

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

November 25, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 8:02 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 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 DiPisa gave the Invocation as follows:

“God, our Father, we give you thanks for the beauty of this day, for the gift of this world, and for the gift of each other. We especially give You thanks for the gift of our vocation to work and serve here. As we gather here at this meeting, we ask You to be with us as we continue to reflect on our work here and seek to advance it for the good of all. Open our eyes, that we may see what You wish us to see. Open our ears, that in our dialogue we may hear what You want us to hear. And, open our hearts, that we may feel as You feel toward those in greatest need of our services. Bless all that we do here in this gathering; may it be a holy work done in Your name. We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Spirit. Amen.”

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) Copy of Letter of Recommendation from B.C. Executive Kathleen A. Donovan for 2015 Grant Applications to NJDOT

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- 2) Copy of letter from Senator Robert M. Gordon, Assemblyman Timothy Eustace and Assemblyman Joseph Lagana in support of NJ DOT Grant Application
- 3) Planning Board Notice of Hearing on December 3, 2014 for 92 Railroad Avenue - Reconfiguration of outdoor parking and display spaces
- 4) Letter notification of application for flood hazard area permit application for 205 Main Street, Lodi, NJ
- 5) Memo from Chief Patrick Hayes with Results of Fire Department Election of Officers for the year 2015
- 6) Notification from FAA of permit application with the NJ DEP to construct a new Airport Traffic Control Tower and base building for Teterboro Airport

Mayor Heck asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. Item #3 was read by Clerk. Borough Attorney Chandless said this application as it appears now is the result of many meetings between the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the applicant, and follow ups with himself on behalf of the borough and applicant's attorney to devise a plan that conforms with all restrictions imposed on auto dealers in that zone. The application comes to the board just for approval as it does reflect the agreement that they reached and is conforming to laws of the borough. This has nothing to do with the use. Mayor Heck asked that Mr. Chandless send a copy of the ordinance to the Council.

Item #5 was read in full by Councilman Gonzalez. (Copies attached) Mayor Heck requested a motion to confirm the Fire Department Election of Officers for 2015 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Semencz abstaining as he is a member of the Fire Department and otherwise unanimously carried. Mayor Heck then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting, November 10, 2014 Work Session, November 10, 2014 Executive Session)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, with Councilman Gonzalez

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abstaining as he was attending the Fire Department Elections at that time, and otherwise unanimously carried.

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$151,761.40, 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. The Police Department was again busy assisting with Borough Projects like paving/stripping of the Boulevard, upgrade to Veterans Park and the Streetscape. Traffic assistance was provided for the Annual Rag-a-Muffin Parade. The Department would like to report this year only a few incidents of mischief were reported on the night before Halloween. Most parents kept children home and away from trouble. The Department has received 20 portable radios from the Department of Defense (D.O.D). The radios were set up and programmed by Det. Werner with an assist from Dr. Roger Szanto. Det. Werner has been very successful in obtaining items from the D.O.D. that are no longer needed to them. To date, the Borough has received three Humvees, Diesel Fort Lift Truck, Trailer, Communication vehicle and a large generator on a trailer. We are in the process of obtaining a back hoe, all these items are free to the Borough. We would like to thank B.C.S.O. Nick D'Orio for showing Det. Werner how to obtain the property through D.O.D. LEASO Program.

Under Statistics, he reported parking summons for: October 2014 308 versus October 2013 335, Year to date are 3634 versus 2,904 in 2013. Total moving violations: October 2014 229 versus October 2013 178. Year to date are 3,527 from 2,097 in 2013. Totals for October to date are 7,161 versus 5,001 in 2013.

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RECREATION AND PARKS: Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported the majority of all work has been completed at Veterans Memorial Park. Prior to the completion of the construction, William Spindler, DPW Superintendent and Michael Kronyak, Borough Administrator, met on the site with the contractors to layout the placement of the concrete pads that will accommodate the new park benches before they are delivered. A light for the flagpole along with an outdoor electrical box with a meter and outlet, which was not included in the specs, will now be installed. The permits have been acquired and this phase of the project has begun. The DPW replaced the Passaic Avenue street sign that was originally posted by the County. The DPW prepared the park for the Veterans Day Ceremony by placing American Flags around the park, planting of fall flowers, and arranged the sound system along with barricades for traffic control. The Holiday lights and decorations were placed at the Circle to prepare for the Tree Lighting event that follows the Holiday Parade on the Day after Thanksgiving.

Under **Recreation**, Commissioner Buckman reported Recreation Youth Basketball will begin practicing the first week in December, the 1st and 2nd grades clinics will begin in January,

Recreation Wrestling started practicing last week there 40 boys on the team from grades 2nd -8th. The team will compete in the twin county junior wrestling league, and will host two major tournaments.

Wrestlastics registration will be held in early December 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 8pm-9:30pm 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 8pm-9:30pm in the Hasbrouck Heights High School's new gym. The program is open to town residents and HH alumni 18 years and older.

Special Needs Recreation will have registration for Indoor Activities in early December.

As Library liaison, Councilwoman Buckman reported for the month of October the library circulated 10,233 items, a 3.4% decrease, total library cards is 6,871, with 33 new library cards issued, 17 adult, 13 juvenile and 3 on line.

As liaison with the Chamber of Commerce, she reported that the 2nd Annual Holiday Fest book is available with coupons from the members. When you purchase items from November 28 to December 14 at any participating retailers you will get a ticket and on December 15 there will be a live drawing in the Library.

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FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under **Fire**, Commissioner Gonzalez reported from a productivity report submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring: there were a total of 138 calls from 10/15 to 11/15/2014. 105 were EMS calls and 33 were fire. On November 11, the HHFD was on hand for the Salute to Veterans at the Aviation Hall of Fame. On November 10, the HHFD held Department Officer Elections. The HHFD will be participating in the Annual Holiday Parade on Friday, November 28. On December 21, the HHFD will bring Santa around town.

He offered safety tips with regard to Christmas Trees: add water to the tree stand, being sure to add water daily. Lighting the tree: use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any strings of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Under Streets & Sanitation, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection performed an inspection of the Borough's Stormwater Control Program. The inspection includes detailed record keeping and maintenance of all stormwater facilities within the Borough. Upon final inspection the Borough passed with an commendation regarding construction of a Street sweeper Washing Recovery area. (See attached.)

Public Service Tree Trimming Crew was in town to trim limbs off of the high voltage lines along Terrace Avenue. This is in preparation of the new 69KV upgrade that will be installed as presented by representatives at the last council meeting.

The DPW provided new sanitary sewer manhole castings to the Bergen County Road Program prior to the repaving of the Boulevard. Due to the age and wearing away of the roadway, the manhole covers were in need of replacement. The DPW also provided four (4) new concrete parking stops to the repaving contractor for the Borough Hall Parking Lot that had deteriorated.

In preparation of the Holiday Parade, Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk, submitted the Holiday Lighting survey to PSE&G in order to hang our lights on the Boulevard.

Ten tons of asphalt was used this last month to repair potholes and that will be the last of the hot asphalt until Spring. Cold patch will be available during the winter season.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

The Borough has been advised from the State of New Jersey that it will receive funds in

STREETS AND SANITATION (cont'd):

the amount of \$16,903.47 for the 2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant. The grant is based on materials recycled from the Borough in that year.

REPAIRS:

Garbage Truck 102 – Replace entire brake system bearing and washer.

Garbage Truck 104 – Repaired roller assembly and cylinder piston for packer blade. Replaced emergency stop button.

Tree Truck – Replace emergency hydraulic pump assembly and antifreeze tank. Sent out for annual State boom inspection and repairs.

All road salters, plows, and salt briner are being serviced in preparation for the winter season.

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Finance, Commissioner Link gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at October 31st was \$5,227,511.74 and at September 30th was \$1,779,419.46 which represents an increase of \$3,448,092.28, the entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of October totaled \$7,313,140.50 of which \$6,993,122.92 was for Current Taxes, \$19,279.77 was for Pre-paid 2015 taxes, \$155,554.35 was for State Aid and \$145,183.46 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of October totaled \$3,865,048.22 of which \$2,200,610.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$865,745.81 was for Salaries and \$798,692.41 was for Other Expenses.

The formulation of the 2015 budget continues. Department Heads have received 2015 budget request forms which are to be completed and returned to the Finance Officer within the next couple of weeks. We have received information on the Budget and Levy Cap's and the finance officer updated the Finance Committee at their meeting held tonight just prior to this meeting. For 2015 the Budget Appropriation Cap is set at 1.5% , this Cap was 0.5% last year. The Tax Levy Cap remains at 2% for 2015. The CFO is preparing projections and summaries on large line items such as insurance, health benefits and salaries and the Finance Committee will be reviewing them.

The Finance Committee will continue to hold 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 129

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visitors to the Food Pantry who came on November 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2014. Thanks to the generosity of so many the shelves in the Food Pantry are very well stocked.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Ethel Ball, Anna Tracz, Joyce Belbo, Andrew Rastocki, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard and Denise Betts.

We sincerely thank the following for their generosity: Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge 1962, Euclid School Food Drive, Lincoln School Food Drive, 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, Linda, Josephine McClean, Phylis Burman, Karen McDowell, Mrs. Juliana, Rosemary Smith, Andrea Baker, John Rizzo, Kathy VanJura, Megan, Phil and Grace Castora, Matt and Jack Baker, Mr. Jackson, Connie Margagliano, Fazio Family, Follari Family, Care One at Wellington, Dave Klopacz, Mrs. Trippodo, Albert Kinsley, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 4591, Nigel Apps, Elizabeth Cannicer, Hasbrouck Heights Junior Football League Aviators, Gateway Realtors, John Opaluch, Peggy Kingsley, Dan Rozum, Chris, and Girl Scout Troop 4308 who donated food and helped stock the shelves. In preparation for the holidays, we most sincerely thank Corpus Christi Rosary Society and Rosemary Smith who have provided toys and clothing for all the children.

All donations are very much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Annual Dog Licenses: The Board of health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2014 dog license will expire on January 31, 2015. Over 1200 renewal notices will be mailed on December 31, 2014. To renew your dog license, proof of a valid rabies vaccine must be submitted along with your application and payment. Dogs with immunizations, which will expire during 2015, will require a booster prior to obtaining a license. Please call the Health Dept. At 201-288-1636 if you no longer have a your dog. The Teterboro Animal Shelter will be offering free rabies vaccines and low cost microchips to the pets of Bergen County residents on Thursday, December 4 and 18 between the hours of 3:30-6:30 p.m. Residents must bring their pet's current rabies certificate that shows the expiration date of the rabies vaccine.

Vending Machines: All vending machine licenses will be expiring on December 31, 2014. Renewal notices will be mailed the end of November. To date the Health

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Department has over 40 vending machine owners on record with a total of 84 various machines in Hasbrouck Heights.

Mobile Food Licenses: Mobile food licenses will expire on December 31, 2014. Before a license is issued a health inspection must be completed. The inspection will take place at the rear of the Municipal Building located at 320 Boulevard. Licenses are issued every six months.

As **Commissioner of Land Use**, From a report submitted by Dorothy Bernice, Councilman Lipari reported during the month this department issued permits with income totaling \$10,917. Last year the receipts were \$8,898. Eight Certificates of Occupancy were issued on the sale of homes. One new business opened on Terrace Avenue this month.

81 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 86%. The property maintenance inspector made 8 inspections. He followed up 12 times and issued 4 warnings.

Since there is a forecast for snow, the Property Maintenance Inspector is reminding all residents and store owners that they have 24 hours after the end of a snowfall ceases to have sidewalks cleared. No warnings are necessary.

Also residents are reminded to keep their house numbers clear of Holiday Decorations. This is extremely important as emergency responders must be able to see house numbers. As a safety precaution Holiday Lighting should be turned off when no one is home.

Senior Center: As Senior Citizen liaison, he reported that the Costa family hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for approximately 130 people.

Red Light Cameras: Councilman Lipari also reported on a meeting held at the State Capital in Trenton on October 27 that he attended. (Copy of report attached). Mayor Heck noted as a point of information we applied for the red light cameras for Route 17 and were never given the opportunity as they only took 25 towns, we were number 27. She is hoping that someday we will be able to place those cameras on Route 17.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Semencz first extended a Happy Thanksgiving to all. He then reported due to damage caused by a detainee that was confined in the holding cell at the Police Station, the DPW took on several repairs.

While incarcerated, the detainee ripped out the fire suppression sprinkler head causing

PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):

major flooding throughout the first floor and basement. The DPW responded along with WJ Malone Associates to shut down the sprinkler system. The water was vacuumed and mopped up from the basement, ceiling tiles were replaced, and excise equipment was moved to allow for additional cleaning and disinfecting of all carpets and floors. The sprinkler head was replaced by WJ Malone Associates and the system was put back on line. An invoice was generated for the time and materials and forwarded to the Borough Administrator and the Chief Colaneri to be applied to the prisoner's fine. (See attached.)

At the Public Safety Building, the semi-annual inspection of the Fire Suppression System was completed along with the quarterly Elevator inspection which was also conducted at the Borough Hall. All are in good order.

Electrical ballast and light bulbs were replaced in the Library facility as well as shampooing the carpeting. Also floors were waxed in the Senior Center and Community Room during the evening hours as not to interfere with any events scheduled during the day at the Municipal Building.

The DPW brought items to the Bergen County Hazardous Waste Collection event that was held at Bergen Community College.

Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room, 16; Caucus Room, 6; Council Chamber,4; Senior Center, 7 (not including Senior Activities).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nov. 6th Thursday, 1 p.m.: Three Dept. of Transportation representatives met with me, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, Borough Engineer Ken Job and Dept. of Public Works Supt. Bill Spindler.

Nov. 8th, Saturday, 12:30 p.m.: Council Members Sonya Buckman and David Gonzalez and I officiated at the Grand Opening Jei Learning Center across from Fisher's Café at noon.

Nov. 9th, Sunday, 11 a.m.: Councilwoman Pam Link and I attended the Veterans Service at the Aviation Hall of Fame in Teterboro. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Dept. also participated in the ceremony by flying the Oversized American Flag from the Hook and Ladder Truck. The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Dept. Honor Guard also participated in the ceremony. I was given the honor of saying a few words in honor of Veterans Day. Fritz Rethage, editor/publisher of The Gazette Newspaper and a member of the Aviation Hall of Fame chaired the event.

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Nov. 10th, Monday, 6:30 p.m., the Police Committee consisting of Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez and I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri. Under discussion were possible Police Promotions, future plans for the department and the addition of a Medical Lock-Box now on order to be located inside the Public Safety Building, thus allowing residents to safely dispose of unused prescriptions.

7:30 p.m. A brief Finance Meeting was held. Finance Commissioner Pam Link, Deputy Commissioner Justin DiPisa and I met with Borough Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

8 p.m. I chaired the regular Council Meeting.

Nov. 11, , Tuesday, 11a.m.: I participated in the Veterans Day Services along with Program Chair American Legion Commander Michael Cahill and V.F. W. Post 4591 Commander Joseph Colangelo. Council Members Pam Link, Dave Gonzalez, Russell Lipari and Chris Semencz along with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak also attended the service. Nov. 11th Councilwoman Link also celebrated her birthday. The Legion and V.F.W. members commented on the newly redone Veterans Park and were told that besides the new sidewalks, trimming of trees, grading of the grounds that new benches were due to arrive and the final electrical piece for lighting of the Flag would be done by PSE&G. At least one other tree will be planted and completion of a barrier free approach to the park was on the agenda.

Nov. 12, Wednesday at noon I had the pleasure of attending, along with Councilman Russell Lipari, the Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Costa Family. Leisure Club President Peter Gallo opened the event and thanked Vickie Costa who was present for her generosity. The room filled with Senior Citizens applauded as they rose to fill their plates with Salad, Turkey and all the fixings. It was a joyous event.

1:30 p.m., I met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees to go over progress of the Holiday Float Contest. A sub-category was added that included decorated vehicles with marchers. A review of the 2014 Appointment list was made. Mrs. Sees would be contacting individuals to ascertain their availability to serve new terms. Names of new members of the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee were also discussed and would be recommended at the next Council Meeting.

Several matters were also discussed with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak in preparation for the next Council Meeting.

7:30 p.m., I attended the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee Meeting held in the Senior Center. Final plans for the House and Business Area Holiday Decoration Contest were made. Members were given their various assignments. Ray Vorisek,

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President of the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and he and I reported on the progress of the Holiday Float Contest, a new Joint Project. Floats/decorated vehicles and marchers will appear in the Holiday Chamber Parade set for Friday the day after Thanksgiving.

Nov. 14, Friday evening, I attended the 25th Anniversary of the Lego Night Contest held at the Library. Congratulations to Library Director Mimi Hui and Children's Librarian Marie Joyce along with President Judy Mascis, and her Friends of the Library volunteers for their diligence, planning and time given to producing this extraordinary program. The children were very creative and they produced wonderful Lego examples of the Borough, its buildings and businesses. Congratulations to all.

Nov. 16, Sunday, 3 p.m., I attended the Wake of former Congresswoman Marge Roukema in Ridgewood with former Assemblywoman Joan Wright. We both had a long history of working in support of her work that helped women and children. She was a remarkable woman and was truly one of the best representatives New Jersey has ever had.

Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th, I chose, because of the unusually icy cold and windy days, to conduct my work from home by phone and e-mail. Preparations were made for the Holiday Parade and Float Contest, for various appointments and reports were completed.

Nov. 20th, Thursday, at 3 p.m. I met with Borough Clerk Rose Sees to work on the news releases and flyers covering the Nov. 28th Holiday events. I asked her to represent me at the following morning's Chamber of Commerce meeting and to bring along the products of her work to be reviewed and approved by Chamber President Ray Vorisek.

We then went over the particulars with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler for the Tree Lighting and Circle Decorations. Recreation Director Robert Brady was also brought into the final preparation plans. A tent will be erected at TD Bank to house Santa who will meet with the children immediately after the Tree Lighting. This is a new addition this year so parents will not have to go all the way back to the Senior Center as Santa will now be in the TD Bank Parking lot thanks to Vickie Oller, TD Bank Manager. Holiday decorations were planned for inside the tent along with manpower needed to be of assistance. The Mayor's Youth Committee Members would be helping at both the Municipal Building (to give out hot chocolate) and later at the TD Bank to help Santa. They can be identified as Rob will supply them with Holiday Hats. Ro Sees also suggested that the Gazebo have Holiday Lighting as well this year. We all agreed and I also requested some new decorations for the Circle. This is my favorite time of the year. I encourage everyone to attend and to join in the

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fun.

Nov. 25, noon, Rob Brady, Rose Marie Sees and I greeted students from the Kathy Dunn Center. The entire School participated in donating food to the Food Pantry. Kindergarten Classes and two representatives from each of the other classes visited us and were given a tour of the Food Pantry. Ro greeted them, then I thanked them for their donations and Rob answered their questions about the Food Pantry.

7 p.m. A Finance Meeting was held with Commissioner Pam Link, Deputy Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and me.

8 p.m. 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:**
- 195. Authorizing Change Order #2 for Improvements of Veterans Memorial Park
 - 196. Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
 - 197. Authorizing Transfer of Liquor License for Bensi of Hasbrouck Heights Inc to Bensi HH, Limited Liability Company
 - 198. Authorizing Change Order #1 for State Aid Improvement of the Boulevard Streetscape Phases V and VI
 - 199. Authorizing Submission of a Bergen County Community Development Grant for Curb and Sidewalk Replacement on Stanley Avenue
 - 200. Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers

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

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RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Julie Canavatchel to Mayor’s Committee on Community Celebrations

Jennifer Werner to Mayor’s Committee on Community Celebrations

Ronnell Kearns to Mayor’s Committee on Community Celebrations

Robert LaMorte to Mayor’s Committee on Community Celebrations

Jean Lindquist 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 Semenech, and unanimously carried.

Jesse Minell to Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Engine Company Two

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

RESIGNATIONS: None

Public Comment Period for Bergen County Open Space Grant Application: Installation of a Poured in Place Resilient Surface Fall Protection Material in Miers Park and Central Avenue Park

Mayor Heck asked for any comments on the aforementioned application. Mr. Kronyak gave a quick overview that every year we apply for funds under this open space program. This application was submitted to remove mulch from the two parks and put in a rubberized mat. Rob Brady is the town’s representative. There were no comments.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close this comment period which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2333:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2015”** 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 December 9, 2014.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing Ordinance on Introduction which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semencz voting No, and otherwise unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Stefan Desics, 159 Burton Avenue, a member of Hasbrouck Heights Boy Scout Troop 17 working toward his Eagle Scout Award, proposed a community service project. As a boy scout he has attended many events at the Memorial area (on the Boulevard) and noticed an area he would like to see improved – the Memorial Gazebo. His plans include a thorough cleaning of the gazebo, repainting or restaining and water sealing, addition of flower boxes to be maintained by the local gardening club, addition of seat cushions and patriotic bunting or ribbon, making it more comfortable, inviting and beautiful place representing our town well. This changes would take place sometime in the spring and ideally be done in time for Memorial Day.

Mayor Heck asked if he had spoken to the garden club, he said not yet. She suggested he speak to them before he begins his project and respectively suggested he speak to the DPW Superintendent as far as cushions are concerned and maintenance. She said it sounded like a very good project to her, and asked the council if they were in favor of this project, which they were. Mr. Desics said the organization and completion of this project will allow him to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Mayor Heck asked for any objections, there were none, and advised Mr. Desics that he had their permission to move ahead.

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: 201. Personnel

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close for Executive Session which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck and the Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:45 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, 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 November 25, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk