

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS
M I N U T E S**

December 9, 2014 - 8:47 p.m.

**Borough Hall
320 Boulevard**

PRESENT: Mayor Rose Heck, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilman Russell Lipari, Councilman Christian Semenech, CFO/Admin. Michael J. Kronyak, Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless, Jr., Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, Police Chief Michael J. Colaneri

Portion of Executive Session:

Police Department: Mayor Heck reported that the Police Committee had met the previous night, December 8, and interviewed 11 officers. Chief Colaneri said that the committee had met a few weeks ago and wanted the process to start for the rank of lieutenant, and look into existing list for sergeants and re-interview those on the active list. Interviews were held with each candidate, asking each about seven questions, scores were tallied. Mayor Heck said it was very impressive, she was pleased with what has transpired in just a year. The Chief and the Commissioners were impressed as well. Dep. Comm. Gonzalez said it was great to see how much was accomplished in such a short time by a lot of these members. Mayor Heck said it was difficult to come up with just four recommendations. At this time, the consensus was for Sergeant: Jeff Werner and Dan Kroncke; Lieutenant: Michael Colaneri and Ian Robertson. She asked the council if they had questions or wanted to look at the resumes to see Chief Colaneri. Comm. DiPisa said there is a lot of leadership and talent and new talent and new police officers who are being trained by great leadership people to emulate. Chief Colaneri, echoing Councilman DiPisa was impressed that the majority of them complimented each other. Councilman Gonzalez enjoyed hearing everyone talk about how much they love what they do. Mayor Heck said they love their new equipment, saying the Chief has promised her he will take pictures by the Spring. Chief Colaneri said for baseball cards. Mayor Heck said we must have 14 or 15 new people since the last card program. Chief Colaneri explained the program, that the card has the officers picture and tells a little about him, his hobbies, etc. The children approach each officer and ask for their card, it makes the children comfortable in approaching a police officer. Some complete a whole set, they tell the Police Dept. and are able to go to the DARE room and choose a prize. Chief Colaneri said we are also starting the interview process for Captain, which will December 18, with a recommendation being made for one Captain. Two-thirds of the Police Committee have expressed the belief we should, have a Captain. She wanted to wait awhile but is willing to accede to the majority. Mayor Heck said it is her intention to make these recommendations and ask for a vote at the December 23, 2014 meeting.