

BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS

MINUTES

October 27, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 8:03 p.m. at Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Acting Borough Clerk Michael Kronyak 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 5, 2015 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 5, 2015.

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

Absent: Councilman David Gonzalez

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: “Before we begin our meeting, let us give thanks for this opportunity to be here, working together toward the common goal of enriching our community. Guide us so that we may be united in the spirit of mutual respect and exchange of ideas and goals, not as individual entities, but as the community we strive to be. In our discussion here today let us not forget for whom we do this. Help us to work together to be successful in our obligations to the community. As always we seek your guidance and inspiration in all our thoughts and decisions. We pray that this meeting will be most productive and successful. Amen.”

MOTION TO APPOINT ACTING BOROUGH CLERK:

Mayor Heck requested a motion to appoint Michael Kronyak as Acting Borough Clerk which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Buckman, and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION:

Police Chief Michael Colaneri came forward and said we finally got the Police Trading Cards which he noted Mayor Heck continually asked for their status. He said this is the third printing of the cards which show only two or three in the same position or still working. There are a lot of new officers. This was done without taxpayer dollars, sponsors names are on the back of the cards. Mayor Heck asked who she was sponsoring and was told Sgt. Ian Robertson. Councilwoman Link sponsored Ptlm. Michael DeSimone. He thanked the Mayor for pushing him to do this, it is a great thing. He explained that the children must come up to an officer, not the parents. He presented a full set of cards to each councilperson, noting that once a child collects a full set, they show it to Sgt. Alan Baker, DARE Officer, and are able to select a prize from the DARE prize box.

PSEG REPRESENTATIVE DAVID HOLLENBECK: Mr. Hollenbeck was asked by Mayor Heck to come to this council meeting to discuss Coolidge Avenue which had recently been repaved with new sidewalks and curbs. PSEG had done repair work since then and there was concern about PSEG repaving and what procedures they are using when they open up a road. He explained that infrared equipment is used to smooth the pavement. Mayor Heck asked about curb removal from a Collins Avenue home with the resident wanting information. District Mgr. Fred Vogel confirmed that PSEG replaces curb if it is damaged and that many repairs are service upgrades based on age. Whatever is disturbed will be repaired. He discussed various repair conditions and explained the technology of new services. The process has not changed, what they are doing on Coolidge and other streets in town are service upgrades mandated by BPU based on vintage. Restoration is open and cut road, make service connection between curb and sidewalk if can, sometimes requires cutting sidewalk. They allow 60-90 days for settlement and then come back and replace what is needed to bring those areas to their original condition. They have one more address on Coolidge to get into, once done, they will follow the process. Councilman Lipari asked about holes that were drilled every five feet and curb cuts made on Roosevelt. They are installing new boxes and holes are for possible leakage. New services include new plastic tubing and inserts. Various repair conditions were discussed. Councilman Semenech questioned the mandate, asking why wasn't the repairs to Coolidge done before repaving. It was explained when a municipality sends notice of street work, as in this case was two years ago, the list is promulgated by the need which is prepared each year. He asked if the repairs to Coolidge were an emergency, Mr. Vogel said from a requirement mandated by the BPU it was. Mark Schneider introduced himself noting he handles all the manhole conduit for Hudson and Bergen Counties. Those restorations are a little different because of the nature of the installation is different. They are going down a whole city block. They do milling paving on a whole travel lane versus infrared. They use the same settlement criteria. They come back and do final restoration including sidewalk and curb. Mr. Hollenbeck gave on update on the 69kv. Councilman Semenech asked about the

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old poles, with the answer being that the last utility to move their equipment removes the poles.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Notice of Holiday Float Contest as Part of Holiday Parade
- 2) Notice of Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing for a Variance at 256 Williams Avenue

Mayor Heck asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. There was none. Mayor Heck then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semenez, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *(October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting and Work Session)*

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

BILLS:

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$134,566.37, 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 Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

REPORTS:

POLICE: Under **Police**, Commissioner DiPisa reported the 3rd Edition of the HHPD trading cards have arrived!! All members of the HHPD have been issued their new trading cards. Children should approach an officer and ask him for his card. Every

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child collecting all 30 cards should come to Police Headquarters and meet with Sgt. Baker so they will receive a letter congratulating them from Chief Colaneri and get to choose a prize from the DARE box. We would again like to thank all of our sponsors, whose names are print on the back of the card they sponsored. Councilman DiPisa commented on the trading cards with reasons why he likes them. All the gentlemen are local heroes and role models for our young children who can go to them for protection.

Lt. Colaneri attended the October 7th meeting of the HH Chamber of Commerce and spoke to the members on commercial burglary prevention and trends throughout Bergen County.

October 11th: the Department assisted Wood-Ridge in their annual 5K run.

October 20th : assisted HH Recreation for Halloween in the Park.

October 21st: Chief Colaneri, Lt. Robertson and Sgt. Adamo attended the AAA Awards Luncheon and received a Traffic Safety Award for the efforts of the HHPD in the area of traffic and pedestrian safety.

NJ Department of Criminal Justice awarded the HHPD \$3025.82 grant toward the replacement of Bullet Proof Vests.

Under Statistics, he reported parking summons for: September 2015 Year to date are parking: 3,165 versus 3326 in 2014. Total moving violations: Year to date are 2,313 versus 3,298 in 2014. Totals for September to date are 5478 versus 6624 in 2014. He commended the Police Department on doing a great job.

RECREATION AND PARKS: Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman gave a report supplied by DPW Supt. William Spindler: The DPW prepared for two town events in Woodland Park, our annual Town Day and Halloween in the Park. Town Day preparation began by removing all picnic tables from the Pavilion area and placing them in the field area so that the live entertainment could set up for their performance. The park and comfort stations were cleaned before and during the event. Barricades and cones to close off the park were placed out and removed at the end of the event as was all trash. The give-a-ways distributed to residents were reusable shopping bags filled with recyclable items and information along with brown leaf bags. Four free mulching movers were raffled off to encourage residents to "Cut it and Leave it". The DPW setup for Halloween in the Park, which features the "Haunted Hayride", starts by picking up hay bales that are on loan from Creamer Construction Company and hauling them to the staging area. The DPW cleaned the park and also assists with display placement throughout the area. Two DPW trucks were used to pull the hay wagons around the "haunted park". At the end of the event the park was cleaned and the hay was returned.

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Under **Recreation**, Commissioner Buckman gave a report supplied by Recreation Director Robert Brady. Halloween in the Park was a great night! The families enjoyed a haunted hayride, free face painting, and free refreshments. Mr. Brady would like to thank Bill Spindler and his DPW workers for their help setting up, Chief Colaneri and his officers for providing the transportation of the hay wagons and also safely closing off the wagon route, and also Chief Hayes and his Fire and Rescue Department for their help lighting the loading and unloading areas. Also Ms. Lewites from the HHHS Key Club for providing the many student volunteers.

Recreation Wrestlastics registration is tonight, the program is an introduction to wrestling and open to 5 and 6 year olds. The program meets once a week starting in December. Recreation Basketball registration is still open to boys 7-14 years old. The program will begin in late November. The Recreation Center will open on Friday nights beginning in December for 6th-8th grade boys and girls.

Recreation Adult Coed Volleyball meets on Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. in the high school gym. Recreation Men's Adult Basketball meets on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. in the high school gym.

If you have any questions, please call Robert Brady, at 201-288-4153 or e-mail at hhrec@aol.com. You can also follow the Recreation Department on Twitter@hhrecreation and Facebook by liking our page Hasbrouck Heights Recreation.

Councilwoman Buckman gave the Library statistics: September circulation was up 6.46%, 6796 people walked in the doors, 34 new library cards were issued, 25 adult and 9 juvenile. Computer news continues to grow with current and popular software installed in all computers and fast Wi-fi. Upcoming events include a presentation of Lenape culture on November 7 from 2-3 p.m., Taste of Hasbrouck Heights is on Monday, November 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., the 25th annual Lego night is on November 13 from 7-9 p.m. Story Time with Santa is December 7 from 7-8 p.m. Our library is one of the top bccls libraries.

FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION: Under **Fire**, there was no report.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Deputy Commissioner Lipari reported DPW Superintendent Bill Spindler, addressed a complaint over a roadway condition at 279 Terrace Avenue (the new homes where the Old Homestead stood). DPW Superintendent Spindler contacted and met with a Bergen County Roads inspector, since Terrace Avenue is a County road, to discuss the issue. There are several utility excavations that are settling. United Water, PSE &G division, and the sewer contractor responsible for these excavations will notify by the County Roads inspector. All the proper permits were applied for according to the Bergen County Roads Department.

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Streets & Sanitation (cont'd):

Our DPW has used 13 tons of asphalt this past month for our road repairs.

All trucks and DPW equipment was inspected in anticipation of the possibility of Hurricane Joaquin entering our area. All pump stations and storm drain catch basins were cleared. All roll-off containers were available in case of tree and limb removal. Although, Hurricane Joaquin missed our area, a nor'easter dropped several inches of rain causing some minor flooding.

Several sanitary sewer blockages were cleared, two of which were on Route 17. Blue industrial type rags were the cause of the blockage. The DPW along with the Health Department are investigating this matter to try to determine which facility is flushing them into the system.

A DPW mechanic was called to determine if the two old green boxes still located along the Boulevard in the new streetscape area are energized before the contractor was to remove them. The boxes were energized and reported to the Borough Administrator, Mike Kronyak as well as the Borough Engineer, Ken Job. The streetscape is not a DPW project.

The DPW was called upon to help transport food donations from Corpus Christi Church to our Food Pantry locate in the Borough Hall basement. The food donations which amounted to over 300 bags were delivered to food pantry by a two DPW trucks and employees. After the transfer of the items was complete, the DPW workers resumed their assignments.

FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under **Finance**, Commissioner Link gave the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at September 30th was \$1,559,708.36 and at August 31st was \$4,484,430.22 which represents a decrease of \$2,924,721.86. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of September totaled \$884,434.74 of which \$228,782.90 was for Current Taxes, \$90,928.55 was for delinquent 2014 taxes, \$17,517.82 was for pre-paid 2016 taxes, \$305,746.80 was for State Aid and \$241,458.67 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of September totaled \$3,809,156.60 of which \$2,258,448.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$579,645.37 was for Salaries, \$417,450.00 was for Debt Service and \$553,613.23 was for Other Expenses

The Tax Collector's Office, located at 320 Boulevard, will be open this Saturday, October 31st, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon for the collection of fourth quarter taxes due on November 1st.

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The formulation of the 2016 budget has begun. We have limited information on exactly how the Budget and Levy Cap's will be treated for next year but we expect more information within the next few weeks. After the close of October, department heads will receive 2016 budget request forms which are to be completed and returned to the Finance Officer. The Finance Committee has already begun holding regular budget meetings and will ultimately get back to meeting every week as the deadline to introduce the budget approaches.

Under **Social Services**, Commissioner Link gave the following report: There were 109 visitors to the Food Pantry from September 28, 2015 through October 19, 2015. The pantry is operational only because of the generous donations received on a continuing basis from the local churches, civic organizations, Scout troops, School and PTA food drives and the many, many generous residents. Thank you to the United Methodist Church Women who purchase and stock the shelves with paper and cleaning products at least once a month.

We are also most thankful to the volunteers who supervise the food pantry on a rotating basis. Those who volunteered their time during these past weeks are Denise Betts, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball, Audrey Gall, Barbara Juliano, Joyce Belbo, Dan Solazzo and Donna Mignona. Thank you all for your time and support. We have also been most fortunate to have children who volunteer their time each week from the Felician School.

These past few weeks donations have been pouring in beginning with Corpus Christi Church collecting over 400 bags the weekend of September 26/27, Cub Scout Pack 17 and Boy Scout Troop 17 who conducted their "Scouting for Food" on October 17, TD Bank Food Drive the weekend of October 10, a most generous monetary donation from Euclid Lodge 136 F & AM. We also sincerely thank the following for their generosity: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, United Methodist Church Women, First Reformed Church, Bible Baptist Church, Mrs. Friedel, Julie Nass, Josephine McClean, Phyllis Burman, Follari Family, Kathy Van Jura, Eileen Baker, Dave Jackson, Linda Brandle and Mr. Carney. Without all your support, the Food Pantry could not function.

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.

HEALTH AND LAND USE: Under Health, Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Board of Health Secretary Laura French: During the third quarter the Health Inspector conducted 62 food inspections, 25 spot checks, 23 great trap inspections and 32 complaints of various nature. There was \$9.657 collected in fees and 1,247 dog

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licenses were issued. The Registrar of Vital Statistics issued 398 certified transcripts collecting \$5,925. And recorded 194 non-resident deaths and 14 resident deaths. There were 18 marriage licenses issued.

Dog Licenses: The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2015 dog license will expire on January 31, 2016. Annual renewal notices will be mailed on December 31, 2015. To renew your dog license, proof of a valid rabies vaccine must be submitted along with your application and payment. Dogs with immunizations which will expire during 2016 will require a booster prior to obtaining a license. Please call the Health Department at 201-288-1636 if you no longer have your dog.

Marriage Licenses: The Dept. Of Vital Statistics issued many applications for marriage licenses during the months of September and October to borough residents. The Registrar would like to remind residents that the date of the ceremony must first be established before an appointment can be made to begin the process of the marriage application. One applicant must live in Hasbrouck Heights to apply for a marriage license. A fee of \$28 is required, cash or check only. A mandatory 72-hour waiting period is required from application to the issuance of license. Other requirements exist, call the Registrar at 201-288-1536 for an appointment and details.

Under **Land Use**, Commissioner Lipari read from a report submitted by Nick Melfi: for the period 9/1/2015 through 10/26/2015, cost of construction was \$172,135.00; cubic foot was 22,532, permits issued 114. Cost of alteration \$1,056,657, square footage 250, updates issues, 3. Cost of demolition \$22,950.00, one fee was waived. Total value of constructions was \$1,252,742.00 Total Building fees collected were \$15,178.00; Electrical \$4,168.00; Fire \$2,345.00, plumbing, \$3,533. Total Fees collected: \$25,224.00. DCA Fees: Volume Training Fee: \$84.00, Alternation Training Fee: \$2,009.00, DCA Minimum Fee: \$10.00. Total training fees were \$2,102.00. Certificate of Occupancy fee: \$880.00. Grant total fees collected was \$28,206.00. Property Maintenance activity from 9/25/2015 through 10/25/2015 was 20 initial report violations, 14 re-inspections/follow up, 12 phone conversations/follow up, 3 warnings issued, 6 personal interviews, 1 count appearance as submitted by Ron Monteleone.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION: Commissioner Semencz reported The DPW cut some small trees that sprouted up along with vines and weeds behind the Borough Hall's storage shed area. This area between the fences belongs in part to the Borough and the other to the resident that borders the property line.

Our new custodian, Cory Maita, has completed stripping, waxing, and sealing the floors in the Police Department, the Community Room, four bathrooms on the 1st floor of the Borough Hall, and three bathrooms on the 2nd floor of the Library in addition to all landing areas in the stairwells.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):

Electrical work was completed in the Caucus Room by replacing a control modular and coil the controls the emergency lights.

The DPW checked all emergency building generators in preparation of Hurricane Joaquin (wah-KEEN) along with the sanitary sewer pumping stations generators. As it turned out, Hurricane Joaquin did not hit our area.

The ceiling fans were installed in the Fire Department located above the gear racks.

The DPW Tree Crew was called on by the Police Department to assist with maintenance of the radio communication antenna. The boom on the tree truck was used by the radio technician with the tree crew on standby. The DPW tree crew returned to their tree work after the antenna was repaired.

New breakaway pins and hoses were installed on the fuel pumps located at the DPW facility.

The DPW removed all the pots from the business district for “The Boulevard in Bloom” project and unloaded them at the DPW facility for winter storage.

Schedule of Meeting:

Community Room	09
Caucus Room	06
Council Chamber	04
Senior Center	10 (not including Senior Activities)

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Sept. 24rd, Thursday, 10 a.m., I attended the Shared Services Meeting held in Lodi. Borough Administrator Tony Luna hosted the meeting. Representatives of Wallington, Maywood, Saddle Brook, Rochelle Park, Garfield, Wood-Ridge and myself representing Hasbrouck Heights attended. County representatives included Deputy Chief of Staff Mark Shrieks and Shared Services Manager Steven Thomas. We talked about how we are already helping one another and always interested in learning more ways to do so.

Sept. 25th, Friday, 12:30 p.m. Met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees to sign Proclamations and go over rough draft of the Borough Business Bulletin. All is on target with several departments processing their reports that should be completed within a week. I went over several matters with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, including a follow-up on preparations for Town Day. I completed the overview of items to be readied for Town Day that would be transported by the D.P.W. They are always involved in every event. Thank you for all your support involving all town events.

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MAYOR (cont'd): Sept. 26th, Saturday, 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. I attended Town Day. It was very well attended. Rob Brady is a super hero when it comes to this outstanding event. Juggling requests, setting up fun Blow Up amusements for the kids; prepping the refreshment area to serve thousands of attendees; great music; and keeping everyone, and there is quite a diverse group of school PTAs represented; Police and Fire Departments; Church Groups; a variety of Clubs and organizations, etc. What a great day! Patrick McCarthy, thanks so much for setting up the CAAFA table that day. We all appreciated it. Ro Sees and I gathered the boxes together and then called Jim Thebery at the County to get some handouts for us so we covered all the bases. Brenda Colaneri, CAAFA Chair, thanks for all your help with terrific back-up from Council Liaison Pam Link and June Raymond. It was an extra busy and productive day thanks to everyone. And what a great crowd!! I helped man the Environmental Table with Chair Donna Gasser and Past Chair Jack Stavash.

Teamwork got the job done.

Sunday, Sept. 27th I attended “Bat Day” held in the Senior Center. This was an educational event that was an outgrowth of the August Library Bash.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 7:30 p.m. I attended the Mayor’s Community Celebrations Committee meeting held in the Senior Center. Chair Dorothy Bernice introduced Halloween Ragamuffin Parade and Event Chair Lisa Quish who reported on preliminary work to be done. She then took names of people who would be available to help on Oct. 24th the day of the event.

Sunday, Oct. 4th, I attended the Rosary Society Breakfast held at the Holiday Inn.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 8 a.m., I attended the Chamber of Commerce Meeting in the Library Meeting Room. Agenda included discussion of the Boulevard Stroll, the Taste of Hasbrouck Heights set for Nov. 9th a joint project sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce and then at 8:30 a.m. the invited speaker Lt. Michael Colaneri of the H.H. Detective Bureau, spoke about ways and means to safeguard businesses on the Boulevard and elsewhere in town. The benefits of Video Cameras, both outside and inside stores/businesses were discussed and a number of the people present made arrangements for the Police Dept. to do an evaluation of their business location.

5:30 p.m. I attended a special meeting of the Library’s Finance Committee.

7:30 p.m. I attended the Planning Board Meeting held in the Council Chambers. Along with the other Board Members I heard and acted upon one application and recused

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Oct. 10, Saturday, 10 a.m. I was again at my set aside table to meet with residents.

1 p.m., I attended the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony held at the V.F.W. On behalf of myself and the Council I presented Richard John Neumann with a special Proclamation listing his numerous accomplishments, including his special project and his attainment of the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Oct. 12, Monday night I attended the Columbus Day Italian Night dinner celebration at V.F.W. Post 4591, hosted by V.F.W. Commander Joseph Colangelo.

Oct. 13th, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., I attended the League of Municipalities Breakfast at the Arena Diner in Hackensack. There were several guest speakers, including a representative from New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company. He announced that his company is now able to include Municipal Employees to obtain their coverage. This will allow them to purchase auto and home insurance from NJM that he said was typically 20% less in cost than other companies. He said a company representative would be available to come to speak to individuals in each town. I gave all the information I received to Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

Oct. 15, Thursday. I attended the Boulevard Stroll with a group of friends and later had dinner at Sofia's. Congratulations to the Chamber for sponsoring this event for the second time this year. Getting people out there is always good for the Business area.

Oct. 16th, Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. I presided over a special League of Municipalities Training Program Speaker was Attorney Lisa Fittipaldi of the firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman Davis, Leher and Flaum. Topic included Discrimination Laws, Review of Sexual Harassment Liabilities and Polices and in addition Discussion of Hostile Workplaces and How to Mitigate "Retaliation." The League Program ended exactly at 1:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m., I was invited to attend the 10th Annual Soccer Assn. event held at V.F.W. Post 4591. The room was packed with over 200 people in a room decorated with Festive Halloween colors, etc. I congratulated President Phil Artuso on the success of the event and program that he said has over 500 participating children.

Saturday, Oct. 17th 10 a.m. I spoke at the Friends of Rose Heck Breakfast with the Mayor event held in the Senior Center.

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Oct. 20th, Tuesday, at about 12:30 p.m. I went to the Municipal Building to sign checks and go over some business at the Municipal Building. I congratulated Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees on the outstanding work she did to complete the Borough Business Bulletin that was received town wide on the prior weekend. I also wish to extend my personal thanks to all of the Borough's Department heads for their work in sending in their reports so that Ro and I could complete this edition of the Borough Business Bulletin. It gives our residents a full report of the work done throughout the year and presents a detailed picture of the services available to them.

2 p.m. I attended the Senate Hearing held in the County Freeholders Meeting Room in the Administration Building in Hackensack. A full report appeared in The Record newspaper. I spoke on the need for the Port Authority to complete a New Bus Terminal in New York City and spoke of the number of Hasbrouck Heights residents who use that service and how important it was to pay attention to the needs of their riders. I testified in favor of the Senate bills calling for greater transparency of the Port Authority and the need to concentrate more on the transportation needs of the people, rather than real estate.

6 p.m. I attended the Halloween in the Park Event put together by Recreation Dept. Director Rob Brady and his volunteers. It was outstanding and of course, very well attended. Coverage of that event was given by The Observer Newspaper and The Gazette.

8 p.m. I attended the Library Board Meeting. Full Library reports were given by Library Director Mimi Hui and Chairs Pat Link, and Ron Ellis. I gave a status report on the Fundraising Letter I am preparing for a November mailing to help pay for an upgrade of computers and equipment in the Library. This will be done through the Foundation's 501 3c. Mimi gave an update on the Friends of the Library and the H.H. Chamber of Commerce Taste of Hasbrouck Heights that is set to be held at the V.F.W. Post 4591 Home. The overflowing crowd that enjoyed the event held originally in the Senior Center has grown too large for that venue. Takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Advance tickets are \$30 each at the door \$35. Cash Bar – more than 30 food vendors are expected. And there will be a 50/50 Drawing plus Door Prizes and much more. Tickets may be purchased at the Library.

Oct. 21, 10 a.m. I accepted an invitation to attend the Corpus Christi Eighth Grade Graduating Class Special Recitation of the Rosary and then a light refreshment event held in the cafeteria. It was very well attended and the students did an outstanding job.

Oct. 22, 9 a.m. till 11 a.m., I attended a special Law Enforcement and the Community Meeting hosted by Prosecutor John Molinelli held at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge.

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Representatives of Bergen County Towns were out in full force. It was a most informative meeting and a report appeared in the Record newspaper.

Noon – I attended the Senior Halloween Luncheon held in the Senior Center. Another successful event put together by Senior/Recreation and Special Events Director Rob Brady. The music was fun and the luncheon delicious. I went as an angel. I will be placing that photo on my Facebook Page for Halloween. A good time was had by all.

6 p.m. I attended the Bergen Biz Meet and Greet event held at the Holiday Inn. As mayor I was invited to attend. It was well attended.

Oct. 24, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. I attended the Shredding Event held in the Central Avenue Parking Lot. Environmental Chair Donna Gasser and Past Chair Jack Stavash also attended along with DPW Supt. Bill Spindler.

After that I spent some time with a resident who came to see me on my regular Library Availability time.

1 p.m. I was there for the Mayor's Celebration Committee Ragamuffin Parade and party. It was, as usual, a huge success. The children and parents enjoyed the music, games and refreshments. The costumes were wonderful and my thanks to Event Chair Lisa Quish and Mayor's Celebrations Committee Chair Dorothy Bernice, and members Laura Baker, Jennifer Werner, Cindy Capozzi, John Capozzi and Lois Carlson for a job well done.

Oct. 26th, 9 a.m., I attended the Dedication of the Garden at the Audrey Hepburn's Children House the Regional Diagnostic and Treatment Center for Child Abuse and Neglect located in Hackensack.

Oct. 27th, 9:30 a.m. I met with the Publisher Vincent Carnvale of the Daily Voice an on-line news medium that wants to give a broader range of coverage to Hasbrouck Heights. I spoke to him and assured him he would have a wide range of news to cover and report. I will be sharing his contact information with the Borough Clerk, the Library Director and Chamber of Commerce.

My Saturday mornings continue in the Library from 10 a.m. till noon.

Our reports may be found in full on The Borough Web Site at www.hasbrouck-heights.nj.us.

That concludes my report.

NEW BUSINESS:

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- CONSENT AGENDA:**
168. Approving a Reduction in the Security held under the Developers Agreement with APC, LLC, and Heights Cliffs, LLC as to Block 96, Lots 1 and 6.01, and Block 98, Lot 1
 169. Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Boulevard Streetscape IX for the westerly side of the Boulevard between LaSalle Avenue and Paterson Avenue
 170. Authorizing the Immediate Remediation of Property Maintenance Code Violations at 436 Washington Place, Block 112, Lot 11, and Impressing a Lien for the Costs thereof upon the Premises

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

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.

MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC: Damian Kulesza, 228 Central Avenue, presented copies of his Eagle Scout Project to each councilperson. This included Woodland Park Restoration on November 5 and 6 by painting picnic tables, cleaning up trash, and realigning the telephone pole logs. He had spoken with DPW Supt. William Spindler who would provide the supplies needed. Mayor Heck asked Parks Commissioner Buckman if she liked the project, which she thought a great project. Mayor Heck asked for a motion to approve which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

There being no else coming forward, Mayor Heck asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:17 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

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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 October 27, 2015.

Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk