

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS – MINUTES - April 22, 2014

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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8:05 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, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, 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 DiPisa gave the Invocation as follows:

"A Springtime Prayer. God, who searches for the lost: our season brings the lengthening of days and longer light reveals what had been hidden. Cleanse our hearts as we spring-clean our dwellings, that we give away what we no longer need and justice and kindness have ample room. In the name of Jesus we pray; Amen. *ELCA World Hunger Resources Bread for the Preacher, March 2010*"

**PRESENTATION:** Certificates of Accomplishment were presented to the following by Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Sonya Buckman and Deputy Recreation Commissioner Pamela J. Link:

*Marc Mastropietro for 2014 New Jersey State Wrestling Tournament 5<sup>th</sup> Place Finish - 126 lbs Weight Class, Record of 154 Career Wins, Most Career Wins for Any Wrestler in Hasbrouck Heights History*

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**PRESENTATION (cont:d):**

Matthew Dallara for *2014 New Jersey State Wrestling Tournament Third Place Championship*

**APPOINTMENTS:** Nicholas Coviello to HHFD Engine Company 2  
Elias Perez to HHFD Engine Company 2

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *(April 8, 2014 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$536,838.66 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 Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

**REPORTS:**

**POLICE:** Under Police, Commissioner DiPisa read from a report submitted by Police Chief Michael Colaneri Operation: I.D. – The fingerprinting and photographing of all kids in the second grades was completed. The fingerprints and photo cards were given to the parents and are invaluable in case a child becomes missing. DARE Night at Space Odyssey was held on April 10<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. This year 200 DARE

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**POLICE (cont'd):**

students, siblings and parents attended and had a safe and fun night of arcade activities, bowling and laser tag. Chaperones for the night were Lt. Joseph Rinke, Sgt. Al Baker, Det. John Behr, Ptl. Sean Woodbridge and Ptl. Joseph Olivo. On April 15th, Chief Colaneri participated in Career Day at Hasbrouck Heights High School. Students who have an interest in the Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement field met with the Chief and were told the requirements needed and different areas available to them.

Reminder: Saturday April 26, 2014 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., "Operation Take Back" will be held at the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department, 248 Hamilton Avenue. This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of unused, unwanted or expired medications.

Under Statistics, he reported parking summons for March were 406 versus 302 in 2013. Year to date is 1,075 versus 882 in 2013. Moving Violations totaled 469 versus 215 in 2013. Total moving violations are 1,061 versus 555 in 2013. Total summons for 2014 are 875 in March versus 517 for 2014. Totals for March year to date are 2,136 versus 1,437 in 2013.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman read a report submitted by Recreation Director Rob Brady: Recreation Softball has begun playing games last week. There are 3 teams in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade division, 2 teams in the 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> grade division, and 2 teams in the 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. They will play recreation teams from Wood Ridge, Secaucus, Carlstadt, Wallington, East Rutherford, and others. The recreation department will also offer UGAL softball teams in the summer in the following brackets for girl's that would like to play at a higher level. U12, U14, & U16. Recreation Track & Field- There are over 130 boys and girls in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year that we added 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The children will compete in the NJ Striders track series. All the meet information is available on the website [www.njstriders.com](http://www.njstriders.com). Special news Victoria Vizzachero broke our team record in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet, she has also placed in both meets she competed in so far this year. Adult Coed Volleyball meets every Wednesday 7pm-9pm at the high school new gym, this program is free of charge and is open to residents and non-residents. Men's Over 20 Basketball. This program meets every Monday 7pm-9pm in the high school new gym, the program is free and is available to residents and alumni only. Special Needs Recreation will be starting our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of programming in April. When the brochure is finalized I will send it out to the schools and local organizations. This year Lodi has expressed interest in joining our Special Needs programs. Summer Camp Registration will be held tonight and April 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm in the recreation office. Registration forms will be available soon!

Summer Camp Employment and Volunteering information. The recreation department accepts 12 volunteer CITs (counselor in training). CITs can apply after they complete

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**RECREATION (cont'd):**

their freshman year. Counselor positions are based on availability. If interested email [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com) and I will reply with an application.

Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman reported the Department of Public Works has completed spring clean up at Woodland, Polify, Veterans, 911 Firemen's Memorial, and Miers Parks. The lawns were thatched and seeded; mulch was spread throughout certain areas of flowers beds, around trees, and the flower bed edges were cut and shaped. All the irrigation systems were checked and activated. Certified playground mulch was spread throughout the playgrounds at Woodland, Miers, and Central Avenue Park's. United Water Company installed the seasonal water meters at Woodland Park. The meter monitors the pavilion area. Meter valves which are located inside the Comfort Station were broken due to extreme cold this winter. New water valves were installed in time for the first event in the park, "Brunch with the Bunny" sponsored by the Jr. Woman's Club. A new infant seat was ordered for Woodland Park playground area as it was broken and needed to be replaced. As a result of snow removal, fences surrounding the Central Avenue Park and Woodland Park playground areas were damaged. The repairs are scheduled. Steve Daus, DPW mechanic, assisted the Recreation Department in reattaching the rubber pitchers mound on two of the portable units used at Hitchcock Field for softball games.

As **Library Liaison**, she reported despite the horrible weather in February and March the library saw a 5% increase in circulation in February and a 6% in March (cabin fever?). In February 7,659 and in March 10,522 people walked into the library. A total of 30 adult and 18 juvenile library cards were issued in both months.

Some upcoming event dates:

Sunday, May 4 – Friends of the Library Chinese Spring Banquet (this is the re-scheduled Chinese New Year event). From 1-4 p.m. at the Asian Grill. Tickets are available at the Front Desk. Cost is \$42.

May 30 – June 1<sup>st</sup> - Book/Bake Sale in the Senior Center.

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – the Second Annual Just Desserts from 7 -9 p.m. in the Library.

Monday, June 23 – Summer Reading Program Kick Off Celebration. All of the schools are being contacted personally by our Children's Librarian, Marie Joyce about the details.

Friday, August 1 – Summer Bash

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported from March 15 to April 15 there were 91 EMS calls and 32 fire calls. On March 31, the HHFD responded to a basement fire on Hasbrouck Avenue. Wood-Ridge and Lodi provided

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### **FIRE (cont'd):**

mutual aid. On April 7, the HHFD provided mutual aid to Lodi near Home Depot for a large brush fire. On April 20, the HHFD provided mutual aid to Carlstadt for a 3-alarm house fire. The HHFD was on hand for the Annual Easter Egg hunt which was held on April 12 and also were on hand for the Track Meet held on April 17. They will also be hand for the 5K Run on April 27.

The public is invited to the HHFD Annual Inspection on May 10 at 7 p.m. at 248 Hamilton Avenue. The Fire Department members will have all gear and apparatus ready for public display.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: the Department of Public Works sent David Palmieri, Tree Foreman, Leonard Masucci, Tree Trimmer, and Robert Frangella to Rutgers for continuing education classes on Hazardous Tree Identification. The class addressed safe removal and trimming techniques that can be applied to the removal of Borough trees. The trees along the public right-of-way on the 300 block of Roosevelt Avenue were trimmed by Aspen Tree Service as special equipment was needed to access large limbs hanging over residents homes. The Tree Planting Program has started and will be completed within two week (weather permitting). As part of the total reconstruction of Coolidge Avenue, a list of locations where trees are to be planted was sent to Ken Job, Borough Engineer. The 2014 NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Stormwater Inspection and Cleaning mandate was completed. A State report includes several directives that the Borough must comply with. The DPW responded to a call that the alarm at the Franklin Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station was activated. The low level alert was disengaged and the pumps were brought back to normal operation. An alternating relay switch at the Woodside Avenue Pump Station was in need of repair as it was not operating the alternate pump sequence. A sewer blockage occurred on Rt. 17 South in the area of the White Castle. DPW crews along with the assistance of our Police Department closed down traffic lanes and cleared the blockage. On April 11, Bill Spindler, Mike Kronyak, and Ken Job met with a representative from the Bergen County Engineering Department and toured the curb ramps in need of replacement along the Boulevard from Hackensack to Wood-Ridge borders in order to qualify for road resurfacing as the Boulevard is a County road. Ken Job will follow up with a report. Six tons of winter mix asphalt was used for pothole repair this month. Our DPW assisted the Wood-Ridge DPW in a shared service agreement with the NJ/NY Port Authority regarding the goose sweeper. Our Board of Ed also uses the sweeper on Hitchcock Field.

As Environmental/Transportation Commissioner Liaison, he reminded residents that the Satellite Recycling Container is available on the first Saturday of every month on Central Avenue and the DPW yard is open on the third Saturday of every month for the convenience of the residents. Another successful shredding event was held on April 5 with over 6,000 lbs. received.

**FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Under **Finance**, Commissioner Link gave the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at March 31 was \$931,908.02 and at February 28 was \$5,183,781.30 which represents an decrease of \$4,251,873.28. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of March totaled \$806,383.89 of which \$558,406.56 was for Current Taxes, \$59,444.98 was for delinquent 2013 taxes, \$25,500.00 was for sale of municipal assets and \$163,032.35 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of March totaled \$5,056,875.17 of which \$2,114,527.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$582,032.63 was for Salaries, \$700,477.78 was for Debt Service and \$1,659,837.76 was for Other Expenses.

Under **Social Services**, Commissioner Link reported there were 89 grateful visitors to the Food Pantry from March 31, 2014 through April 21, 2014 who are invited to come to the Pantry on Monday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Shop Rite gift cards were distributed as well as a wide variety of groceries. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Janice Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Maria Wojchiechowski, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball and Anna Tracz. 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, Hasbrouck Heights Elks Lodge #1962, Karen McDowell, Colleen Sarden, Mrs. Eglo, Eleanor Longinen, Lazida Family, McGrath Family, Mrs. Kinsley, Jane Ferrarini, John Kuceravy, Girl Scout Troop 526, Rosemarie Smith, Kanty Van Jura, Thomas White, Girl Scout Troop 4703, Mr. And Mrs. Dussault, Josephine McClean, Angela Janowski, Claire Derco, Garden Club of Hasbrouck Heights, Eleanor, Michele Zahn, Miss Purcel and Anonymous. All donations are much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**HEALTH & LAND USE:** As Commissioner of Health, Councilman Lipari reported the following: During the first quarter of 2014 the Health Inspector conducted 71 food inspections, 10 spot checks, 16 grease trap inspections and 4 complaints of various nature. The Health Department collected \$24,709.00 in fees during the first quarter of the year and issued 951 dog licenses. Also the Boro Registrar of Vital Statistics issued 519 certified transcripts collecting \$8,685.00. The department also recorded 188 non-resident deaths and 37 resident deaths. Thirteen marriage licenses were issued and the Health Department was notified of 23 births to town residents. As the warm weather approaches the Board of Health would like to remind all Food Establishments it is prohibited to leave any door or window open for ventilation purposes without the protection of screening. All openings to the outside must be effectively protected

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**HEALTH (cont'd):**

against the entrance of insects and rodents.

**5K Run/Walk & Health Fair:** The Board of Health is sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annual 5 K Run & 1 Mile Fun Walk, which will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon near the Senior Center at Boro Hall.

**CPR Course:** The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of HUMC is offering a **Free** CPR & AED Training Course on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Community Room at Boro Hall. Pre-registration is required by calling the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636.

**Shingles Vaccine Clinic:** The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health in conjunction with Dr. Bellavia from Heights Medical and Heights Specialty Pharmacy will be conducting a Shingles Vaccine Clinic on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The clinic will be held in the Hasbrouck Heights Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Dr. Bellavia will be administering the vaccination. Pre-registration and payment is required for all participants.

As Commissioner of **Land Use** he reported that during the month the Building Department issued permits with income totaling \$10,836. This can be compared to 2013 income of \$20,324. 99 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 79%. The property maintenance inspector made 12 inspections and continues to respond to reports of property falling into disrepair. During the past week many driveways have been resurfaced with no permits. The homeowners are always responsible for ensuring that permits are obtained. As the inspectors find these infractions, fines will be issued to the homeowners. If there is any doubt in your mind if you need a permit, please call the building department 201-288-2143.

As Senior Citizen Liaison, he reported that a bus trip to Atlantic City was scheduled for April 29.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Semencz offered the following report prepared by DPW Supt. Bill Spindler: the Department of Public Works installed a grab bar inside the Women's restroom at the Senior Center facility and was inspected by the Code Official to insure proper the placement of an ADA device. At the Public Safety Building, the roof was patched on the Fire Department side of the building and the rewiring of insulation of the HVAC duct work will be done as on of the four units has been completed with the other three on the list to be done. Also at the Fire Department, new globes for the outside electrical lamps have been ordered it replace the broken ones. At the DPW facility, a new garage door motor was installed at the diesel shop area along with other overhead door repairs. The Annual Fire Extinguisher service was completed at the DPW. Mulch was spread at the Borough Hall and the Circle after spring clean up was performed by removing leaves, edging flower beds,

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION (cont'd):**

thatching and seeding lawns. The parking lots were cleared of grit from salting during the winter months.

Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room, 12; Caucus Room, 10; Council Chamber, 33, Senior Center,5 (not including Senior Activities); Recreation Center, 1.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**March 26, Wednesday, 6:30 pm,** Spoke at the Corpus Christi D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony along with Police Chief Colaneri. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa attended along with Council Members Pamela Link and Russell Lipari. Sgt. Alan Baker is in charge of the D.A.R.E program done with the assistance of the teachers at Corpus Christi. The children performed skits depicting what they had learned.

**March 27, Thursday,** Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I attended the Hackensack University Medical Center=s Annual Meeting held at the Hyatt in Jersey City.

**March 28, Friday,** I attended the Mickey=s Kids Foundation Event with Councilwoman Pam Link in support of raising funds to purchase Service Dogs for those in need. Tom and Michele Meli through their foundation continue to be successful in bringing needed assistance to help others.

**April 1,** I met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees to go over the plans for the May 18<sup>th</sup> Street Fair. Other Borough matters were discussed as well. I also signed checks.

**April 2, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.** I attended the Planning Board Meeting.

**April 4, Friday, 2:30 p.m.** I met with H.H. Community Awareness Access for All President Brenda Colaneri. She gave me a detailed report on the Access III Meeting that both she and Secretary June Raymond attended on last Saturday. She also discussed plans for the future, including the use of the Message Board to alert the public to special Awareness Months throughout the year, beginning with April being Autism Awareness Month.

**April 5, Saturday, 9 a.m.,** I attended the Opening Day Ceremony of the Little League along with Council Members Justin DiPisa, Sonya Buckman, Pam Link, Dave Gonzalez and Russell Lipari. After that we attended the Shredding Event on Central Avenue.

**April 6, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.** Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pamela Link, Dave Gonzalez and Russell Lipari and I attended the Little League Pancake Breakfast.

**April 8, Tuesday, 7 p.m.** Finance Chair Pamela Link and Deputy Justin DiPisa, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I met prior to the 8 p.m. Council Meeting. Minutes of this Council Meeting may be found on the Borough Web Site [www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us](http://www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us).



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

**April 9, Wednesday, 7 p.m.** Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I attended the first 2014 meeting of the Southwest Community Development Committee. Next meeting is set for May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**April 10, Thursday 7:30 p.m.** I appointed two members of the Council, Justin DiPisa and Pamela Link of Finance Committee to meet with a group interested in developing their property on Longview Avenue. Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak were also present.

**April 12, Saturday, 10 a.m.** I attended the Mayor's Celebration Committee Easter Egg Hunt at the Depken Athletic Field. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Sonya Buckman, Pamela Link, Russell Lipari and Christian Semencz were also in attendance. My congratulations to Event Chair Cindy Palmieri and her daughter Kate for all of their pre-event planning and work. The Celebrations Committee assisted by the Mayor's Youth Committee and other volunteers did an outstanding job of making the day fun and safe for the approximately 400 children who attended.

**April 14, Monday, 8:45 a.m.** Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I left for a Trenton Press Conference held at the Trenton War Memorial by Governor Chris Christie. Mayors and County Executives joined to show their support of extending the 2% CAP on Interest Arbitration Awards. The Senate has already done so, but this was an added push to Speaker of the House Vincent Prieto to post the bill in the Assembly and for the legislators to join the Senate in support of the Governor's recommendations to continue the CAP to help local and county Governing Bodies to hold the line in salary increases on behalf of the taxpayers. Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan spoke in support of continuing the CAP as a large contingency of Mayors supported the Governor's efforts to do so.

**April 17, Thursday, 8:30 a.m.** The Sixth Annual Street Fair Meeting set for May 18, was held. Sponsorships were discussed. Children's amusements will be located between Washington Place and Kipp Avenue on the Boulevard. The Dunk Tank will be back next to Heights Florist.

**April 21, Monday, 10 a.m.** I attended the Light Rail Meeting as an invited guest of Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop and Englewood Mayor Frank Huttel. As the initial Chair of the Assembly Light Rail Panel I continue to work as the New Jersey Assn. of Railroad Passengers Light Rail Panel Chair. Testified before the Senate Transportation Committee in Trenton on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the people of Bergen County who are in need of Mass Transportation.

**8 p.m.** I attended a meeting concerning the owners of Longview Avenue Properties along with Council Members Justin DiPisa and Pamela Link accompanied by Borough Attorney Ralph Chandless and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

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

**April 22, Tuesday, 7 p.m.** I attended the Fire Committee Meeting with Commissioner David Gonzalez and Deputy Commissioner Russell Lipari, Fire Chief Patrick Hayes and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

### **8 p.m. Council Meeting**

I continue to be at the Library on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon unless interrupted by other business. Residents are invited to stop by on Saturday mornings to visit with me. No appointments are necessary. That concludes my report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
91. Calling the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% CAP on Interest Arbitration Awards
  92. Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
  93. Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Overpaid for 2009, 2011 and 2012

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached).

- RESOLUTIONS:**
94. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2014 Budget

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on the 2014 Budget which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, a former Councilwoman, questioned the repayment for the improvement of Hitchcock Field is \$30,000 and wondered at what meeting that figure was arrived at. Mr. Kronyak asked for the page, which she said was 4a. He said that is not the payment of the debt service, the agreement with the BOE stated they would provide the down payment on the ordinance, so it is a \$600,000 ordinance, requiring a \$30,000 down payment. The BOE is going to pay the borough the down payment and \$570,000 will be included in a BAN. That won't come due until 2015. At that time 1/10th will be paid toward that. In our next budget, they will be giving us 1/10th of the amount of debt that will be paid over 10 years. Paydown of the debt does include interest. On page 15a, under Recreation, she asked how many employees are paid under salaries and wages. She was told that is Recreation Director and summer camp counselors, about 30. She asked about Celebration of Public Events, how many employees paid, and was told one salary. Re: Senior Citizen activities, she was told one salary.

**RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Budget which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to approve the 2014 Municipal Budget which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semencz voting No saying because under one of the issues he had is the surplus reserve fund, if we spend 20% of it we'd have no tax increase this year, and otherwise unanimously carried, the budget was approved.

Mayor Heck thanked the Finance Officer for his diligence for keeping us very sound and solid, the Finance Chair Pam Link and Deputy Finance Chair DiPisa for the many hours of work and questions to be answered and how proud she is of that committee for not only looking to the present but to the future. She asked Mr. Kronyak the process now. He said approval has been received from DLGS to adopt tonight and copies will be mailed to Trenton and Bergen County for certifications. She asked about the School, and he said there was a public hearing scheduled later this week. He thought there might be a five or six point increase. A decision will be made by the end of May if estimated tax bills are needed.

Mayor Heck announced that today was Earth Day and thanked DPW Superintendent for the beautiful trees being planted all over town. She had asked him for a Mountain Ash Tree and said two were purchased and will be planted in Miers and Polifly Parks.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:**      95.      Any Matter Involving the Sale, Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds

Mayor Heck requested a motion to close which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried. She announced that no action would be taken.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:31 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman DiPisa, 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 April 22, 2014.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk