

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

September 23, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 8:07 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Christian Semenech

Absent: None

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

INVOCATION:

Councilwoman Link gave the Invocation as follows: "It is good to recognize how different we all are. Our talents, our dreams, our heritage, our occupations. No one is exactly like anyone else. Our thumb print and our voice track show just how unique we are. We must take these differences and use them for the betterment of our community. Even in our differences we can think the same thoughts and move together toward a common goal. With all that is occurring around us in this world, give us the strength to listen rather than judge and the clarity of light to help guide others. Let us appreciate our opportunity to serve our Community and for all who have served in the past and grant us the wisdom and vision to plan for our future. Bless us for our individuality and for our common bond, Our Community."

The following Proclamation was read by Councilman Russell Lipari:

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PROCLAMATION: October 5-11, 2014 as Mental Illness Awareness Week

WHEREAS, mental illness is a term used for a group of disorders causing severe disturbances of thinking, feeling and relating; and

WHEREAS, mental illness can affect persons of any age, sex, race, religion, social and economic background; and

WHEREAS, during the course of any given year, 5.5 million Americans are disabled by severe mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of all people with diagnosable mental disorders do not seek treatment because of stigma, ignorance, and lack of appropriate service and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, mental illness impacts 1 in 4 individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on behalf of its citizens, does hereby recognize and proclaim October 5-11, 2014 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

Dated: September 23, 2014

*/s/Mayor Rose Heck
and Members of the Council*

The following Proclamation was read by Mayor Rose Heck:

PROCLAMATION: In Recognition of October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Whereas, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

Whereas, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

Whereas, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large;

Whereas, families are indispensable to a stable society, and they should be a place of support to instill responsibility and values in the next generation;

Whereas domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children;

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

Whereas, violence against women and children is a prevalent social ill due to the historical imbalance of power in gender and age;

Whereas, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

Whereas, victims should have help to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law;

Whereas, victims of violence should have access to medical and legal services, counseling, transitional housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse;

Whereas, we encourage domestic violence victims and their families to seek assistance from appropriate victims' services organizations and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE);

Whereas, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem;

Whereas, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace, equality, and healing to our homes and communities;

Whereas, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminating it through prevention and education;

Whereas, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, healthcare providers, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic violence and their families;

Whereas, the United States President and Congress as well as other federal agencies have expressed a commitment to eliminating domestic violence both nationally and internationally;

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

Whereas, our Nation must dedicate ourselves to protecting vulnerable members of our society;

Whereas, our Nation has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence and to address its brutal and destructive effects;

Whereas, our Nation must make ending domestic violence a national priority;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims' service providers, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, New Jersey do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge all citizens to actively work towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women and girls.

Dated: September 23, 2014

/s/Mayor Rose Heck
and Members of the Council

The following Proclamation was read by Councilwoman Sonya Buckman:

PROCLAMATION: Congratulating the Bergen County Cooperative Library System on its 35th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) was formed on October 1, 1979 to foster resource sharing among Bergen County public libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System is to be a consortium of public libraries that delivers quality library service to the general public through sharing of books and other materials, purchasing, maintaining and sharing a computer system and providing common access to electronic resources; and

WHEREAS, The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is proud and fortunate to be one of its founding members along with 25 initial libraries; and

WHEREAS, by joining BCCLS, the Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is able to offer any resident who joins the library a wealth of information and resources available from the 75 public libraries in northern New Jersey including 61 in Bergen County, 9 in Essex County, 4 in Hudson County and 1 in Passaic County; and

WHEREAS, BCCLS has recognized the importance of information technology and training as essential components of successful cooperative library programs; and

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PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

WHEREAS, in the 35 years of BCCLS existence, its libraries have over 600,000 registered cardholders and circulated over 12,000,000 items annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on behalf of its citizens, congratulates the Bergen County Cooperative Library System on its 35th Anniversary, and extends its gratitude to the founding members of the BCCLS organization and to our Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights for being the first to go on line and for having the foresight and determination to offer our residents the best possible means of providing its users the widest possible access to all types of materials and information and facilitate the use of global technology in public libraries.

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/s/Mayor Rose Heck
and Members of the Council

The following Proclamation was read by Councilman Justin A. DiPisa:

PROCLAMATION: Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day October 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused approximately 34,000 fatalities in 2012, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and,

WHEREAS, In New Jersey, 542 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 22.5 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and,

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, 57 motorcyclists, 14 bicyclists and 132 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

PROCLAMATION (cont'd):

Now, therefore, we the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2014 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

/s/Mayor Rose Heck and
Members of the Council

PRESENTATION: Certificates to 2014 UGALS U10 Girls Softball League Champions

Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Buckman, Deputy Recreation Commissioner Link and Recreation Director Rob Brady presented certificates to the following:

Faith Brown, Camryn Clarke, Elizabeth Connelly, Emily Cuttita, Emily Eckert, Brooke Freschi, Sophia Lopez, Maria Manis, Alexis Mason, Jenna Mattern, Paige McGuire, Shannon O'Hare, Carly Polmann, Meghan Stellhorn, Fallyn Stoeckel. Earle Connelly - Coach, Tara Eckert - Coach, Tim McGuire - Coach, Susan McGuire - Coach

PRESENTATION: Certificates to 2014 UGALS U12 Girls Softball League Champions:

Mayor Heck, Recreation Commissioner Buckman, Deputy Recreation Commissioner Link and Recreation Director Rob Brady presented certificates to the following:

Kate Bothe, Faith Camilleri, Julia Campen, Jaden Farhat, Angeli Feliciano, Amanda Gasparino, Kimmy Halpin, Alexa Marinelli, Olivia Marinelli, Kirsten Matern, Helen Nigro, Erin Owens, Daniella Smith. Rob Bothe - Manager, Frank Gasparino - Assistant Coach, Mike Marinelli - Assistant Coach, Pat Campen - Assistant Coach, Tony Bonillo - Assistant Coach

- COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 1) Letter from Parents for Athletes for permission to run a Flamingo Fundraiser in October
 - 2) Thank you note from Pat Link, President of Contemporary Club for 70th Anniversary Proclamation
 - 3) Request from John Kosakowski, Owner of Bill O'Shea's Florist, for permission to host Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest

Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve the Parents for Athletes request which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):

carried.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting)

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$194,743.01, 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. Schools opened and all crossing guards are back on post. SRO Donohue is back in the Middle/High School. Patrols are doing walk throughs of all other schools. Sgt. Baker is gearing up to start this year's D.A.R.E. program. Motor vehicle inspection check point was held and the Department is participating in Drive Sober or Get Pulled over. Lt. Kevin Corbliss retired after 25 years in law enforcement. We wish him good luck and health.

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POLICE (cont'd): Under Statistics, he reported parking summons for: August 2014 341 versus August 2013 317, Year to date are 2979 versus 2,569 in 2013. Total moving violations: August 2014 344 versus August 2013 181. Year to date are 3,044 from 1,919 in 2013. Totals for August to date are 6,023 versus 4,488 in 2013.

RECREATION AND PARKS: Under Recreation, Commissioner Buckman reported that Town Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m., and invited everyone to enjoy free food, great entertainment, inflatable rides and a lot of information from town organizations with free giveaways.

Recreation Adult Co-ed Volleyball meets every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. and Recreation Men's Basketball meets on Monday nights from 7-9 pm. Both programs are in the new high school gym and free of charge to Heights residents.

The Annual Senior Halloween Party is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22 from 12 to 3 p.m. in the senior center. The party is sponsored by the Recreation Department. A hot and cold buffet, music and dessert will be provided. Costumes are encouraged!

We have a very involved Senior Schedule of programs held in the Senior Center. Copies of the schedule are available in the Senior Center or Recreation office or call 201-288-4143 and hit #3 key.

Special Needs Recreation Basketball is an eight week long program which starts Thursday, Octo 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Euclid School. This program is supervised by Jamie Woyce. For more information e-mail the Recreation Department at hhrec@aol.com

Halloween in the Park will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 with a raindate of Thursday, Oct. 16. Rides will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. Woodland Park will be transformed into the scariest place in town! Tickets will be available this Saturday at Town Day at the Recreation Table. Recreation Basketball and Wrestling registration will be held in early October.

Wrestlastics registration will be held in late October. The program is open to boys in 1st grade or six years old.

If you have any questions about any of the programs, please call Robert Brady at 201-288-4143 or email at hhrec@aol.com. You can also follow the recreation department on Twitter @hhrecreation and facebook by liking our facebook page Hasbrouck Heights Recreation.

Under Parks, Commissioner Buckman reported on Monday, September 8, construction began on Veteran's Memorial Park. Sidewalks and curbs were removed along with the bushes that boarder the park as they would interfere with the forming of the new

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Parks (cont'd): concrete curbs. Prior to the reconstruction, the Department of Public Works trimmed all the trees.

As the demolition progressed it was discovered that electrical conduits were along the curb and sidewalk lines and would need to be redirected. A meeting was held at the work site with Borough Engineer Ken Job, DPW Superintendent Bill Spindler, Borough Administrator Mike Kronyak, a Public Service Electrical Rep and Bello Grande Construction to resolve the issue. As a result Public Service will install all new light posts and the Borough will be responsible for the installation of all new conduits. Also discussed was the installation of a light for the flag pole located at the northern point.

The DPW prepared the 911 Memorial Park for the ceremony that took place on Thursday, September 11 at 7p.m. Chairs were set up along with a podium and speaker system. Pop-up tents were available in case of inclement weather but not needed as the rain held off.

As **Library liaison**, she reported for June, July and August circulation was up 3% and over the summer 119 new library cards were issued, 69 adult and 50 children. There were 346 students who signed up for the children's summer reading program and 153 finished.

She announced that in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, the Free Public Library cordially invites everyone to a food sampling of delicious signature dishes from local restaurants in the area called the "Taste of Hasbrouck Heights and Friends" on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014 from 6-9 p.m. in the Senior Center. Special entertainment will be provided by Chip Dee Academy of Music. Cost of the ticket is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and are available for purchase at the library or at Heights Flower Shoppe, 209 Boulevard. Please make checks payable to "Friends of the Library."

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the Department of Public Works has completed a fuel requirement report as requested by the Bergen County Purchasing Department-Registered Cooperative Systems. This is a program that allows the Borough to participate in the contract for 2015.

The DPW finished the painting of the yellow traffic areas in town with the exception of the Boulevard which we anticipate will be resurfaced in the fall.

Public Service Tree Division was in town for only one day this past month to remove a tree that required a crane to complete the task.

As requested by the Police Department-Traffic Division, several signs were replaced throughout the town.

STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd):

The Franklin Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station had a rebuilt pump installed and a second sump pump on the dry side was installed as back-up. Electrical work was also completed as the fresh air blower was not operating and new outlets were installed. Maintenance was conducted on the Boulevard's main line by the DPW using our Jet-Vac.

Environmental Report:

7,240 lbs (3.62 tons) of documents were destroyed at the Borough's Shredding Event held on Saturday, September 13. This was the Borough's 12th event and was the 3rd highest weight total to date.

Repairs:

1970 Back Hoe – Replaced starter
Dump Truck 201 - Replaced eroded fuel tank
Garbage Truck 103 – Replaced roof over hopper
444D Loader – Replaced seat frame
Roll-off 110 – Replace radiator and tarp cylinder pistons
Roll-off 112 – Replace all brake drums and oil seals
Brine Truck (Old Tree Truck) – Replace rear differential assembly
Tree Chipper – Replace twin hydraulic lines and plugs

Under Fire, Commissioner Gonzalez reported from a productivity report submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring: for the period of Aug. 15 through Sept. 15 there were 93 EMS calls and 37 Fire calls. One of the fire calls was an explosion of a truck in Teterboro which was poring asphalt on Huyler Street and utility lines and were brought down. The explosion could be heard from miles away, homes were evacuated and gas lines were shut off to the homes. Mutual aid came from Moonachie, Little Ferry, Wood-Ridge, South Hackensack, Bergen County Police and Hazmat, Port Authority also assisted with their pump truck. The fire took about three hours to extinguish, the call came in at 12:08 p.m. and the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department was back at headquarters around 6 p.m. For volunteers, it is a long call and a lot of work and he said his hat goes off to everybody and thanked the mutual aid towns for their assistance. He noted the Annual Hasbrouck Heights Fund Drive has begun, with letters delivered to every resident. He reminded residents this is a volunteer fire department that responds to over 1,500 ambulance calls each year, 250 fire calls as well as monthly training drills, meetings, certification, re-certifications, and training in Mahwah. The department will be at Town Day. He reflected with a heavy heart on the passing of former fire chief Frank Pistilli.

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under **Finance,** Commissioner Link gave the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at August 31st was \$4,833,804.12 and at July 31st was \$924,424.78 which represents an increase of \$3,909,379.34 the entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

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FINANCE (cont'd): Cash receipts for the month of August totaled \$8,455,444.46 of which \$7,635,579.40 was for Current Taxes, \$77,570.02 was for Delinquent 2013 taxes, \$458,620.20 was for State Aid and \$283,674.84 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of August totaled \$4,546,065.12 of which \$2,487,303.50 was for Local School Taxes, \$955,298.62 was for County Taxes, \$606,630.28 was for Salaries and \$496,832.72 was for Other Expenses.

Final fourth quarter 2014 tax bills have been mailed. Included on the final bill is the fourth quarter payment, which is due November 1, 2014, as well as the first and second quarter payments due in 2015. Please take the time to read the letter included with the bill, it gives details on tax due dates, tax rates and State Aid.

When third quarter estimated tax bills were mailed the tax rate was estimated at \$2.912 per \$100 of assessed valuation, the final tax rate is actually \$2.904 per \$100 of assessed value. This resulted in a fourth quarter tax bill which is bit less than the estimated third quarter bill.

As Commissioner of **Social Services**, Councilwoman Link reported there were 111 visitors to the Food Pantry who came on September 2, 8, 15 and 22, 2014. Thanks to the generosity of so many there is an abundance of food and grocery items.. If you would like to donate, we are in need of toiletries, cleaning products and paper products.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who helped stock and supervise the food pantry during these weeks including Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Maria Wochiechowski, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball, Anna Tracz and Joyce Belbo. We especially thank Ralph Cannarozzi, a high school student, who volunteered each Monday during the summer and was a tremendous help.

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, Frank Trent, Paul Fitzpatrick, Ralph MacPhee, Phylis Burman, Arlene Carreau, Rich Jarocki, Bruce, Josephine McClean, Peter Nedellec, Louise Davenport, Mrs. Friedel, Mascis Family, Mr. Dussault, Michaela Maschio, O'Shea's Florist and Good Neighbor Day, Ron Ellis, Kathy VanJura and Rosemary Smith.

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

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

Senior Wellness Luncheon: This year's luncheon was held September 18 and was a big success. There were over 100 seniors who enjoyed the complimentary lunch donated by CareOne of Wellington of Hackensack. Gay Garnette Abrasaldo and Renee Reisen from Kessler Rehabilitation Center from Heights Medical spoke about preparing your home to prevent falls.

Senior Flu Program: This year's Senior Flu Program will be held Monday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesday, October 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. for children and residents in the Senior Center. Nurses from H.A.R.P. will be administering the vaccine.

Blood Screening Program: The Board of Health is hosting their Annual Blood Screening Program on Thursday, October 9 in the senior center from 9 - 11 a.m. The program is an excellent opportunity to check on your body's internal wellness. Cost is \$20 cash only for a Blood Chemistry Profile, which will consist of a Chem. 23, Lipid Profile, CBC and T4 (thyroid). A copy of the results will be sent directly to your private medical doctor and another mailed to the participant. Additional screenings will be available. This program is available to everyone. Registration and payment must be made in advance at the Hasbrouck Heights Health Department, 320 Boulevard, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. At the time of registration please bring two large stamped envelopes, your name and address on one and your physician's name and address on the other. A 12-hour fasting period is required. If you have any questions please call the Health Department at 201-288-1636.

As Commissioner of **Land Use**, Councilman Lipari reported total receipts for this month were \$21,976. There were several new home permits as well as homeowners proceeding with repairs and remodeling. We also issued permits for the fit out of two commercial tenants.

94 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 71%. There were 12 inspections that failed and 8 instances where the contractors were not ready for inspection and 3 when there was no one home.

The Property Maintenance Inspector had 15 inspections and followed up with those same residents 26 times. 6 warnings were issued, 2 summonses were issued and he took pictures of 12 properties to support the warnings.

The Construction Code Official issued a Notice of Violation for an Unsafe Structure for a building parcel on Washington Place. This was done because the homeowner was not responding to numerous calls for action to prevent this.

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LAND USE (cont'd): The Construction Code Official is continuing dialogue with a commercial property owner and the Department of Motor Vehicles to bring the building up to the borough and the DMV's requirements.

There are no hearings for the Zoning Board of Adjustment this month but several applications are in the process of being filed for next month. There has been a submission of a Soil Movement application for 168 Berkshire Road which will be heard by the Planning Board on October 1st.

This town owes its overall appeal because of the wonderful job most residents and business owners do in keeping their property neat and clean. We are supporting those individuals by getting after the people who don't.

As Senior Center liaison, he reported CareOne at Wellington is sponsoring a bus ride on Oct. 1 to Atlantic City, with 50 people signed up.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Semencz began by also acknowledging the passing of ex-chief Frank Pistilli who was also his assistant chief, saying he was a great man and never balked at anything.

He offered the following Public Facilities report prepared by DPW Supt. Bill Spindler: This month, the Department of Public Works completed some stormwater maintenance for the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education. Two stormwater catch basins located in the Euclid School playground were cleared of all debris. The DPW Jet-Vac Truck was able to gain access to the area prior to the reconstruction of the playground area. At Lincoln School, the DPW Tree Truck was used to make repairs on the flag pole.

Our DPW assisted the Wood-Ridge DPW with the hanging of their banners that advertized their Mayor's 5k run. The Tree Truck was used to complete the task.

A banner was hung on the Public Safety Building over the Fire Department announcing Fire Prevention Week.

The DPW repaired broken cabinets in the Processing Room and replaced a leaky faucet in the Police Department.

Schedule of Meeting Rooms: Community Room 13, Caucus Room 6, Council Chamber 5, Senior Center 5 (not including Senior Activities).

MAYOR'S REPORT:

We lost a wonderful resident when Frank Pistilli passed away last week. He was a former Fire Chief and longtime Firefighter here in Hasbrouck Heights. He fought hard to

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): get the Borough to purchase its first Jaws of Life and now it is a must to carry to save lives. Flags were flown at half-mast in his honor. Frank was a good friend and a wonderful family man. Our heartfelt condolences go to his Wife Doris, his children and grandchildren.

Sept. 2nd, Tuesday 8 a.m.: I attended the Back to School Teachers' Breakfast held at 8 a.m. at H.H.H.S. Acting Supt. Dr. Mary Kildow greeted the teachers in the High School Auditorium and I had the pleasure of speaking to them. We have a population of 1400 students in our School System and as I noted that morning we are proud of the District's Class A Standing.

Sept. 3rd, Wednesday, 8 a.m. I attended the Chamber of Commerce Meeting held in the Library. I discussed the proposed Joint Project to be introduced by the Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee and the Chamber of Commerce this year. It will be a Holiday Float Contest. Ray Vorisek and I will be announcing the program in Mid-October along with all the contest rules. We believe it will make a wonderful addition to the Chamber's Holiday Parade to be held the day after Thanksgiving. Anyone who might be interested in sharing their thoughts and/or help should contact me through Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees at 201-288-0195.

Sept. 8th, Monday, 1:30 p.m.: I met with the Representatives of the YMCA in the Caucus Room. A former Southwest Community Development Chairperson with whom I worked many years ago, Mrs. Evelyn Pezzola is now one of the Trustees of that organization. She introduced Jane A. Egan, Chief Executive Officer MEADOWLANDS AREA YMCA to both myself and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees. She gave us the following information in which we showed interest for our Senior Citizens to access. They are converting the warehouse that they will turn into a full facility YMCA located at 235 Murray Hill Parkway, East Rutherford, NJ. (Corner of E. Union Avenue a continuation of the Staples area just off Rte. 17 N). The Y is currently down the street at 375 Murray Hill Parkway. In that building they currently have a program center and executive offices until the construction is done at 235. The Y is currently running a lot of great programs for all ages, including seniors. The Y is also operating a Senior Swim Program at the pool in Rutherford High School (on Elliott Place).

Since the Medicare Insurance changes under what is known as Obama-Care eliminated the Silver Sneakers Program we announced last year, Recreation Director Rob Brady and I have been trying to arrange with local gyms and those in adjoining areas for an affordable program that includes a pool for our seniors. Rob has reported difficulties in obtaining a cost effective program to replace Silver Sneakers. It is our hope that through a questionnaire that will appear in the 2014 Borough Business Bulletin that will be sent to every residence in Hasbrouck Heights by mid-October, and its return to us, we will get a good idea of the interest the program will generate.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):

Sept. 9th Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. I attended the League Breakfast. A representative from Verizon was the speaker.

Sept. 9th, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Finance Committee Chair Pamela J. Link and Deputy Chair Justin A. DiPisa and I met with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak prior to the Council Meeting that followed at 8 p.m. Council Meeting. Minutes of that Council meeting will be found on the Borough's Web Site www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us.

Sept. 11, Thursday, 7 p.m. we held the 9-11 Memorial Program adjacent to the Fireman's Memorial. I led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bible Baptist Pastor Eric Dammann gave both the Invocation and the Benediction. Euclid School Principal Michael Sickels and Lincoln School Principal Joseph Colangelo gave a very moving chronology of that terrorist attack and added their own personal memories of that day. Paul Fitzpatrick led the singing of Amazing Grace and On Eagles Wings. Chita Parker led the singing of God Bless America. Council Members Justin DiPisa, Pamela Link, David Gonzalez and Russell Lipari were also in attendance.

Sept. 12, Friday, 8 am. I attended the Breakfast Conference sponsored by the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce held at the Hilton. Speakers at the Transportation Summit 2014 included two Panels:

First Panel Mitchell Moss of the Rudin Center at NYU giving the New York Perspective, Martin Robins of the Voorhees Center at Rutgers giving the New Jersey Perspective and Veronique Hakim Executive Director of New Jersey Transit who spoke of the Meadowlands Area projects and plans for interim measures addressing capacity issues and the need for coordinated transportation planning.

Increase in number of busses was discussed and subsequent to that meeting it was announced that all 40 foot "over-the-road" Cruiser buses will be replaced with 45 foot buses, to increase seating capacity.

Second Panel included Drew Galloway of Amtrak who spoke of the Gateway Project, Steven Spinola of the Real Estate Board of New York who spoke of the proposed tunnel that will extend the No. 7 trains from New York to Secaucus. This is estimated to be in place in about 10 to 15 years.

Michael Massiah, of the Port Authority spoke of the Port Authority Bus Terminal and the improvements to be made on behalf of the passengers.

Sept. 13, Saturday. I participated in the Shredding event along with Councilman Gonzalez and DPW Supt Bill Spindler. I followed that by coming back to my Library hours. I am available on Saturdays from 10 to noon.

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MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd): This Saturday, of course, I will be at Town Day, from 10 till 3 p.m. so people can see me there. I will be back to my Saturday hours on Oct. 4th.

Sept. 16, Tuesday, 10 a.m. I held a Mayor's Senior Citizens Meeting assisted by Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Recreation Director Rob Brady. In attendance were Councilman Russell Lipari, Senior Citizens Ombudsman, Leisure Club President Peter Gallo, Marilyn deRussy, Dolores Jones, Ethel Ball, Dorothy Petroulas, and June Raymond. We discussed most of the reported Meadowlands YMCA Meeting.

It was agreed that this option should be pursued and that a questionnaire be placed in The Borough Business Bulletin. I thanked Rob for his in-depth report and of course all of his hard work. It took a year to get Silver Sneakers and then only a couple of months into it Medicare/Federal Insurance changes dissolved the program.

Sept. 18, Thursday. I attended the Senior Wellness Luncheon given by Wellington CareOne in Hackensack through the efforts of Charlotte Sodora. Health Dept. Commissioner Russell Lipari acted as MC for speakers. I greeted those present and led the singing of Happy Birthday to Alice Eglow who would be celebrating her 94th Birthday. Deputy Health Commissioner Justin DiPisa was present along with former Health Dept. Commissioner and Current Finance Commissioner Pamela J. Link along with Board of Health President Connie Doheny and Secretary to the Board Laura French. Lots of friendly familiar faces at the luncheon including former Council Members Bert Heeren and his wife Marge and John Wassberg and his wife Gladys. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Sept. 19, Friday, 6 p.m. I was invited to officiate at the Beer Keg Tapping at the VFW Oktoberfest along with new Commander Joseph Colangelo. German Food, a German Band and German Beer were featured at the event. The VFW Post 4591 is raising money to refurbish the large facility and they will try to make it completely barrier free (that includes the bathrooms). They have already painted the large meeting room and kitchen. If there is anyone out there who would like to join and/or to help with their projects, please get in touch with the Commander. Just leave word for him at the Post. This is a truly historic Hasbrouck Heights site and we wish them success with their project.

Please take notice that the new Barrier Free Curb Cut work is in progress on the Boulevard in preparation for the County's Re-Paving of the Boulevard. (Please note that the Federal Rules have changed several times in the recent past and are a must to complete before other work such as paving can be done.)

Please prepare for that work by watching the Message Board for dates when it will begin as well as the estimated dates of completion. We will do our best to keep you

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informed. The Boulevard re-paving work will go from Lincoln Avenue to the south-side of Williams Avenue.

This means in October they will mill the Boulevard first and then re-pave. We should prepare to use alternate streets to travel such as Terrace Avenue to go north and south at certain times.

The actual work dates and times have not as yet been made available to us, but we will get that information to you when it is made available to us.

That concludes my report.

I would also like to invite everyone to the Community Awareness Access for All Committee Town-wide Meeting to be held in the Senior Center at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9th. Light Refreshments will be served. Speakers include Jim Thebery, chair of the Dept. of Disability Services; Mental Health Speakers and Home Safety Information given by Fire Safety Official Robert Knobloch. There will be some free smoke detectors given out this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 162. Authorizing Raffle License for Corpus Christi Rosary Society
 - 163. Authorizing Entry into a Developers Agreement with 377 La Salle Group, LLC, as to 377 Route 17 South
 - 164. Authorizing the Immediate Correction of Certain Property Maintenance Code Violations upon Premises known and designated as Lot 11 in Block 112 Commonly Known as 436 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ and owned by George and Cecile Mayfield

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilwoman Link.

At this point Councilman Semencz had a question on #164, and was told it should have been taken off the agenda and placed as a Resolution, and advised that no questions would be answered at this time. He could make a comment upon his vote.

Councilman Semencz commented that he had tried to find out the scope of the project with regard to Consent Agenda resolution #164. He knew the property very well and is

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really overgrown and what the DPW's involvement would be. He then voted and the Consent Agenda was unanimously carried, the foregoing Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved. (Copies attached).

Mayor Heck said the property is falling down. Borough Attorney Chandless said he understood that the building is going to be imperiled with the bay window structure disconnected and the roof falling on other people's homes. That is all that would be addressed. There has been some maintenance on the outside. He thought there would probably be action taken by a lien holder. The home has been empty for years.

RESOLUTIONS: None

APPOINTMENTS: Mary Fitzgerald-Lloyd as a Substitute Crossing Guard

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

ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2330:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2014"**" 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. 2330 which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2330 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2331:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2014”** 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. 2331 which was made by Councilman Semenezc, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, 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 Semenezc, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2331 which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, with Councilman Gonzalez abstaining, and otherwise unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2332:

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BARRIER FREE CURB AND SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION ALONG CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BOULEVARD AND PASSAIC AVENUE AS THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BERGEN COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM, TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$55,000.00 THEREFOR OF WHICH \$45,000.00 BEING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF LOCAL AID FUNDS, GRANTED THROUGH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND THE REMAINING \$10,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” BEING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2246 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2010, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE THE FURTHER SUM OF \$100,000.00 TO THIS PURPOSE, \$95,000.00 OF WHICH IS FROM A FURTHER GRANT AND \$5,000.00 OF WHICH IS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND”** 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. 2332 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Semenezc, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2332 (cont'd):

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

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2332 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Semenech, 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 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 Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE: 165. Litigation and Personnel

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

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:44 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Lipari, 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 September 23, 2014.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk