Sunset, Saturday from 8 am to Sunset and Sunday from 10 am to Sunset. Do not wait to call the Building Department the following day. Call the Police Department at the time of the code infraction so the Police Officer will either stop the work and/or issue a summons.

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Catellus Development to be known as “Teterboro Landing”: Councilman Lipari read the following report: the Borough was served with a notice advising that an application was made to the Teterboro Planning Board for approval of a major subdivision of the 54.7 acre site on the southwesterly corner of the intersection of Route 46 and Industrial Avenue, the site of the former Bendix Aeronautical facility. He and the Borough attorney attended the public hearing on Oct. 15. The application sought for approval for the creation of seven new lots from the existing Lots 4.05 and 4.06, it was classified as a major subdivision because of the number of new lots to be created. There were no variances associated with the application.

Proposed Lot 4.05.1, the “Walmart Lot” will be 14.39 acres in area and involves straightening of the existing lot line after completion of certain required environmental remediation, and to adjust the parking lot at the easterly end of Industrial Avenue where it intersects Route 46.

Proposed Lot 4.07 will be approximately 13.27 acres in area and is intended to be the site of the Costco building and parking lot.

Proposed Lot 4.08 will be approximately 9.66 acres in area and is intended to be the site of a small shops area, with retail and restaurant establishments.

Lot 4.09 will be approximately 7.89 acres in area and is intended to be the site of an industrial building and parking lot.

Lot 4.10 will be located at the northeast corner of the property and will serve as a common and commuter parking area. This proposed lot will be approximately 2.06 acres in area.

Lot 4.11 will be located at the northwest corner of the property and will be a commuter parking lot, plus serve as an entranceway at Green Street. This proposed lot will be approximately 1.43 acres in area. It is anticipated that the NJ DOT will exercise eminent domain as to a portion of this lot thus reducing the area of this proposed lot to 1.06 acres.

Proposed Lot 4.12 will comprise the main common driveways for the project. It included the two proposed main common driveways, one going south from Green Street and the other running from Industrial Avenue in a westerly direction and intersecting with the first one. This lot will be approximately 3.34 acres in area.

The sole purpose of the subdivision is to separate common elements from the areas to be leased, to allow separate ground leases to be the various users and to facilitate financing by the separate users. However, the entire tract will remain under a single owner and will be subject to a recorded Declaration of Zoning Compliance providing that, for the purposes of zoning, the entire tract will be treated as a single unit.

TETERBORO (cont'd):

The Board found that the application was made in accordance with the requirements of the Borough of Teterboro land use regulations and ordinances, that it could be approved without detriment to the public good and welfare of the residents, and that is consistent with the Zone Plan and the Land use ordinances of the Borough of Teterboro.

The Board approved the application subject to the approval of any other agencies having jurisdiction. Copies of the approved plans are available to anyone who wishes a copy.

Since the property is located within the Meadowlands, the site plan application which will determine the details of all the various improvements will be subject to approval by the N.J. Meadowlands Commission rather than the Teterboro Planning Board. Councilman Lipari said he and the Borough Attorney intend to continue to monitor these proceeds and will report any further developments as they unfol.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Semencz reported the HVAC systems were serviced at the Borough Hall and Public Safety Building as part of the bi-annual maintenance agreement.

All garbage staging areas of our facilities were weed whacked and cleared of small branches that encroached on the area. Evergreen shrubs were replanted in new pots that were placed outside the Fire Station.

All irrigation systems were shut down and winterized at all public facilities.

The DPW excavated the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building to repair a sink hole. The buildings stormwater detention system is constructed entirely under the parking lot. As a result of a video inspection, several offset pipes were discovered. The DPW completed the repair and the lot is ready to be resurfaced.

Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room, 12; Caucus Room, 6; Council Chamber,7; Senior Center, 12 (not including Senior Activities 7).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Heck began by saying the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights lost Bill Lenox, an active and important member of the Mayor's Business Community Committee. He was a dear personal friend to so many of us. I have known him since he was a boy and can attest that he was a caring and loving son, brother, uncle and a true supporter of all who knew him. He will be missed in so many ways and particularly during special events in which he played such an active role. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

We placed a questionnaire in the Fall Borough Business Bulletin about whether or not we should pursue joining the Meadowlands YMCA Senior Citizens Program. I want to remind everyone to read it and respond so that we know if this is a choice we should make. You can find more info in the most recent minutes on www.hasbrouck-heights@nj.us.

Sept. 23 Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. I had the pleasure of attending and speaking at the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights 70th Anniversary Celebration held at the Lutheran Church. As you know the Mayor and Council presented President Pat Link with a Proclamation honoring the club at our last Council Meeting.

After that I chaired the 8 p.m. Council Meeting. Minutes may be found on the Borough's web site www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us.

Sept. 26, Friday, 7:30 p.m., I had the honor of attending Cub Scout Pack 17 Hometown Heroes Program. I was one of the people they honored as having given service to the community and thanked for "improving the quality of life for the people of Hasbrouck Heights." The President of the School Board Lillian Romano was also a recipient as were members of the Police and Fire Departments.

Sept. 27, Saturday, Town Day Celebration was spectacular. My personal thanks go to Recreation, Senior Citizens and Events Director Rob Brady and his committee for all of their preparations and the actual work that day. All the PTAs, town organizations, Police Dept. representatives, Fire Dept. personnel and even the Bergen County Animal Adoption Van were there. Bounce Houses were filled with happy children and all, including moms, dads and grandparents enjoyed 1600 hot dogs with all the fixings. Community Awareness Access for All President Brenda Colaneri, June Raymond, secretary, Treasurer Pam Link, Co-Founding member Justin DiPisa and I manned the table. We passed out flyers announcing the important Oct. 9th special Town Meeting to be held at the Senior Center.

Sept. 29, I attended the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee Meeting. Final plans for the Halloween Ragamuffin Parade were discussed. The Preliminary plans for the Tree Lighting event (to be held the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 28th) at the Traffic Circle were also discussed. TD Bank hosts the refreshments and Santa will be at their site at the conclusion of the Chamber Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting so it is more convenient for the children to meet with him and take photos.

I announced the collaboration of the Celebrations Committee and the Chamber of Commerce in introducing a Holiday Float Contest to add to the Parade. There will be winners in Categories for Groups and Individual and Families who will create floats to be part of the Parade. The Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Parade.

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Certificates, etc. will be given at the first Council Meeting in December. Entry Forms will be available at the Municipal Building in the office of Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees.

Sept. 30 Tuesday: Rose Marie Sees and I completed the work on the Borough Business Bulletin. I want to thank all of the departments for their work in submitting the requested reports and especially Borough Clerk Ro Sees in completing the layout and gathering the photos, etc. Both she and I worked on the placement, proofreading and headlines. It took lots of time and effort but the results were worth it.

Oct. 1, Wednesday, 9 a.m., I met Library Director Mimi Hui and we both left to attend the BCCLS Anniversary Celebration held at Seasons Restaurant in Washington Twp. I presented Robert White BCCLS Director with a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council. Trustee Ron Ellis also attended with members of the Friends of the Library and several members of the Hasbrouck Heights Library Staff. It was a wonderful event.

Oct. 5, Sunday, 11 a.m. I had the honor of greeting the Dalai Lama's Sister, Jetsun Pema along with several Tibetan Monks and the 15 Tibetan Families who live in Hasbrouck Heights. The children spoke and sang in the Tibetan language and proudly displayed the knowledge of their cultural heritage. Since the Communist invasion of Tibet in 1949 by China the "children" of Tibet immigrated to other countries such as India, Switzerland and England. They are a very old, peaceful and interesting people and we are fortunate to have them as residents in our Borough. Sonya Buckman the our Library Liaison and I enjoyed the opportunity to be part of that special day.

Oct. 7, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. I had the pleasure of attending Judge Patrick J. Roma's Retirement Dinner at Seasons Restaurant. I served with him in the New Jersey Assembly as part of the District 38 Team.

Oct. 8, Wednesday, at 8 a.m. I left Hasbrouck Heights to attend the New Jersey Transit Meeting and then later had a private meeting with the new Dept. of Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox, a longtime friend, who also serves as the Chairman of the Transit Board. At the official meeting I publicly complimented him for returning to the position he had held years ago during these most difficult times of a tight budget. During the private meeting I spoke to him at length about our difficulties with the Environmental Basin at the foot of Franklin Avenue and Route 17 South. I also gave him a weighty package that included years of correspondence and reports on our dissatisfaction with the maintenance of that site. My request to him was to give us, The Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, a key to the gate and to contract with our D.P.W. to do the maintenance. He understood my dilemma and said he would consider the proposal after he looked into the matter.

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Subsequent to that D.O.T. came to clean out the basin and arrangements have been made, after many contacts, to meet here in Hasbrouck Heights and not in another location. I refused to meet with them in Edison or Newark since I wanted our Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and Borough Engineer Ken Job to be present and if the need arose to visit the site of our complaints. At my request Supt of the Dept. of Public Works put together a cost sheet that I will use in our discussion and attempt to obtain a contract for us to take care of this never-ending problem.

Oct. 9, Thursday, 7 p.m. Community Awareness Access for All Meeting was held in the Senior Center. It was a most informative meeting. Jim Theberry, chair of the Dept. of Disability Services; three Mental Health Speakers and Home Safety Information given by Fire Safety Official Robert Knobloch. I wish more people had taken the time to come to this well publicized meeting. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pam Link and Russell Lipari were also present.

Oct. 13, Monday, 10 a.m. I attended the Funeral Services for Bill Lenox.

Oct. 14, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities Mayors' Breakfast at The Arena Diner in Hackensack. Speaker from the Joint Insurance Fund spoke of several interesting matters including proposed legislation that could prove to be a big financial problem for municipalities. I later discussed these with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

Oct. 15 through 17th Milling of Boulevard dates were discussed with County and Michael Kronyak – Rain also became a problem

Oct. 20, Monday, I attended the Taste of Hasbrouck Heights held in our Senior Center and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Library. It was a very well attended event with about 20 food vendors involved. The food was plentiful and very good. Music was supplied by Chip Dee and his Music Students. It was such a success that everyone kept saying they couldn't wait till next year for a repeat.

Oct. 21, Tuesday I attended the Round Table Discussion on Domestic Violence called by Senate President Steve Sweeney and Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg at the former Shelter Our Sisters site in Rochelle Park now called the Center for Hope and Safety. I participated as a Board Member and Mayor of Hasbrouck Heights. I also shared my concerns and my knowledge.

Oct. 24, 9 a.m. I left with Councilman Russell Lipari and June Raymond and her husband to attend the Championship Breakfast at Bergen Community College. Councilman Justin DiPisa was already there, and then we were joined by CAAFA President Brenda Colaneri and one of the Honorees her husband, Police Chief Michael

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Colaneri. It was an inspiring morning of amazing recipients, not the least of whom was our Police Chief.

The week also included the Milling of the Boulevard and then the Paving of the Boulevard continued between rain storms. It was completed by Saturday, Oct. 25th and our Ragamuffin Parade continued to the Senior Center without a problem.

I met with County Executive Kathe Donovan with whom I kept touch over a period of time to expedite the paving of the Boulevard prior to winter storms. It had been about 20 years since it had been done and the County Road Department told us it was on the list to be done. I then chose to contact the County Executive who helped get the matter resolved. I invited her to stop by to see not only the completion of the paving work but our wonderful Ragamuffin Parade and Party in the Senior Center. We were joined by Mayor’s Celebrations Chair Rosemary Willard, Council Members Russell Lipari, Pam Link and Sonya Buckman. I thanked Kathe for all of her help and she enjoyed seeing all the children as they marched by in an array of costumes.

Oct. 28th 7 p.m. Finance Meeting was held prior to our Council Meeting.

I continue to meet with residents in the Library from 10 till noon on Saturdays. No appointments are necessary.

That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 179. Authorizing an Application with the County of Bergen for 2014 Open Space Trust Fund Municipal Program Award for Installation of a Poured in Place Resilient Surface Fall Protection Material in Miers Park and Central Avenue Park
 - 180. Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilwoman Semenech, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried. (Copies attached)

- RESOLUTIONS:**
- 181. Authorizing Raffle License for Concerned Parents of Corpus Christi School

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Resolution which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried. (Copy attached)

182. Authorizing Raffle License for Hasbrouck Heights Band Parents Association

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Resolution which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried. (Copy attached)

183. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2012-0005 for Block 81, Lot 29, located at 215 La Salle Avenue

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Resolution which was made by Councilwoman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez. (Copy attached)

APPOINTMENTS: Maryann Pigott to Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations

Bernard Pigott to Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Appointments which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATIONS: Jeffrey Grubb from Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company One

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Justin Watrel, 506 Collins Avenue, expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and Council, Borough Attorney Chandless and Mr. Kronyak for their support with regard to the loss of his Dad, Warren Watrel.

Pat Link, 221 Harrison Avenue, with regard to the Ragamuffin Parade, expressed her gratitude to the Mayor and Council, Police, Fire and DPW for their assistance. She noted that she has been on the Celebrations Committee for 43 years.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 184. Litigation and Personnel

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close which was made by Councilman Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:16 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

I, ROSE MARIE SEES, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are to the best of my knowledge a true account of the Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk