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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:22 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 Gonzalez gave the Invocation as follows:

Poem by Joanna Fuchs, "Honor Our Military"

"Let's honor our Military, the men and women who serve, whose dedication to our country does not alter, halt or swerve.

Let's respect them for their courage, their ready to do what is right to keep America safe so we can sleep better at night.

Let's support and defend our soldiers whose hardships are brutal and cruel, whose discipline we can't imagine, who follow each order and rule.

Here's to those who choose to be warriors and their helpers good and true, their fighting for American values, their fighting for me and you."

PRESENTATION: Certificate from NJLM Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition to State Finalist Megan Keenan

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PRESENTATION (cont'd): Megan Keenan could not be present. Mayor Heck asked that the Certificate be sent to her home.

PRESENTATION: Proceeds from Board of Health 5K Run and Fun Walk to Hasbrouck Heights Junior Woman's Club and Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association for Scholarships

Councilman Lipari and Councilman DiPisa presented checks to Mary Blanus, president of the Junior Woman's Club and John Brady of the HH Men's Association. Both expressed their gratitude to the Mayor and Council and the Board of Health and Tina Dowd. Tina Dowd also expressed her gratitude to the Mayor and Council.

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes advising of resignation of William Bergner from HHFD Hook and Ladder Company
 - 2) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes advising of resignation of Kenneth Lambert as Ambulance Mechanic and appointment of David Gumbrecht as Ambulance Mechanic to fill the position as of May 15, 2014
 - 3) Phone Request from Police Chief Michael Colaneri for use of the Senior Bus by Police Department on May 30th to attend Special Olympics Ceremony in Trenton, NJ, leaving at 3 p.m. The Senior Bus is not scheduled for use by the Senior Citizens and is available.
 - 4) Third Notice of permit application filing with the NJ DEP to construct a new Airport Traffic Control Tower and base building for Teterboro Airport with Hardship Exception Request and Request for Federal Consistence Review
 - 5) Letter from Noreen Best, Director of County of Bergen Community Development advising Mayor and Council that Bergen County is scheduled to re-qualify as an Urban County entitlement group under the Community Development Block Grant Program for a three year period beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 and what municipality must do to if it intends to renew.
 - 6) Invitation from Hasbrouck High School Principal Linda Simmons to Mayor and Council to attend Class of 2014 Annual Senior Scholarship Assembly

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COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

- 7) Letter from PSEG President Ralph LaRossa expressing appreciation for community's support of Energy Strong proposal

Mayor Heck asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. Item #4 was requested (copy attached). Mayor Heck then requested a motion to approve the correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the request from Chief Colaneri for use of the Senior Bus on May 30th which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$241,554.94 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 Chief Colaneri, Lt. Rinke, Sgts. Colaneri, Baker and Det. Behr attended the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office S.N.A.P. Conference. Topics covered were the latest trends in drug use and other items affecting our children.

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POLICE (cont'd): A new 2014 Chevrolet Caprice was received and will be on the road soon.

Over 98 lbs of expired, unwanted medication was received from Operation Take Back and was turned over to Bergen County for proper disposal.

April/May have been busy months for school escorts to various locations throughout town. Euclid and Lincoln Kindergartners visited the Public Safety Building and were given a tour by HHFD and HHPD members. Corpus Christi children visited HHPD then observed the HH Municipal Court. Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Robertson attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting to answer questions regarding traffic and parking issues. The HHPD assisted with the Annual Street Fair with traffic detours, parking and security. This year the dunk tunk was manned by Chief Colaneri, Lt. Rinke, D/Sgt. Colaneri, Det. Behr, Ptl. Cooke, Ptl. Dussault, Ptl. Olivo and Ptl. Condal. We would like to thank Councilman Dave Gonzalez, Principal Mike Sickles, Principal Joe Colangelo, JT Rinke, Joe Fadden Jr., and Michael Thorpe, for helping. All monies raised will be donated to Special Olympics.

Gun Arrest

On April 26, 2014 at approximately 11:37am, Det. Behr was flagged down by Off Duty Officer Brunetti. Officer Brunetti advised Det. Behr that he had just observed a suspicious Hispanic male in the area of the Boulevard and Williams. Officer Brunetti stated that the Hispanic male had his fingers in a manner as if it was a handgun and he was pretending to shoot vehicles that passed by. Det. Behr located a party matching the description in the area of Lawrence and Terrace. When Det. Behr approached the suspect he fled on foot. Det. Behr caught up to him and brought him to the ground. During the struggle, the suspect reached into his waistband and pulled out a loaded .22 revolver. The suspect tossed the handgun. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with the following: Possession of a Handgun for Unlawful Purpose 2nd degree crime, Possession of Hollow Point Bullets 4th degree crime, Aggravated Assault on Police 3rd degree crime, Resisting Arrest 4th degree crime and Disorderly Conduct a Disorderly Persons Offense. Bail set at \$100,000 with 10%, suspect taken to Bergen County Jail.

Prostitution Arrest

On May 13, 2014 the Hasbrouck Heights Detective Squad learned of a female operating an illicit massage parlor in Hasbrouck Heights. A Hasbrouck Heights Detective went undercover and met with the Defendant, who was later identified as Adrienne Stafford. The Detective then advised other Members to move in to make the arrest. Defendant was charged with Promoting Prostitution and a Borough Ordinance for Operating an Illicit Massage Parlor.

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Narcotics Arrest

The Hasbrouck Heights Detective Squad developed information about a Hispanic male dealing grams of cocaine in Hasbrouck Heights. Over a 3 week period, a Hasbrouck Heights Detective went undercover and made three separate purchases of cocaine. On May 16, 2014, the defendant, Luis R. Fernandez, was charged with the following: Distribution of CDS (cocaine) 2nd degree crime, Distribution of CDS within 500 feet of a park 2nd degree crime, Distribution of CDS within 1000 feet of a school 3rd degree crime, and possession of CDS (marijuana) within 1000 feet of a school. Total amount of drugs recovered were 35 grams of cocaine and 2 bags of marijuana. Also recovered was \$1,245 in cash which Hasbrouck Heights Detective Squad will attempt to seize. Bail was set at \$150,000 no 10%, defendant transported to Bergen County Jail.

Under Statistics, he reported parking summons: Year to date is 1,120 versus 1,481 in 2014. Total moving violations are 860 up to 1,557 in 2014. Totals for April to date are 1,980 versus 3,038 in 2014.

RECREATION AND PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman read a report submitted by Recreation Director Rob Brady: Recreation Softball is winding down league play and will begin playoffs for the South Bergen League next week. As of today all eight of the teams should qualify for playoffs. The Department will also offer a Ugals softball team in the summer in the following brackets for girls who would like to play at a higher level: U12, U14 and U16. Recreation Track and Field has had its best season ever, with more applicants advance to the regional qualifier than any other season. Adult Co-ed Volleyball meets every Wednesday at the High School new gym. Men's Over 20 Basketball meets every Monday at the High School new gym. Special Needs Recreation has started its second year programming, now in its 3rd week of art, with outdoor play to follow in the summer. Summer Camp registration is still available. For more information e-mail at hhrec@aol.com. With regard to Summer Camp trips, as of today the following trips are sold out: Fun Time America, Bowcraft, Keansburg, Funplex, the Castle, Medieval Times and Ice House.

Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman reported at Woodland Park, the Department of Public Works applied several tons of stone to the road extension of Roosevelt Avenue that traverses throughout the park and out to Woodland Drive. A new infant seat swing was installed in the playground and four new picnic tables were assembled and placed under the pavilion. The tables are made of recycled material. The grassy areas of all parks were seeded and fertilized. Polifly Park, located on Terrace Avenue between Harrison and Columbus Avenues, is a pesticide free park and only organic products are used to treat that park. Flowers were planted at Veterans, Firemen's, and 911 Memorial Parks. Red, white, and bluish purple petunias along with red geraniums adorn the areas to honor our fallen heroes. Several engraved brick pavers were installed at the Veteran's Memorial by the DPW and electrical service was checked for the Memorial Day events.

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FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported on May 3rd, Eagle Scout John Riordan had a fire hydrant project. Volunteers arrived at the Firehouse with so many coming out the project was completed in less than two hours. After refreshments were served. On May 10, the Annual Inspection was held. The Apparatus and Gear was on full display for the public. He thanked the Mayor and Council as well as some Mutual Aid Chiefs and the public for their support and attendance.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report submitted by DPW Supt. William Spindler: As part of the Tree Replacement Program, the Department of Public Works planted 45 trees. This completes the planting for this year. Also, trees were planted on Coolidge Avenue by an outside contractor as part of the Total Road Reconstruction Project. As requested by the HH PD Traffic Division, the DPW installed several parking signs throughout the Borough.

This past month, nine tons of hot asphalt was used to make pothole repairs. Bill Spindler, DPW Superintendent, request from the County to have potholes repaired on the Boulevard prior to the Street Fair. The County responded with a crew and truck called the "Pothole Killer." The Boulevard is a County road. The restoration of sidewalks and landscaping was completed at the Boulevard and Longworth Avenue as a follow up on the main sanitary sewer break that was repair during the winter season.

The DPW responded to sewer blockages on Main Street, Division Avenue, and Rt. 17 and cleared the sanitary lines. At Woodside Pump Station, one of the pumps was taken out and rebuilt; it is now back in operation. Three (3) new starter motors are needed at the Franklin Avenue Pump Station as they are the original motors and are not operating correctly. Quotes are being sought for this project.

The DPW prepared for the Sixth Annual Street Fair by supplying electrical drops along the Boulevard, garbage receptacles, barricades and cones, setting and returning the Bergen County Show Mobile. Upon completion of the Fair, all garbage was collected and the streets were swept and back pack blowers were used to clear any debris.

The DPW assisted the HH Garden Club with the "Boulevard in Bloom Project" by taking the pots out of storage for the members to plant their flowers. The pots are then placed on the Boulevard in designated areas and the DPW waters them throughout the entire season.

In preparation for the Memorial Day Parade, barricades, cones, and Flags were placed out for the event.

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

Under **Finance**, Commissioner Link gave the following report:

The Current Fund cash balance at April 30th was \$1,637,231.32 and at March 31st was \$931,908.02 which represents an increase of \$705,323.30. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of April totaled \$4,279,632.39 of which \$3,901,541.20 was for Current Taxes, \$21,957.02 was for delinquent 2013 taxes, \$229,500.00 was for Sale of municipal Assets and \$126,634.17 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of April totaled \$3,574,309.09 of which \$2,114,527.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$568,635.05 was for Salaries and \$891,147.04 was for Other Expenses.

The 2014 Municipal Budget was adopted April 22, 2014, and copies have been transmitted to the Division of Local Government Services for approval. As of today, the county and state budgets have not yet been adopted, which will hold up the certification of the tax rate. The Borough can not issue final tax bills until the total tax rate has been certified therefore the Mayor and Council is adopting a resolution tonight authorizing the Tax Collector to issue estimated third quarter tax bills.

She noted the Social Services Report was read at the Youth Week Council meeting.

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

Annual Dog Census

The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health announces that the Annual Dog Census will begin on Monday, June 23, 2014. School Crossing Guards will be making a door-to-door visit to verify that every dog owner received a current 2014 dog license. Dog's seven months of age and over must have a valid rabies vaccination and current dog license for 2013. The Health Dept. asks residents who may not be home to please leave a copy of their current 2014 dog license in a visible place for the crossing guards to see. The guards will be wearing their uniforms and will have Borough identification. The census will be conducted between the hours of 4:30 pm to 8 pm Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions or doubts about the person visiting your home, please contact the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636 or Police Dept. at 201-288-1000.

Annual Food Licenses

All annual licenses for Food Establishments will be expiring on June 30, 2014. Renewal applications will be mailed the last week in May and must be returned by June 30th.

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HEALTH AND LAND USE (cont'd): This includes all Retail Food Establishments, Schools, Milk Trucks, Mobiles, Seasonal, Fraternal, Massage Therapy, Barber Shops, Beauty & Nail Salons and Public Pools. 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 against the entrance of insects and rodents. Just a reminder, the next Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, June 11th will be the last meeting before the summer months. There are no scheduled meetings in July and August unless it is necessary. The Board will continue their monthly meetings Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Semencz offered the following report prepared by DPW Supt. Bill Spindler: At the Public Safety Building, the air conditioning system that cools the Exempt Room of the Firehouse is in need of repair. Upon arrival of the ordered parts, the service will be completed. The electrical outlets that supply the quick disconnect lines to all Fire apparatuses were inspected to ensure proper working conditions. Also, a new glass globe was installed on the outdoor lighting fixture on the Firehouse and the fence across from the building was repaired.

The Borough Hall had a new hot water circulating pump replaced in the basement. The air conditioning unit that supplies cool air to the office of the Borough Clerk was repaired. A small sinkhole in the rear of the building's parking lot was repaired. All Borough grounds were seeded and fertilized and spring flowers were planted. In order to not interfere with normal operating hours at the Library, painting was completed during the night shift over the past three weeks and several light ballasts were replaced.

Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room, 10; Caucus Room, 5; Council Chamber, 3; Senior Center, 5 (not including Senior Activities); Lobby, 1.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

April 23, Wednesday, 6 p.m. I attended the Countywide Community Development Reorganization Meeting. I was elected Vice Chair. Three May meeting dates were set.

7 p.m. I attended the TANAAC Meeting at Teterboro Airport. I was surprised that little or no progress was made with the FTA as to the change in landing approaches that went over the heavily residential zone in Hackensack as well as Hackensack University Medical Center. I asked that the Committee contact the Congressional Delegation to move our recommendations for change. Our next quarterly meeting will take place in July.

May 1, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Street Fair Meeting was held to discuss status of the May 18th Street Fair.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): May 3, Saturday morning till noon the Shredding event was held at which 8 tons of paper was recycled. In attendance were Council Members Pam Link, Justin DiPisa, David Gonzalez and Russell Lipari along with members of the Environmental Commission and D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler.

May 4 Sunday I attended the postponed Chinese New Year Luncheon at the Asian Grill with Council Members Pamela Link, Russell Lipari and Justin DiPisa. Councilman Christian Semencz also attended the event. It was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and was well attended.

May 6, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Finance Meeting was held. Finance Chair Pamela Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I invited School Business Administrator Dina Messery to go over the School Budget with us. The increases show a large amount due to the growth of the School Population.

7 p.m. CAAFA (Community Awareness Access For All) Meeting was held with President Brenda Colaneri presiding. Secretary June Raymond read the minutes and plans were discussed to man a table at the Street Fair. Also in attendance were Councilwoman Pam Link, Dorothy McCarthy, Patrick McCarthy and Aimee McCarthy.

May 7, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. I attended the Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Councilwoman Sonya Buckman the Council Liaison also attended. Chief Michael Colaneri and Sgt. Ian Robertson were present to add their expertise.

7 p.m. I chaired the Southwest Community Development Committee Meeting. Michael Kronyak also attended. Our application was presented along with members of the other communities.

May 10, Saturday, 7 p.m.: I attended the Fire Dept. Annual Inspection with Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez, Deputy Fire Commissioner Russell Lipari, Council Members Pamela Link, and Sonya Buckman. We thanked the men and women of the department and inspected the Fire Equipment and Ambulances.

May 12, Monday, 7:30 a.m.: League of Municipalities Breakfast was held at the BCUA in Little Ferry. A Power Point Program was given followed by a question and answer period. They stressed the need to prepare for future storms and the need for each of the participating municipalities to check their storm water sewer system and to insure that sump pumps were not illegally emptying into the system. They warned that it could cost millions of dollars to the BCUA and subsequently the cost divided among the municipalities if the proper steps to insure the system was providing the necessary services to all. I asked for more detailed information as to towns listed on the at-risk list and was told it would be forwarded to us. That as yet has not been done.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): May 13, Monday John Kosakowski, owner of Bill O'Shea's Florist and I visited Corpus Christi, Euclid, and Lincoln Schools to congratulate the winners of this year's Environmental Poster Contest. John gave each winner a beautiful Red Begonia Plant and told each child the flowers could be planted in the garden or kept in a window planter. That evening the children and their parents attended the Council Meeting where Environmental Commissioner David Gonzalez and I presented them with the various awards they earned for their winning posters. The posters were displayed for two weeks in the Hasbrouck Heights Library and then were returned to the schools to be displayed.

7 p.m. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Deputy Commissioner David Gonzalez and I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri to discuss a variety of matters including the need for a new Police Test. The previous test was taken in 2012 and because the top five officers had since been hired from that list and current officers were becoming eligible for retirement, it was determined to go through the testing process again.

8 p.m. Council Meeting. All minutes of meetings may be found on the Borough's official web site Hasbrouck-Heights.nj.us.

May 15, Thursday, 8:30 a.m., I held the final meeting prior to the Street Fair. Michael Kronyak, Rose Marie Sees, and Cliff of Cliffhangers Productions reviewed everything needed prior to Sunday's event. All prayed for a fair weather day because of the horribly cold and rainy weather we had the previous year.

May 18, Sunday – The Street Fair was a huge success and the weather was perfect. It is estimated that 25,000 people attended. There were no incidents to be reported other than everyone had a good time. I commend the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for of the work they do, not only in preparation, but on the day and immediately after the event. I also commend the outstanding work of Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and of course, our one and only Rose Marie Sees our Borough Clerk. I am so proud of the members of the Mayor's Business Community Committee Members, Fritz Rethage of the Gazette, Chamber President and owner of Heights Florist and the Victorian Tea House Ray Vorisek, Lenox Auto Body owner Bill Lenox, David Fanale owner of the Century 21 Eudan Realty, John Kosakowski owner of Bill O'Shea's Florist, Sam and Carla Papasavas owners of Height Specialty Pharmacy and Mary Ellen Courtney of Gateway Realty, Vickie Oller Manager of TD Bank and Peter Gallo III owner of Envisions for their participation and the work they do prior to the day of as well as their evaluation after the event. My sincere thanks to all of the sponsors of the event: Platinum: Costa Memorial Home; Gold: CareOne at Wellington, Fashion Logistics Inc. and Hackensack UMC; Silver: Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Heights Specialty Pharmacy & Gifts, Hennessey Heights Funeral Home, TD Bank, Parisian Beauty School, and Creamer-Sanzari Joint Venture; Bronze: Hasbrouck Heights Pizza, Fifo Five LLC, Holiday Inn, Bill O'Shea's Florist, PSE&G, Shop Rite of

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): Lodi, Heights Auto Shine, Hilton Hasbrouck Heights, Heights Flower Shoppe, Otterstedt Insurance, Lenox Auto Body, Chandless, Weller & Kramer, Mason & Musella, Sorce Companies, Pepe Plumbing and Lynch Lynch Held Rosenberg, P.C.

There were new rides, additional vendors, Antique Dealers, Great Food, and the Band Concert was ongoing. Everyone, including me, had a wonderful time. By the way the weather was perfect.

May 21st and 22nd. Councilman Russell Lipari and I met with the Countywide Community Development Grants Committee. Over two dozen groups presented their applications and the needs of their various organizations. Our final voting session takes place on May 28 in Hackensack.

Monday, May 26, 10 a.m. Memorial Day Parade. The entire Council Attended. It was a beautiful day and we had a good gathering of people at Veterans Park.

May 27, Tuesday: 6:15 p.m. Dinner for our Youth Week Council

7:30 pm. Finance Meeting followed by the Regular Council Meeting

I continue to be at the Library on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon unless interrupted by other business. Beginning in July, I will be in the Library on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. Residents are invited to stop by to visit with me. No appointments are necessary. That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 105. Authorizing Treasurer to Issue Checks from the Trust Fund for Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Awards
 - 106. Authorizing Treasurer to Issue a Check for Mayor's Scholarship Award
 - 107. Authorizing the Treasurer to Issue a Check for the Andrew Feintuch Memorial Scholarship Award
 - 108. Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program for the Program Years 2015, 2016 and 2017
 - 109. Authorizing Appointment of Justin A. DiPisa as Municipal Representative and Michael Kronyak as

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CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd): Alternate Representative to the Community Development Regional Committee

- 110. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate for Block 173.02, Lot 17.01, Block 173.02, Lot 17.02 and Block 173.02, Lot 18
- 111. Authorizing an Agreement with Valley Medical Group and Hasbrouck Heights Borough for Alcohol and Drug Testing Services
- 112. Authorizing Permit for Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights to Hold Public Display of Fireworks
- 113. Authorizing Agreement with County of Bergen for 2014-2016 Snow Plowing Program
- 114. Authorizing Robert Brady as Representative to the Open Space Trust Municipal Program Regional Committee
- 115. Authorizing Estimated Tax Bills

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

RESOLUTIONS: 116. Authorizing Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for ADA Improvements on Terrace Avenue and the Boulevard

Mayor Heck asked the clerk to read the foregoing resolution (Copy attached). When she was done, Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve this resolution which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS: David Gumbrecht as HHFD Ambulance Mechanic

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

RESIGNATIONS: William Bergner from the HHFD Hook and Ladder Company

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RESIGNATIONS (cont'd): Kenneth Lambert as HHFD Ambulance Mechanic

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing resignations which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenech, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2324:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO POLIFLY PARK, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$24,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$34,000.00”** be now passed on second and final reading and the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance, same to be published in The Observer, a newspaper circulating and published in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2324 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Heck requested a motion to close the public hearing on this ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenech, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2324 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:

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

Lillian Romano, 76 Springfield Avenue, was concerned about traffic at the intersection of Wood Street and Springfield Avenue, noting that Wood Street is a one way street from that point. Recently, she noticed there no longer is a one way sign and on a number of occasions cars are speeding and she is concerned for the residents especially the children. Chief Colaneri said part of the problem is there should be two Do Not Enter Arrow signs on Passaic and over the winter one went missing. The sign

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

has been ordered and will be installed once received. She also asked for a Stop Sign on the south side. He would refer this to the Traffic Bureau.

Rosemarie DiPisa, 176 Oldfield Avenue, was concerned about construction at 160 Burr Place. She presented some photographs. The homes on Burr Place have their back yards facing Oldfield. It was always well maintained. About two years ago this home was sold and last year the owner was stockpiling dirt and rocks to level the back yard which has been ongoing. Rats and ground hogs were seen coming out of the dirt. He then installed a fence behind the original fence and a deck is presently being installed. The neighbors were questioning the height of the deck. She asked if this was permitted by a variance from the Zoning Board. The Board of Health has been called. No notice was received by any neighbors for a variance.

Nick Melfi, who was present, said he was the Construction Official/Zoning Officer, said there was an ordinance passed several years ago that changed allowing a deck to be as high as nine feet or equal with the first floor, providing they had 12 foot setbacks on each side. He will visit the location the next day.

Jay Lustberg, 167 Oldfield Avenue, lives next door to the property. He said the odd situation with these pieces of property is the back yards end on Oldfield. He said the owner started to move dirt to raise up the topography which changed the drainage. He did put up two retaining walls on the sides of the property and in checking the Building Department no permits were taken out. Mr. Lustberg said he has a swimming pool which he now has to take all the water out of the pool at the beginning of the season to clean the pool. It is a total disaster.

Lori Cintron, 164 Oldfield Avenue, said the property is not just filled with dirt but rock and cinder block, garbage pails are on top. The wooden fence on the bottom is now breaking. He also dug some kind of trench by the curb and is now a ditch and dangerous to pedestrians. It is an eyesore.

Councilman DiPisa, commenting as a neighbor, observed PVC pipe under the fence by the sidewalk which was broken. This pipe is now emptying between the sidewalk and curb with the water having no place to go. It was his opinion that this shows an attitude of disregard to the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights and this needs to be addressed.

Councilman Gonzalez asked if anyone asked him why he was making the dirt so high. Mr. Lustberg said the owner told him he wanted to level it off and that Mr. Lustberg would get more property as he was going to put up a wall.

Mayor Heck said Mr. Melfi will look at the property tomorrow and report back to the Mayor and Council and the neighbors.

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MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):

Anna Tracz, 10 Franklin Avenue, said there were two houses in her area, one directly next to her and one across the street. The one next to her, 14 Franklin Avenue, has garbage piled up between the two houses and has been there for months. At 19 Franklin Avenue, the owners removed a lot of bushes and have the debris sitting in their driveway. The Property Maintenance Officer would be advised.

There being no one else 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.

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 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 May 27, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk