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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 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 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, 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: "*Bless This Day* --Bless today with chances to grow, with friendship and a sense of community, with work to do and leisure to enjoy, let me be a positive influence on those I meet, may I act with integrity and truth in all things, giving the very best of myself, in all I do, living in appreciation of the gift today is. Bless this day."

**PRESENTATION:** Certificates to HHHS Girls Basketball Team for North 1 Group 1 State Sectional Championship

On March 9, the Lady Aviators captured Hasbrouck Heights High School's first ever North 1 Group 1 State Sectional Championship. After losing to Wood-Ridge twice during the regular season, the team defeated the Blue Devils 40 – 27. Stacey Porzl led all scoring with 13 points followed by Stefanie Pagan and Hannah Bailey who added 10 point each. The Lady Aviators finished the season with a 22 – 6 record and ranked #17 in The Bergen Record Top 25 teams. Stacey Porzl and Stefanie Pagan were elected 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League, Diana Torres and Sami Partyka were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-League,

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**PRESENTATION (cont'd):**

and Hannah Bailey received an honorable mention. The 2014-2015 team ranks high among the best basketball teams in Hasbrouck Heights High School history.

**2014 – 2015 Lady Aviators**

**North 1 Group 1 State Sectional Champions Record: 22 -6**

Mayor Heck, Councilwoman Buckman and Councilwoman Link presented certificates and their congratulations to the following:

**Players:** Stefanie Pagan, Diana Torres, Hannah Bailey, Katherine Campbell, Stacey Porzl, Sami Partyka, Jillian Sears, Alyssa Verdi, Gina Pianese, Bea Magsino, Micah Nollora, Kerry Halpin, Kassie Ketcho, Catherine Castellanos, Alexis Putkisto, Megan Lorfink and Katherine Figueroa.

**Coaches:** Amanda Kistner, John Van Dam and Jackie Ferranti

**PRESENTATION:** Certificates to 2015 Environmental Poster Contest Winners

Mayor Heck, Councilman and Environmental/Transportation Liaison Gonzalez and Environmental/Transportation Chair Donna Gasser congratulated and presented certificates to the following:

**Lincoln School – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Lilyanna Potts / Mrs. Jarosiewicz

2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Haines / Mrs. Reynolds

3<sup>rd</sup> Pavitra Patel / Mrs. Rau

**Lincoln School - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Aidan Morrow - Mrs. DePalma

**Lincoln School - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tulsi Patel - Mrs. Marino

**Euclid School – Kindergarten**

1<sup>st</sup> Lena Kaiser / Mrs. Tomesco

**Euclid School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Dean Gasser – Mrs. Mansfield

2<sup>nd</sup> Mae Veliky – Mrs. Sabin

**Euclid School – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Honorable Mention – Emily Barrero / Mrs. Gallucci

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**Corpus Christi – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Pussilano / Mrs. Donovan

1<sup>st</sup> Ariana Dutta / Mrs. Donovan

2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Anton Botengan / Mrs. Carris

2<sup>nd</sup> Jayden Vasi / Mrs. Carris

3<sup>rd</sup> Johnson Okorie / Mrs. Donovan

Honorable Mention – Izabella Hoxholli / Mrs. Carris

**Corpus Christi – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Neil Patrick Donnelly / Mrs. Deppert

2<sup>nd</sup> Dane Valenti / Mrs. Clem

2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Innes / Mrs. Deppert

3<sup>rd</sup> Taylor Daves / Mrs. Clem

Honorable Mention – Ryan Daves / Mrs. Deppert

**Corpus Christi – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

1<sup>st</sup> Isabella Hernandez / Mrs. Palladino

Mayor Heck noted that she and John Kosakowski of Bill O’Shea’s Flowers would be visiting each school and presenting each winner with a plant.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Letter from BCUA re: Sewer Connection Fee Municipal Incentive Program and Rebate Check for \$\$615.83
- 2) Letter from Jamie Fox, Commissioner of NJ DOT Announcing Award of \$149,000 for Boulevard Streetscape Phase VIII
- 3) Advertisement for 2015 Annual Street Fair
- 4) Flyer Announcing Town Wide Garage Sale May 30 and May 31, 2015 Dates and Dates for Registration
- 5) Invitation to Participate in Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2015
- 6) Thank you letter to Police and Fire Departments

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. Items #2 and #6 were requested. (Copies attached). She then requested a motion to accept all the correspondence which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**        *None*

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$596,323.81, 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 reported the following: The DARE night at Space Odyssey was held on March 25, 2015. The 200 children that attended had a great time playing laser tag, unlimited video games and food. Chief Colaneri, Capt. Rinke, Lt. Colaneri, Sgt. Baker and Ptl. D'Amico were chaperones for the night.

Chief Colaneri was on hand to blow the whistle to start the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Ptl. Olivo and Renna were there for traffic and crowd safety.

The Department assisted the NJ State Police in the Security Detail for Governor Christi's visit on April 16, 2015. The HHPD provided an escort for the Governor as well as Security at the V.F.W.

The annual Advanced Leadership Institute started on April 16, 2015. Chief Colaneri

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**POLICE (cont'd):**

welcomed the members from Hasbrouck Heights and Lyndhurst back for this year's program.

He commented that with all of the turmoil in Baltimore, Md. it give us a greater pride and sense of safety in Hasbrouck Heights to have such a great police department and to rank as one of the most safest town in New Jersey.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Under **Recreation**, Commissioner Buckman read a report submitted by Recreation Director Robert Brady. Recreation Softball has begun playing games in the South Bergen Softball League, to follow our teams you can log on to the website [www.leaguelineup.com](http://www.leaguelineup.com).

Recreation Summer Camp is now registering for the 2015 summer. The camp is open for boys and girls 6 years old – 14 years old.

Summer Camp Trip registration will be held on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> in the recreation office. You must have already registered for camp in order to register for the trips.

Recreation Track & Field has been to 3 invitational meets so far with several of our athletes placing in many events. There are over 110 boys and girls registered in the program. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Adult Coed Volleyball meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9:00pm at the Hasbrouck Heights High School's new gym. The program is open to men and women 18 years and older.

Adult Basketball meets on Monday evenings from 7pm-9:00pm in the Hasbrouck Heights High School's new gym. The program is open to town residents and HH alumni 18 years and older.

Recreation drama class students are working on the monologues as part of their class project. The classes are going great, and we are looking to expand on our non-athletic recreation activities.

Senior Activities, there is a full monthly calendar of event available at the senior center, and in the recreation office.

There will be Town Meeting Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Library Meeting Room the topic for the meeting will be Recreation Programs and Parks, the meeting will begin at 10am.

Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman reported the Woodland Park comfort station was opened after a long winter season to find that the water meter and pressure valve were cracked. A request repair order was sent to United Water. Within two weeks the meter was replaced and the DPW made all the other necessary repairs. The irrigation sprinkler system was turned on and it was discovered that the valve boxes in the Woodland Park field were vandalized and broken. They have also been repaired. All electrical systems were checked at the Pavilion and found to be in good order. Certified

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**PARKS (cont'd):**

playground mulch was applied to Woodland, Miers, and Central Avenue Park. Also at the Central Avenue Park, black privacy slats were installed on the chain link fence. At the 911 Memorial Park, the ground level lights were changed from holiday red and green bulbs to clear.

**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under **Fire**, Commissioner Gonzalez reported under the productivity report as submitted by EMS Coordinator Liz Waring: March 15-April 15 – 110 EMS Calls, 23 Fire Calls. On March 24, the HHFD along with Little Ferry Rescue and Moonachie Ambulance responded to an MVA on Industrial Ave in Teterboro where one victim was extricated and transported to HUMC. On April 13, the HHFD trained with PAPD at Teterboro Airport. Chief Pat Hayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Robert Knobloch and EMS Unit 603 and 604 stood by for the Governor's Town Hall event at the VFW. On April 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Knobloch along with Engine 616 and Rescue 614 responded to a car fire on Route 46 and Hollister Road in Teterboro. The Fire Department was on hand for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and 5K Run. The Annual Inspection will be held May 9 at 7 p.m. at Fire Headquarters, 248 Hamilton Ave. The HHFD will be on hand at several locations during the May 17 Street Fair and will also participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Commissioner Gonzalez reported the final snow storm was on March 20<sup>th</sup> as four inches of snow and ice fell to bring out the salt trucks and plows. The DPW salted the Board of Education parking lots as requested during the snow season.

Potholes are an ongoing task as 12 tons of cold patch was used for repairs. Hot asphalt is now offered and being used throughout town. A pothole list was sent to Bergen County Roads Department requesting repairs to the roads that transverse our Borough which includes the Boulevard, Terrace, Passaic, and Williams Avenues and they kindly responded the next day. All pothole patching is on a weather permitting schedule.

As requested by the Police Traffic Division several traffic signs and posts were repaired.

Public Service Tree Division was in town for two (2) days to address tree issues involved in high voltage wires. The list that the DPW sends them was not completed as of yet.

DPW Superintendent/C2 Licensed Sewer Operator Bill Spindler met with Construction Code official Nick Melfi with regard to the Borough Engineer Ken Job's findings that IHOP had installed a temporary sanitary containment system in their parking lot. They addressed the plans for a new system which includes grease traps, clean outs, and laterals. The Borough Plumbing Inspector was also notified and all the issues were

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**STREETS & SANITATION (cont'd):**

dealt with.

Upgrades were made to the Woodside Avenue Sanitary Sewer Pump Station as a state of the art float system was installed.

This past month, sewer blockages were cleared from Route 17, Ottawa Avenue, and the Boulevard.

The Tree Replacement Program was completed as 25 new trees were planted.

Stone was applied and spread at the continuation of Ravine Avenue which is located by the Board of Education maintenance shed.

As Environmental Liaison, he reminded residents that the first Shredding Event is scheduled on May 9 in the Central Avenue parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Finance,** Commissioner Link gave the following report: the Current Fund cash balance at March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$2,241,258.47 and at February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$6,116,845.33 which represents a decrease of \$3,875,586.86. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of March totaled \$508,220.94 of which \$332,694.94 was for Current Taxes, \$43,532.64 was for delinquent 2014 taxes and \$131,993.36 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of March totaled \$4,383,808.00 of which \$2,200,610.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$779,683.15 was for Debt Service, \$598,224.16 was for Salaries and \$805,290.69 was for Other Expenses.

The public hearing on the 2015 budget is scheduled for later in the meeting. The CFO has given detailed reports at previous meetings and will be ready to answer any questions regarding the budget during the public hearing. The budget is within all required "Caps" and will result in a small decrease in the Local Purpose Tax from \$14,125,633.28 in 2014 to \$14,110,538.27 in 2015, a decrease of \$15,095.01. This represents a decrease of 0.107% which will result in no increase, actually a slight decrease, in the Local Municipal Tax portion of your tax bill for 2015. We do not have final numbers on the School and County tax requirements so an accurate estimate of their impact cannot be made at this time.

**Under Social Services,** Commissioner Link reported there were 222 visits to the Food Pantry from March 2 through April 27, 2015.

**SOCIAL SERVICES (cont'd):**

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. Corpus Christi held a special food drive that brought in over 400 bags of groceries. The Boy Scouts held their food drive that brought in many bags of groceries as well. The Elks Club donated 15 Shop Rite gift cards. At least once a month the United Methodist Church Women stock the shelves with paper and cleaning products enough for everyone.

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, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Joyce Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Audrey Gall, Madeleine Leddy, Colleen Sarden, Dorothy Petroulas, Elsie Sternbach, Madeline deVelasco, Ethel Ball, Barbary Juliano, Joyce Belbo, Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, and Dan Solazzo. Thank you all!

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, Elizabeth Carnisare, Eleanor, Tom White, Walter Englehart, Phylis Burman, Arlene Carreau, Larry Brancato, Joanne Trippodo, Mrs. Olsen, Kathy Van Jura, Barbara Juliano, Corum Family, Gumbrecht Family, Cathy Biegel, Lynn Petronella, Pat Oakley, Girl School Troop 4703, Dale, Jeff Leidenfrost, John Rizzo, Josephine McClean and Girl Scout Troop 578 from Wood-Ridge.

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 submitted by Lori French as follows:

**First Quarter Report:** During the first quarter of 2015, the Health Inspector conducted 49 food inspections, 10 spot checks, 12 grease trap inspections and 19 complaints of various natures. The Health Department collected \$23,902 in fees and issued 985 dog licenses. The Registrar issued 636 certified transcripts collecting \$9,420, recorded 234 non-resident deaths and 21 resident deaths. Seven marriage licenses were issued and the Health Department was notified of 24 births to town residents.

As the warm weather approaches the Board of Health would like to remind all food establishments it is prohibited to leaving 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.



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**5K Run/Walk & Health Fair:** The Board of Health held its third annual 5K Run//Fun Walk on Sunday, April 19. The top spots for male and female categories were Michael Bravo of Passaic finishing at 17:14.14 and Cara Depascale of Rutherford finishing at 20:44.63. Members of the HH Junior Woman's Club, HH Men's Association and Contemporary Club came out to help register runners, direct the runners, provide water and help assist the runners as they finished the race.

**CPR Course:** The HH Board of Health in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of HUMC is offering a free CPR & AED Training Course on Thursday, May 21 from 6-9 p.m. in the Senior Center. Pre-registration is required by calling the Health Dept. At 201-288-1636.

**Blood Screening Program:** The Board of Health will be hosting their Annual Blood Screening Program on Thursday, May 7 in the Senior Center from 9-11 a.m. The program is an excellent opportunity to check on your body's internal wellness. The cost is \$26 (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 open to everyone. Registration and payment must be made at the HH Health Dept., 320 Boulevard, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A 12-hour fasting period is required.

**Under Land Use,** Commissioner Lipari read a report prepared by Dorothy Bernice which was: during the month this department issued permits with income totaling \$171,757. The renovation of 377 Route 17 South to a Home2 Suites accounts for \$150,338. This would make the income without that renovation \$21,419 which can be compared to the 2014 income of \$10,836.

119 initial UCC inspections were done during the past month with a passing rate of 85%. No inspections have begun at the Home2 site until the engineering work is completed. The property maintenance inspector made 16 inspections and continues to respond to reports of property owners failing to maintain their site.

During the spring there is always a surge in work being done in town. If a resident notices work being done without a yellow permit placard in the window, please notify the department. It is a matter of safeguarding the residents of the community to insure that all work is properly done. To report a property maintenance violation, work being done without a permit or to question if you need a permit, please call the building department 201-288-2143.

Councilman Lipari then read a report regarding the proposed change of use of the property known as 139 Route 17 South, Hackensack: On April 6, 2015, the Borough received notice that an application to the Hackensack Planning Board had been filed concerning property in Hackensack which is within 200 feet of our northern boundary.

**LAND USE (cont'd):**

The application was filed by Cilantero Holdings, LLC for site plan review and variances for property known as 139 Route 17 South and is commonly known as the Dolce Tile store. A public hearing was conducted on April 15, 2015. The property is currently improved with an existing structure and related parking, with commercial uses on the first floor and residential apartments on the second floor. The parking improvements presently encroach upon the adjoining property in Hackensack which is otherwise unimproved.

The applicant proposes to use the currently vacant space on the north westerly end of the first floor for a delicatessen and juice bar. The use will provide take-out service and a limited number of tables and seats for eat-in service. There are no alterations whatsoever proposed for the exterior of the existing structure itself. However, the applicant will undertake some-restriping of the parking areas and provide additional parking spaces but all of them will be within the existing paved areas.

The premises have numerous lawfully existing non-conformities. The southerly side yard is only 2.3 feet while 10 feet is required. The rear yard setback is only eight tenths of a foot while 10 feet is required. The current lot coverage is 36.6 percent while a maximum of only 25 percent is permitted. None of these current lawfully existing non-conformities will be extended or changed. Further, the parking area lacks some of the screening and curbing that is now required under the current applicable zoning restrictions and various aspects of the parking layout similarly fail to conform. However, these too are lawful non-conformities and will not be extended.

The only material change to the premises will be the addition of two new parking places to the nine existing parking places that require maneuvering into the right-of-way when using them. The application was the subject of a brief public hearing by the Board as scheduled, no objection to the application was heard and the application was granted. The approval will be memorialized by resolution at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Semenech gave the following report: Cleared from all Borough properties was the grit (small gravel) that is mixed with salt and used on our roads during snow and ice events. Most was placed along the curb for the street sweeper to remove as well as hand sweeping and shoveling.

The DPW repaired two doors at the Police Department. One was the side door entrance and the other was the magnetic entry lock at the desk.

The A/C compressor for the Radio//Computer Room at Police Headquarters was replaced as the room temperature was exceeding the recommended levels.

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**PUBLIC FACILITIES (cont'd):**

The flat roofs on all public buildings had leaves and other debris removed from the roof drains.

Irrigation systems were turned on and repairs were made at all Borough facilities.

Drywall was removed as a result of water damage in the Library and was replaced, spackled, and painted. A quote from a roofer was approved to repair several areas at the Borough Hall including the area over the Library.

The DPW provided a 20 cubic yard container to the Little League for their annual spring cleanup. They also requested assistance with installing new rope and hardware for their flag pole.

Schedule of Meeting: Community Room 18, Caucus Room 06, Council Chamber 03, Senior Center 11 (not including Senior Activities), Recreation Center 03.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

I would like a moment's silence in memory of former Councilman Sam Clifford Norris who died last week. The flag was flown at half-mast in his memory.

March 28, Saturday, 10 a.m. Egg Hunt, The Mayor's Community Celebrations Committee did an outstanding job even with the frigid weather and cold winds. My thanks go to all the volunteers along with members of the Mayor's Youth Committee who worked to make the day special for all the children. Police Chief Michael Colaneri did his usual great job of keeping our Children controlled and ready to wait for him to start the Big Run to pick up the colorful eggs that lay on the turf of Depken Field. Our Volunteer Fire and Ambulance personnel were also on hand to give all the assistance needed. A wonderful time was had by all and the children enjoyed receiving their special gifts to take home after the event. I send my Special thanks to the Easter Bunny for staying overtime for the children who wanted to take pictures with him.

March 31, Tuesday, at 2:30 pm I again met with Shuvang Bhaattarai in the Caucus Room. He spoke to me about his wanting to do a special tour of the historic sites in Hasbrouck Heights. He had created a company called Oui/Tours that would appear on a site accessible through Google. I gave him an outline of what I believe would be of interest to someone who might visit his site and we agreed to work on it in the next couple of weeks. Shuvang had served as an Intern with me when he was 15 when he wanted to learn more about what a mayor does. Now at 17 and a H.H.H.S. senior he is creating a new venture and has 51% of an LLC with four of his fellow students as partners. He also has a photographer/Video Camera Tech who is also a talented H.H.H.S. student. Her name is Melissa Morales. We have met several times and I will

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**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):**

let you know how to access the Tour when it is completed.

April 7, Tuesday, Noon, I officiated at the Grand opening ceremony of the Berkshire Hathaway/Prudential Merendino real estate office. It was a rainy day, but an eventful one for Aldo Merendino who chose to grow his already successful business with this new partnership. He and his expanded staff joined me in the cutting of the ribbon at his Boulevard location.

5 p.m. I joined fellow Contemporary Club Members, President Pat Link, Past President Marge Heeren, Vickie Costa, Joan Spaldo, Lynn Taylor and Janice Cooney, to place symbolic Pinwheels in front of our Municipal Message Board to remind people of Domestic Violence impacting children.

April 8, Wednesday, Noon, I was happy to present the Leisure Club with a Proclamation marking the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club. It was a super busy day, as I was expecting a representative of Governor Chris Christie's office to arrive to discuss plans for his Town Hall meeting set for the following week. Caroline Potter joined me for part of the Leisure Club celebration conducted by Club President Peter Gallo. We all enjoyed the Pizza Party followed by two delicious Party Sheet Cakes donated by Care One Wellington Director Charlotte Sodora.

April 9, Thursday, 9:30 a.m. I again met with Shuvang and Melissa as they continued taping for their project. They had met with Library Executive Director Mimi Hui on the previous Saturday to begin preliminary work.

April 11, Saturday, 9 a.m., I attended the Opening Day of Little League along with Council Members Sonya Buckman, Pamela Link, Russell Lipari and Chris Semencz. We were greeted by Little League President Patrick Fass. It was, as always, wonderful to see all the children in their colorful uniforms bearing the names of the many individual Team Sponsors.

11 a.m., I held my initial meeting with The Mayor's Research Committee. This was the first of two meetings since all the members, could not meet on the same day due to business commitments.

Later in the day I attended the Korean Dance Program sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. Contact was made by the Ong Hwa Cultural Foundation who provided the program. It was very enjoyable and beautiful to watch. The clothing worn by both the men was interesting and the women's clothing was colorful and beautiful. I enjoyed the program along with Councilman Russell Lipari. . The Library's goal is to celebrate and connect with the Asian community in Hasbrouck Heights; to promote multicultural understanding and appreciation. The next event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 at 2 p.m. and is titled -- The Music & Dance of Tibet.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):**

April 12, 9:30 a.m. Sunday, I met Council Members David Gonzalez, Pamela Link and Russell Lipari at the Little League Pancake Breakfast. We enjoyed the pancakes and sausages and all the other good food that the Little League always has at this Annual Fundraising event.

We also had a chance to look at the progress being made at the new Town Houses being completed at the site adjacent to the V.F.W. Post 4591. Sewer lines have been installed and other utility work is being done. The roadway will be paved upon completion of all other work now in progress.

April 13, Monday, 6 p.m. I attended the Annual Fundraising event held at The Venetian in Garfield for the Center for Hope and Safety, formerly Shelter our Sisters where I serve as a Member of the Board. I mention this because I was pleasantly surprised when the Video of Honorees was shown having been done at Envision Studios located on the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights and most importantly DONATED by owner Peter Gallo III. Great job Peter!

April 14, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., I attended the Bergen County League of Municipalities Mayors' Meeting where I serve as First Vice President. It was held at the Arena Diner. Special attention was given the changes coming out of Court Rulings as it relates to the Council on Affordable Housing. I took notes and materials from the speakers to bring back to the Borough Administrator so that he could begin the process of contacting our Planners and Borough Attorney to ascertain that the necessary arrangements to adhere to the new court rulings was a work in progress.

7 p.m. Finance Meeting: Finance Committee Commissioner Pam Link, Deputy Commissioner Justin DiPisa and I met with Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. Several matters of importance were discussed, including our Budget, Department needs and updates in status of Ordinances to be introduced at the next meeting. The Public Hearing on the Budget set for April 28<sup>th</sup> was also discussed.

April 15, Wednesday, 7 p.m., I Chaired the meeting of the Southwest Community Development Block Grants Committee held in Boiling Springs Senior Center in East Rutherford. Michael Kronyak was also present as a voting member for Hasbrouck Heights. Acting County Director Angela Drake was present with Carmela Scigliano, our CD Representative. Applications were presented by each town who applied for a grant. Manager of the Center Marlene Verrastro and Assoc. Manager Helene Trent, both of Hasbrouck Heights, were also there to support the grant needed to maintain the Senior Citizens' Nutritional and recreational programs at the Center. I also chaired a discussion regarding the Adoption of new By-Laws. Due to the various comments, I determined the need for a By-Laws Review Committee and appointed same to give their input at the next meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT (cont'd):**

April 16, Thursday, 2 p.m., I arrived at the V.F.W. with Councilman Lipari to sign in before entering the V.F.W. Post 4591 Governor's Town Hall Meeting. A large crowd began to gather outside as we waited for the doors to open. Governor Chris Christi was scheduled to arrive by 3:30 p.m. for his Meeting. Councilman Justin DiPisa arrived early as did other townspeople who were anxious to see the Governor. I was honored to be asked to introduce the Governor. As we waited the VFW Hall seats were being filled and I was anxiously awaiting Cub Scout Troop 17 since I had invited them to attend. The Students I invited from the High School had arrived with the Acting Supt. Dr. Mary Kildow, Dr. Matt Helfant. and AP Advisor Bill Thorne.

The sad part of this story is that our Borough Clerk who had handled most of the invitation work was denied entry by the Regional Fire Marshall and she left without seeing the Governor.

Details of the event can be found in newspapers. Needless to say both V.F.W. Commander Joseph Colangelo and I were very pleased on behalf of everyone in Hasbrouck Heights to host this Town Hall Meeting.

April 17, 7 p.m., I had the pleasure of attending the Mickey's Kids Foundation Fundraiser held at Il Villagio in Carlstadt. As usual the Event was chaired by Founders Tom and Michele Meli. It was a huge success and I believe enough money was raised to pay for two more Service Dogs. I had the honor on behalf of Myself and the Council to present Erin Bischoff the evening's Guest of Honor with a Proclamation and I had the privilege of naming April 17, 2015 Erin Bischoff Day in Hasbrouck Heights.

April 18, 11 a.m. I held a second Mayor's Research Committee Meeting in the Caucus Room. This meeting took place along with my regular meeting with the public beginning at 10 a.m. in the Library. When someone arrives to see me, they call me on my cell and I return to the Library.

I approached the Mayor's Research Committee with a request to pursue two new projects.

First I explained this project came out of requests from the public asking why we couldn't do something about the increases in Board of Education Tax increases. I always reply, and rightly so, the Mayor and Council have nothing to do with the Board of Education Budget. We have been working to control Municipal Taxes and the public is of a mind that we should do something about the BOE. This led me to the conclusion, that even though we are not legally responsible for that portion of the taxes, that perhaps we could be helpful. This is why I have given the assignment to the Mayor's Research Committee to Review the School Board Budgets beginning this year, with the hope in mind that we can be of help and at the very least report to the public that we are listening and responding by having Finance experts give us their input. We will begin

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this year to share their report with the public. As noted, the Council has no control over the School Board or its Budget, but I am, and will continue to be, responsive as Mayor to the requests of our residents.

Second, we will address the need for Senior Housing even though our research has shown that there is no new HUD grant money to help in that area, i.e., purchase land and grants to build new, but there might be Rehabilitation Grant money to convert apartments into senior housing, as long as they meet the Federal and State requirements. This project, too, will require time and study. The Research Committee has agreed to work with me to pursue this matter. As is often brought up by my friend Councilman Justin DiPisa our senior population wants to stay in town and we need more senior housing.

April 19, Sunday, 8:45 a.m. I met in the Central Avenue Parking Lot with the 5K Run Committee sponsored by our Health Department Connie Deheny President along with Tina-Louise Dowd, along with other Health Dept. members and supported by Health Commissioner Russell Lipari. The Run is ably manned by volunteers from the Junior Woman's Club, The H.H. Men's Assn. and the Contemporary Club. I was given the honor of greeting the Runners and the Walkers after the Blessing by Pastor Debbie Rundecker of the Reformed Church.

April 21, Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., I held another Street Fair Meeting set for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, assisted by Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees, Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak, and D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler. In attendance were Cliff Witmyer of Cliffhanger Productions, his assistant Jim Spadola, The Gazette's Owner and Publisher Fritz Rethage, Peter Gallo III of Envision Video Services and Nissan General Manager Marc Steiner who gave us an overview of the growth of the operations on Route 17 and its having been named Corporate Headquarters for the Company.

Discussion was held as to status of the sponsorships this year. A couple of new sponsors are anticipated. Cliff spoke of several ideas he had that might be fun. The Committee will hold one more meeting prior to the event. As of now, I ascertained that everything was moving along smoothly. Our next meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

April 22, Wednesday, 7 p.m. There was a conflict with two meetings being held on the same night at the same time. Since I am Chair of the Southwest Community Development Block Grant Committee, I had no alternative but to be there. I asked our TANAAC Representative Fritz Rethage to deliver a message I gave him in the form of a note to deliver at the meeting. It is attached.

I opened the SWCD Grants Meeting and first order of business was to vote on the Grant applications. Hasbrouck Heights was awarded \$65,000 toward the redoing of curbs and

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sidewalks on Stanley Avenue the only street eligible for funding this year. We then held the Public Hearing on the Five-Year HUD Plan. A number of testimonies were given and taken down by the Recording Secy. In my testimony for the need for these Grant allocations was the fact that New Jersey gets so little money back from the Federal Government even though we are one of the largest contributors of money to the Federal Government. I stressed the need for increased allocations for our Bergen County towns since we are among the oldest with the need for infrastructure projects continuing to rise while the grant money allotted has gotten smaller over the years. Spiraling costs are a problem on the East Coast. Vice Chairman Joseph Crifasi of Carlstadt seconded my concerns and added some of his comments.

April 23, Thursday, 7 p.m., I attended "A Touch of Sinatra," the joint fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Garden Club. It was a huge success. Over 100 people were there. The show was very entertaining as well as nostalgic and fun. Singer Donnie Ferraro gave a wonderful rendition of Sinatra songs as well as adding comedy to his routine. How wonderful it was to learn that he is a resident of Hasbrouck Heights. He was given a big round of applause along with Joe Gilligan the Narrator. My personal thanks to the Coordinators from the Garden Club: Marie Morales, President and Maria Russo, Member & Wife of Donnie; Coordinators from the Friends: Judy Mascis, President and Micky Maschio, Vice President. I also want to thank our ever present Library director Mimi Hui.

April 24, Friday, 10 a.m. I met with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and DPW. Supt. Bil Spindler to travel to Fair Lawn to view the newly installed Special Needs Playground Equipment that Fair Lawn Mayor John Cosgrove had told me about. The day was icy cold and windy and we thought winter was back. As we travelled Route 4, we were almost in an accident, a car was stopped in the middle lane and the car ahead of us stopped short of hitting it and in turn we almost hit that car. We came within inches. Well long story short, the young girl in the stopped car, had run out of gas and was getting out of her car when Bill and Mike stopped her saying you can't walk along this highway. She had no cell phone so Mike gave her his phone; told her how to call 911 and ask police to come to help. Minutes later Police arrived, the story told to them and we were again on our way. Well the Playground is very big and the equipment quite large, great for the Large Fair Lawn Playground/Exercise Park. We did see a couple of pieces we thought might be a good addition to our Woodland Park Playground. We are in the process of deciding what equipment to purchase and I asked that we look at expanding the footprint to accommodate even more new equipment. As was previously reported we have an Open Space Grant of \$100,000 that will be added to the funding needed to improve the Playground area. Parks Commissioner Sonya Buckman had also gone there to view the equipment.

Please mark your calendars - On May 9<sup>th</sup>, Sonya Buckman, Pam Link and I will hold a



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Special Town Meeting from 10 am till 11:30 am in the Upstairs Library Meeting room. DPW Supt. Bill Spindler will also be there. There will be a power point overview of the work done at each of our five parks, plus the plans for the Woodland Park Playground and more information about our outstanding Recreation Dept. and its programs.

11:30 a.m. I met with Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees. She gave me over 70 Scholarship Applications to review. From the impressive group I carefully chose two Mayor’s Awards; one Andrew Feintuch Scholarship; three Chris Heller Scholarships and seven Mary B. Quigg Scholarships. I initiated the Mayor’s Awards and have been given the privilege of choosing the others, because I knew each of the People for whom the Scholarships are named.

At 1 p.m. I met with a young Rutgers University Student who is also a resident of town. She wanted my advice and input as to how to get more involved since she is a student of Political Science. I was able to give her a myriad of information and she will return for another visit in the near future.

Saturday, 10 a.m., I met with a couple of residents in the Library. As you know I am generally available to the public on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon; however next Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will be at St. John’s taking advantage of a special Container Gardening Class they are making available to the public for a small fee covering the materials to be used.

At 3 p.m. I performed a Wedding in the Council Chamber.

April 28, Tuesday, 7 p.m. I attended the Finance Meeting with Chair Pamela Link, Vice Chair Justin DiPisa and Finance Officer Michael Kronyak. We discussed the reports to be given at the Council Meeting to begin at 8 p.m.  
That concludes my report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 93. Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
  - 94. Authorizing the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department to Apply and Continue to Participate in the Dept. Of Defense-Defense Logistics Agency-Law Enforcement Support Office/1033 Program
  - 95. Authorizing Entry into the Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - 96. Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids

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

for the Radio Maintenance Contract

97. Authorizing Continuance of Membership in the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2017

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2335:**

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) CALENDAR YEAR 2015**" 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. 2336 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Semencz, 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 Link, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2335 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:** 98. Public Hearing and Adoption of 2015 Budget

CFO Michael Kronyak gave a brief overview. He said that since the last meeting the budget was sent to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. He said we heard back on Friday that we were approved so the budget can be adopted tonight. There were minimal changes, but no numbers were changed, a bit of a change in the levy CAP which created us a little further under the CAP. Highlights are total tax levy down about \$15,000. Revenues did increase by \$168,000 and Appropriations increased by \$197,000. As the Mayor noted, there is no increase in local municipal tax. He was

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waiting for the numbers from the County and School. Once our budget is adopted it is sent to Trenton, they send theirs and the State certifies and sent it to the County and a final tax rate is struck. Then the bills are printed. All the money is collected here and we disperse it to the County and School. There is a non-spending appropriation. Mayor Heck asked and he noted that the Hilton had an appeal which required a refund of \$400,000. There is \$125,000 added to the reserve. Another instance was the Home 2 Suites where they were refunded \$190,000 due to construction delayed significantly because of an appeal by a neighboring property owner. Mayor Heck thanked Borough Attorney Chandless for his work on tax appeals.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to open the public hearing on Resolution No. 98 which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the foregoing resolution which was made by Councilwoman Link, seconded by Councilman DiPisa, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay due to the size of the surplus, and otherwise unanimously carried. (Copy attached)

**APPOINTMENTS:** Peter Traina, Jr. to Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** None

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2336:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an ordinance entitled: ***“AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 198 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO IMPOSE A CURFEW AS TO JUVENILES NOT HAVING ATTAINED THE AGE OF 17 YEARS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 P.M. AND 6:00 A.M. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 132 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1992” BEING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1632 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 26, 1993 AND FURTHER APPEARING AS ARTICLE III ENTITLED “JUVENILE CURFEW” IN***

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):**

**CHAPTER 198 ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 12, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of the foregoing ordinance which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2337:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$400,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR PHASE VII (BETWEEN DIVISION AVENUE AND RAYMOND STREET) AND PHASE VIII (BETWEEN MADISON AND LA SALLE AVENUES AND THE WEST SIDE ONLY BETWEEN CENTRAL AND MADISON AVENUES) OF THE BOULEVARD STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM IN THE SUM OF \$298,000.00, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF A FURTHER PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$95,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 12, 2015.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2338:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$600,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMS PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2014 AND 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND FURTHER FOR THE RESURFACING OF FRANKLIN AVENUE, ALL INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO**

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION (cont'd):**

**EXCEED THE SUM OF \$570,000.00”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 12, 2015.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2339:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE TOTAL SUM OF \$150,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CURB AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET INCLUDING NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$142,500.00”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 12, 2015.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2340:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WOODLAND PARK PLAYGROUND, TO APPLY TO THE COST THEREOF THE SUM \$100,000.00 PROVIDED BY A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING OF THE COST THEREOF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL BOND LAW BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$142,500.00”** as introduced this date be and the same is hereby passed on first reading and the Borough Clerk be directed to advertise notice of public hearing on said Ordinance to be held at the regular meeting of the Borough Council on May 12, 2015.

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of the foregoing ordinance

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which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

James Erwin, 40 Jefferson St., Hackensack, was here as a resident of Bergen County on a campaign asking all towns in Bergen County to raise the age of sale of tobacco or cigarettes to persons aged 21. He was very concerned with the cancer caused by smoking. Teaneck, Bogota, Garfield and East Rutherford have passed or introduced such an ordinance with Hackensack and Little Ferry reviewing it. He asked if Karen Blumenfeld of GASP could forward information on the ordinance to the borough clerk. He would come back in a month or so to see how the town feels about it. Mayor Heck said they look forward to receiving it.

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 Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:49 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 April 28, 2015.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk