

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**June 24, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 8:03 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 Semencz

Absent: None

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Heck led in the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Lipari gave the Invocation as follows:

Lord, as we gather today at this meeting we ask that you will be in our midst. Help us to make decisions that will be pleasing to You. Help us to be able to discuss the matters at hand in a resonable way, and to be willing to give up having our own way. God, let this meeting be productive and, as should be the case in all areas of our lives, help us to keep You at the forefront of our minds as we do the work set before us.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** 1) Request from Board of Health for permission to use the Central Avenue parking lot to hold a Blood Drive on Monday, July 28, 2014 from 2 to 6 p.m.  
2) Memo from Fire Chief Patrick Hayes advising of resignation of Donato Squeo from HHFD Engine Company 2

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

3) Letter to Borough Council from Bond Attorney Steven L. Rogut re: Issuance of Bond Anticipation Note dated June 19, 2014

4) Announcement of 2014 Annual Free Indoor Senior Citizens Picnic on Thursday, July 17, 2014 in the Senior Center

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 Semencz, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the request from the Board of Health which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**        *(June 10, 2014 Regular Meeting)*

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$147,571.92 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

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

Chief Michael Colaneri. Ptl. Dussault completed a 7-week assignment as a member of the Prosecutor's Heroin Initiative Task Force. HHPD participated in this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run. Fifteen members of the Department ran nearly 2 miles through town and were greeted and joined by students from Corpus Christi, Euclid and Lincoln Schools. The HHPD again raised over \$25,000.00 this year and over ¼ million over the last 10 years. Chief Colaneri and Honor Guard Members, Lt. Rinke, Sgt. Colaneri, Sgt. Adamo and Det. Behr travelled to Trenton for the opening ceremonies. Chief Colaneri had the honor of running a torch through the stadium representing run #6. Chief Colaneri attended the Top Student Achievement Dinner at the Graycliff.

June 6, Chief Austin Alvarez was sworn in as Hasbrouck Heights Chief for a day. Chiefs Alvarez and Colaneri had a great day of work and fun. June 11, Ptl. Dussault was honored by M.A.D.D. for his efforts against drunk drivers. Chief Colaneri attended the Masonic Lodge's dinner honoring HHHS top students. June 12, The Torch for the 2014 Special Olympics National Games came to HHPD. This honor was due to the department's efforts for Special Olympics for over 25 years. The D.A.R.E. 8<sup>th</sup> grade swim party was held at the Swim Club. Over 80 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended and had a great evening of swimming, music and food. Chief Colaneri, Lt. Rinke, Sgt. Baker and Ptl. Condal were in charge of grilling 200 burgers and hot dogs. We would like to thank Lodi Shop Rite and the HH Swim Club for their donation to the night. S.R.O. Donohue attended the HHHS prom. June 17, The HH Police and Lyndhurst Police Advanced Leadership Institute held a graduation dinner at the HH V.F.W. Mayor Heck, Comm DiPisa and Deputy Comm. Gonzalez attended. The graduates did an outstanding presentation on the ongoing heroin problem and Law Enforcements response to the problem. We would like to thank Middle School Teacher Mr. Michael Stillman for his hard work and dedication to this program.

Under Statistics, he reported parking summons: Year to date are 1,899 versus 1,359 in 2013. Total moving violations are 1,999 from 1,099 in 2013. Totals for May to date are 3,898 versus 2,458 in 2013.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman read a report submitted by Recreation Director Rob Brady: Summer Camp began Monday, June 23, with over 200 children, and 400 registered for the summer. Eight out of the 12 trips are sold out. There are five certified teachers and numerous college and high school counselors. A counselor-in training program for high school freshmen is offered. The children are playing all sorts of field games, arts and crafts, various theme days are offered throughout the season. Adult volleyball will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at Woodland Park, open to men and women, no charge. Adult basketball is off for the summer months.

Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman reported the DPW cleared all the roof cutters on

**Parks (cont'd):**

the Comfort Station at Woodland Park, as they were filled with debris. The DPW is looking into installing cutters guards as they were not part of the original design to the building. At the Pavilion, the DPW pressure washed the entire concrete floor due the staining from rainwater that puddles across the slab. A gutter system is needed to eliminate this problem. Also birds have started to build nests on the lights under the Pavilion's roof and the DPW installed bird spikes to prevent this from recurring. The situation will continue to be monitored. The lock beneath the sink that houses the plumbing was broken into as vandals drilled out the mechanism. It is still in need of repair.

As Library liaison, she reported there were 10,497 items circulated, a 2.5% increase from last year, 40 library cards issued, 25 adult, 12 juvenile and 3 on line. The summer reading program has started, for children called the "Fizz Boom Read," and for teens "Spark a Reaction," and for adults 18 and over "Literary Elements." The Annual Summer Bash is called "A Mad Mad Mad World of Science" and will be held at the library on Friday, August 1 starting at 6:30 pm. until 1 a.m. Plans are underway including special guest appearances of costumed characters, hands on science experiments, a family concert, screening of the original 1956 *Godzilla* movie and much more.

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported from the activity report submitted by Elizabeth Waring, EMS Coordinator from 5/15/14 to 6/15/14 there were 140 EMS Calls, 40 Fire calls. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the Fire Department attended a training session on fires at strip malls taught by John Ols. The department was on standby for June 14 and 15 for the Wings and Wheels Expo at Teterboro Airport and will be on standby for the Fireworks on June 30.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the DPW has authorized the installation of three new starters on the sanitary sewer pump motors at the Franklin Avenue Pump Station. After receiving three quotes, the starters were ordered and will be installed when they are available. The 15-inch main sewer line at Longview Avenue and the Boulevard, aka "The Railroad Cut" has been root cut, cleaned, and videoed. The report was given to Ken Job, Borough Engineer, for his review. Pump #2 was rebuilt and reinstalled at the Woodside Avenue Pump Station. A sewer blockage was cleared on Terrace Avenue and Madison as a result of soap build-up in the pipe. As a result of the stump grinding process, a sidewalk was cracked by the DPW. The slab was removed and new concrete was poured. The repair is now complete.

Public Service tree crew was in town for four days removing four trees that the Borough deemed hazardous. Eight more trees are slated for removal and will be taken down when PS sends another crew. 12 Tons of hot asphalt mix was used to repair potholes

**Streets and Sanitation (cont'd):**

this month. The Recycling Tonnage Grant was submitted at the end of April by William Spindler, who is a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP). The certification is required by the State in order to receive that grant. The Municipal Stormwater Annual Report was submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection by William Spindler, who holds a State certified Sewer License (C-2) for the Borough. The report encompasses the inspection of 157 stormwater catch basins, retro-fitting of basins, amount of street sweepings, outfall monitoring, and facility maintenance.

**FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES:**

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

The Current Fund cash balance at May 31 was \$3,821,146.01 and at April 30 was \$1,637,231.32 which represents an increase of \$2,183,914.69. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%. Cash receipts for the month of May totaled \$6,657,527.67 of which \$6,324,093.81 was for Current Taxes, \$61,230.54 was for delinquent 2013 taxes,, \$109,829.47 was for FEMA Reimbursemen and \$162,383.85 was Miscellaneous Revenues. Cash disbursements for the month of May totaled \$4,473,622.98 of which \$2,114,527.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$980,000 for for County Taxes, \$900,453.18 was for Salaries and \$478,642.80 was for Other Expenses.

As reported at the last meeting, the county and state budgets have not yet been adopted, which will hold up the certification of the tax rate. The Borough cannot issue final tax bills until the tax rate has been certified. This is what we anticipated and last month the Mayor and Council authorized the issuance of estimated third quarter tax bills which were mailed last week, with the due date for payment of August 1 remaining the same. It is important to note that total 2014 taxes will not be equal to the third quarter estimated tax bill multiplied by four, this would overstate your total 2014 taxes.

**Report on Bond Anticipation Note Sale**

The Borough accepted bids on short term borrowing known as a Bond Anticipation Note on June 12. The amount of the note to be borrowed is \$1,199,000 and the most favorable net interest rate received was 9.570% submitted by TD Bank. The note will mature on March 27, 2015, at which time the principal and interest in the amount of \$5,277.61 will be due.

As Commissioner of **Social Services**, Councilwoman Link reported There were 78 grateful visitors to the Food Pantry from May 27, 2014 through June 16, 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 variety of groceries. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Ethel

**Social Services (cont'd):**

Ball, Anny Tracz and Joyce Belbo. 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, Debbie Flynn, Theresa Rista, Delsole Family, Kinsley Family, Karen McDowell, Eleanor Popovich and Anonymous.

Donations have dropped and the shelves are nearly empty. We are presently in need of everything including but not limited to non-perishable items such as beans, canned fruits, soups, rice, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, gravies, instant mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, powdered milk, juices, toiletries, cleaning products, soaps and paper products. We have a small freezer and will accept frozen items as space permits. 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 AND LAND USE:** As Commissioner of Health, Councilman Lipari reported the following:

**Annual Food Licenses**

All annual licenses for Food Establishments will be expiring on June 30, 2014. Renewal applications were mailed the last week in May and must be returned by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This includes all Retail Food Establishments, Schools, Milk Trucks, Mobiles, Seasonal, Fraternal, Massage Therapy, Barber Shops, Beauty & Nail Salons and Public Pools.

**Annual Dog Census**

Just a reminder the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health announces that the Annual Dog Census began 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 2014. 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.

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.

As Commissioner of **Land Use**, Councilman Lipari reported that during the month of June, the department issued 64 Uniform Construction Code permits with income totaling

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**Land Use (cont'd):**

\$15,257. There were 81 initial UCC inspections done with a passing rate of 77%. There were nine instances where the contractors were not ready for inspection even though they had scheduled one. There were seven instances where no one was home when the inspectors arrived. In either case this is a waste of the inspector's time. Please make sure you are ready for inspection prior to making the call and that you stay home during the time window the inspection is being made. The Property Maintenance Inspector made 19 inspections. He issued nine summons and one court appearance for grass that exceeds the 6" height limit. Businesses on the Boulevard or Route 17 were reminded that no banners, pennants or streamers are permitted by Borough Ordinance and Open for New Business signs are only permitted for 14 days.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Semenez offered the following report prepared by DPW Supt. Bill Spindler: The American Flags that are used throughout the town for various celebrations were replaced by the Department of Public Works. The Flags which are on portable poles were worn and faded. At the Court, the air condition was serviced as a fan belt had snapped. On the second floor of the Public Safety Building the Court common area was painted. At the Borough's facilities the following inspections were completed and all is in order: Fire sprinkler system, all fire extinguishers, and all elevators. The emergency generator at the Public Safety Building was serviced as well as the Transfer switch. Sidewalks were removed and replaced in front of the Public Safety Building by the DPW. A garage door was repaired at the DPW facility.

Schedule of Meetings:

Community Room, 13; Caucus Room, 8; Council Chambers, 4; Senior Center, 7 (not including Senior Activities)

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Please remember the family of Robert Searle in your prayers. He died last week after a fairly short illness. Bob served for many years on the Borough's Zoning Board and was very active in the Masonic Lodge.

**May 28, Wednesday:** Signed checks at the Municipal Building. I also met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

**May 30, Friday,** Council Members Sonya Buckman, David Gonzalez, Borough Clerk Ro Sees, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and I cheered the 15 Torch Run Members of the Police Dept. They stopped at the Police Memorial on the Boulevard and Central Avenue as they proceeded on their 2 mile run. After that a contingency led by Chief Michael Colaneri traveled to Trenton.

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**Mayor's Report (cont'd):**

**May 31, Saturday,** I purchased some wonderful books at the Library Book and Bake Sale after which I met with several people in the Library.

The Borough was very active that day with approximately 115 Families participating in the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee Town-wide Garage Sale.

**June 2, Monday, 10:30 a.m.** I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri to discuss the department and its officers. I left quite satisfied with the information I received.

**6 p.m.** I attended the Special Honors Dinner given by the Hasbrouck Heights High School Administrators to celebrate the achievements of the top 10 percent of this year's HHHS Graduating Class. I was joined by Council Members Pamela J. Link, Rosario Lipari and Christian Semenez. The students were joined by their families. I commended Principal Linda Simmons and Catherine Cassidy on the wonderful program that was presented.

**June 3:** Primary Election Day I visited all the Polls in the District

**7:30 pm.** I attended the HHHS special Scholarship Awards Ceremony held in the Alfred Kiefer Auditorium. I had the honor of awarding the Mayor's Scholarship. The Chris Heller Scholarships, the Mary B. Quigg Scholarships and the Andy Feintuch Scholarship.

**June 4, Wednesday, 7:30 pm** I attended the Planning Board Meeting.

**June 6, Friday,** 9:30 a.m. I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri and the Borough Clerk. I had the pleasure of giving the Oath of Office to Austin Alvarez who was chosen to be Police Chief for the Day. He arrived in full uniform and was accompanied by his mother. He had a busy schedule for that day. The Chief had planned a full schedule of activities for the young Austin.

**7:30 p.m.** I attended the Honors Awards Ceremony at the Masonic Lodge, spoke and gave out seven Awards of Recognition to the Hasbrouck Heights High School Students who scored in the top 5 % of their graduating class.

**June 9, Monday, 7 p.m.** I participated as Mayor of Hasbrouck Heights and a Board Member, in the Open House of the new Shelter Our Sisters Center in Rochelle Park along with Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan and other public officials. We are in the second year of a fund-raising campaign that has already received over one and half million dollars in pledges. This has made it possible to expand our Programs to help and protect victims of Domestic Violence. The Shelter received over 4,000 calls a year. I encourage anyone who is interested to talk with me about Shelter Our Sisters

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and the outstanding work they do.

**June 10, Tuesday, 7 p.m.** I chaired the H.H. Fire Committee Meeting. Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Deputy Fire Commissioner Russell Lipari attended along with Fire Chief Patrick Hayes, First Asst. Chief Angelo Roccamo and Second Asst. Chief Richard Giarratana and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak

**7:30 p.m.** I attended the Finance Committee along with Finance Commissioner Pamela J. Link, Deputy Finance Commissioner Justin A. DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak.

This was followed at 8 p.m. by the Council Meeting and Work Session. Minutes may be found on the Borough's Web Site [hasbrouck-heights.nj.us](http://hasbrouck-heights.nj.us).

**June 11, Wednesday, Noon** I had the honor of installing the new officers of the Leisure Club: President Peter Gallo; Vice President Kathy Murray; Secretary Marilyn deRussy and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin.

**June 12, Thursday 6 p.m** Police Chief Michael Colaneri and I participated in a special Torch Run Ceremony held at the Safety Building. Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Council Members Pamela Link and Russell Lipari were also present along with member of the H.H. Police Dept. and its Color Guard. Representatives of the National 2014 Special Olympics Torch Run formally ran up Hamilton Avenue to pay special tribute to the Chief and Members of the Police Department for their years of raising dollars to support the Special Olympics. The Chief spoke emotionally about the many individual officers who had participated in the Torch Run for the past 25 years and recognized the entire department's commitment to the event. They raised \$25,000 this year alone. I, in turn, spoke briefly of our pride in welcoming them on behalf of our entire community and accepted a special medal commemorating the 2014 event. Both the Chief and I gave them memorabilia to take with them. The young runner who was an award winning team member for a number of years was from Alabama and the Police Officer from Texas.

**June 14, Friday 12:30 p.m.** I had the pleasure of officiating at the Grand Opening of Live-Strong Vapor at 440A Boulevard. Councilman Christian Semencz was also present along with Garry Viccaro the owner, his wife and the staff of the new shop.

**June 17, Tuesday, 10 a.m.** I attended the Euclid School Promotional Exercises held at the Alfred Kiefer Auditorium. I joined Principal Michael Sickels and Interim Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Kildrow in congratulating the class members.

**6:30 p.m.** Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, and Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez and I attended the Hasbrouck Heights/Lyndhurst Advanced Leadership

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Institute Ceremony held at the H.H. V.F.W. Police Chief Michael Colaneri spoke of the fine work the students had done and congratulated Middle School Teacher Michael Stillman for his continued commitment to the program. Students from both Lyndhurst and Hasbrouck Heights presented the informational slide show on the increased use of Heroin in our area and its devastating impact.

**June 20, 10 a.m.** I had the pleasure of attending the Lincoln School Promotional Exercises held at the Alfred Kiefer Auditorium. Principal Joseph Colangelo presented the program.

**Saturday** was the final day of my availability at the Library because during the summer months the Library is closed on Saturdays. On Monday July 14<sup>th</sup> I will be available to speak with residents from 7 to 8 p.m. at The Library. This begins my summer availability to the public.

**Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:30 p.m.** I had the privilege of presenting a Proclamation to Msgr. Lew Papera of Corpus Christi R. C. Church on the occasion of his leaving the parish. He will be moving on to new assignments that will eventually take him to Rome. I was joined on this occasion by Council President Justin A. DiPisa.

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** I travelled to Trenton to witness Governor Chris Christie signing the extension of the 2% CAP Arbitration Bill. The bill is retroactive to this past April and extends for three more years when it will again expire in 2017. A large contingency of Mayors was present as well as Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan.

I am also pleased to say, that I along with Mayor John Cosgrove of Fair Lawn, Mayor Richard Mola of Elmwood Park and Township Committeeman Michael Kazimir had the pleasure of witnessing the special Program commemorating The Duke's Grant that celebrates the 350th Anniversary of being New Jersey on this day, June 24, 2014. The original document is on exhibit in the State House. It was penned on parchment (animal skin) and it bears the Duke of York James Stuart's original signature.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
123. Renewal of 2014-2015 Liquor License Holders
  124. Designating a \$1,199,000 Bond Anticipation Note, Dated June 19, 2014, Payable March 27, 2015, as a "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation" Pursuant to Section 265(b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended

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**CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd):**

125. Authorizing Appointment of Michael DeSimone from Probationary Patrolman to Regular Patrolman
126. Authorizing Appointment of Nicholas Brunetti from Probationary Patrolman to Regular Patrolman
127. Authorizing Contract with FieldTurf for Replacement of Turf at Hitchcock Field Pursuant to Shared Services Contract with Board of Education
128. Approval of 2014/2015 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicles
129. Authorizing Award of Contract for Improvements to Veterans Memorial Park to Bello-Grande Contracting, LLC

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Semenez voting Nay on Resolution No. 127, and otherwise unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached).

**RESOLUTIONS:**

130. Authorizing Extension of Radio Maintenance Contract until July 15, 2014

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 Semenez, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Michael DeSimone to Regular Patrolman of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

Nicholas Brunetti to Regular Patrolman of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department

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

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**APPOINTMENTS (cont'd):**

Angus Fung as HHFD Junior Firefighter  
Yusra Ali as HHFD Junior Firefighter  
Maria Urque as HHFD Junior Firefighter

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

Rita Perdomo to Zoning Board of Adjustment as Regular Member

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

Bernard Pigott to Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alt. 1

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Donato Squeo from the HHFD Engine Company 2

She asked the Borough Clerk to read his resignation letter which impressed her, with Fire Commissioner Gonzalez agreeing that this was how a resignation letter should be written. It read:

“Dear Chief Hayes,  
It is with much regret that I submit my formal resignation from the Hasbrouck Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

This wasn't an easy decision, because I am grateful for the rewarding opportunity I've had as a volunteer. Besides meeting so many wonderful people (my second family), my time in the department gave me tremendous respect for those who devote their lives to the rescue services. Each call I had the privilege to go on was always a new learning opportunity, one that could never be taught in a classroom.

This summer I will be taking online college courses for my core curriculum and working with my grandfather at his construction business. I am no longer able to dedicate the time needed to be a volunteer.

This is probably the hardest letter I ever had to write because I will forever be grateful to everyone in the department, and for the lessons they taught me. I hope to one day join the department once again as a member.” Yours respectfully, Donato Squeo

**RESIGNATIONS (cont'd):**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to accept the foregoing resignation which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried with regret.

Vincent Spataro from Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2325:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 67 ENTITLED “SALARIES AND COMPENSATION” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OPTIONAL DIRECT DEPOSIT OF COMPENSATION ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYEES”** 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. 2325 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2325 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

Patrick Foley, 7 Franklin Avenue, was concerned about the flooding in front of his home for the past three years. He had spoken to Mr. Kronyak. The mosquitos were very bad and in the winter it was like a skating pond. His son pumps it out every time he can. He

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC (cont'd):**

presented pictures showing the flooding and was asking that something be done about this. Mayor Heck asked Mr. Spindler if he knew about this area, who said he did and that Mike had talked to Borough Engineer Ken Job to address this issue which occurred after a paving of Woodside and they were working it out.

Mayor Heck would double check if they might be able to address it this year with the 2013 road paving project. Councilman Gonzalez was asked to follow through on this.

Carol Skiba, 191 Field Avenue, said part of the draw for Hasbrouck Heights was its close proximity to New York City. She said there has been great difficulty getting to and from New York on a daily basis. Her wait could be at least a half hour. She attended a NJ Transit board meeting this month and wanted residents to know that a regional supervisor was sent out to do a review of the bus service in the morning to address the five to three busses at one time with no service at half gaps in between.

Mayor Heck thought it was an hour wait, and contacted NJ Transit weeks ago and spoke to John Leone. If she recalls, she thinks the problem arose on May 17 a woman was waiting 3/4 to 1 hour for the bus and he conveyed that was unusual and asked us to keep track of it. She also had received the complaint that when coming home from New York there is an hour wait at the Port Authority consistently, losing almost two hours every day in the commute.

Ms. Skiba said that at the board meeting they said they will be meeting with Port Authority and work with gate reallocation to create more movement, and reallocate parking spots for the busses, which has begun. She also went to a Forum hosted by Senator Weinberg and it was a disgrace that her Senator and Assembly persons do nothing about the problems that impact so many of us. She was pleased to say that at that Forum, the people who commute to Teaneck and Englewood have the same problem, but was happy to say that the new executive director who is planning a lot of changes in bus service has begun to make changes in this area.

Mayor Heck said there will be another informal meeting with the director in July.

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.

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 June 24, 2014.

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**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE:** 131. Personnel

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

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:13 p.m. Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously carried.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk