

**BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS**

**MINUTES**

**June 23, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 8:05 p.m. The meeting was held 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, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Christian Semenez

Absent: Councilman David Gonszalez

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilwoman Buckman offered her prayers for the Charleston families saying that it could happen to any community, any State. She gave the following Invocation: “As we gather here in the harbor of your safety we thank you for fellowship and family. We ask that you will strengthen us, restore us and inspire us with your love, fill us with your peace so that as we journey onwards we would pour out our love and grace to others. We ask that our souls catch the wind of your spirit so that we would take your promises to all the earth. Amen.”

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) Thank you from Brandon Demone, Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Recipient
- 2) Thank you letter from Andrew Kalmowitz, Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Recipient
- 3) Thank you letter from Thomas McGrath, Mary B. Quigg Scholarship Recipient

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd):**

4) Request from Health Department to sponsor a Blood Drive on Monday, July 20, 2015 from 2-6 p.m. in the Central Avenue parking lot

5) Announcement of 2015 Annual Free Indoor Senior Citizens Picnic for Hasbrouck Heights residents on Thursday, July 16, 2015 in the Senior Center

6) Request for permission from the Free Public Library to hold their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual "Family Summer Bash" on Friday, August 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

7) Thank you letter from Alyson Harden, Mayor's Award Recipient

Mayor Heck asked if anyone wished to have any item read into the record. There being none, she then requested a motion to accept all the correspondence which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested action on the Blood Drive request, and asked for a motion to approve which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Semencz, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heck then requested a motion to approve the Free Public Library request which was made by Councilwoman Buckman, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**           *(May 26, 2015 Youth Week Meeting, May 26, 2015 Regular Meeting, June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session)*

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

**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$165,289.36, 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

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**BILLS (cont'd):**

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 prepared by Chief Michael Colaneri: May 20<sup>th</sup> Chief Colaneri, Capt Rinke, Lt. Colaneri, Lt. Robertson and Det. Behr attended the Bergen County Memorial Day held at the Police Academy. Lts. Colaneri and Robertson presented a wreath for Ptl. DeLamater HHPD killed in the line of duty.

Chief Colaneri and Capt. Rinke attended a dinner for the top 10% of the HHHS graduating class on June 1, held at the Graycliff in Moonachie.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chief Colaneri and Capt Rinke gave out seven \$200 scholarships from the members of the HHPD.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Chief Colaneri, Capt. Rinke, Lt. Colaneri and Det. Behr along with Mayor Heck attended the Bergen County Blue Mass held in Saddle Brook.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Colaneri spoke to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Lincoln School's career day.

June 5<sup>th</sup>, Chief for a Day was held. This year's Chief was Declan DeBaun. Chief DeBaun had a great day with Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Baker. Chief DeBaun conducted school safety checks before returning to Headquarters to view the operation of the Department. Then he was sworn in by Mayor Heck. Declan then joined the other Chiefs at the Bergen County Justice Center and motorcade to a luncheon at the Empire Club. Declan was given a plaque to honor him as Chief and a bag of gifts from Chief Colaneri and Sgt. Baker.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, SRO Donohue chaperoned the High School Prom.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Baker spoke to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Euclid School's career day.

June 12<sup>th</sup>, the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run was held. Nineteen police officers ran along with approximately 140 students. Students from Lincoln School ran from Bell to LaSalle. Students from Euclid School ran from Walter to Henry. \$30,000 was raised. Chief Colaneri, Sgt. Adamo, Det. Behr, Ofc. Cooke and Ofc. Dussault attended the Special Olympics opening ceremony at TCNJ.

Sgt. Caccavella retired from the Police Department on June 1, 2015. We thank Sgt. Caccavella for his years of service and wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

June 18<sup>th</sup>, Probationary Ptl. Chris Connors graduated from the Bergen County Police

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**POLICE (cont'd):**

Academy and has begun his departmental training.

He mentioned that the Chief has the new monitors, which he himself experienced on Raymond Street, which not only detects the speed, but also gives history and is visible from a distance. Year to date total summonses issued are parking: 2014, 1,899; 2015, 1,837; Moving: 2014, 1,999; 2015, 1,208 totalling 2014, 3898 compared to 3,045 for 2015.

**RECREATION AND PARKS:** Under **Recreation**, Commissioner Buckman reported Summer Camp started yesterday with over 400 children. There are 36 counselors and 24 Counselors in training. Seven trips are sold out, the only trips available are Wild West City and Bronx Zoo, Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor. Sign up can be done at Woodland Park with Rob Brady. Adult Volleyball will be playing this summer on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Woodland Park. UGALS Softball teams have begun their summer season and have played 2-3 games of their 14 games scheduled. The Recreation Center is closed for the summer.

Under **Parks**, Commissioner Buckman reported the following day after the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, strong winds that evening destroyed some of the ceremonial wreaths around the monument. The DPW fixed and remounted some but many others had to be removed as they were beyond repair.

Construction has begun at Polifly Park for improvements. Prior to construction the DPW temporarily moved the gazebo of the asphalt pad and onto the grass area so that a new patio can be installed. The DPW also cleared an area of overgrown vines, weeds and sticker bushes located on the border of a residence on Cleveland Avenue. New evergreens were planted by the DPW and many environmentally friendly plants to insects and animals will be planted by Ron Fraioli of the Rotary Club of Hasbrouck Heights. Ron attended the Mayor's Special Session on Parks and Recreation held at the Library last month to discuss the vegetation improvements.

Graffiti was removed from all apparatuses in the Central Avenue Playground by the DPW.

Woodland Park's comfort station gutters were cleared of debris and barricades were set up at the entrances and exits in anticipation of the Recreation Camp.

The chain link fence that borders the Westmont area was mended to avoid any "gatecrashers" while camp is in session.

As Library liaison, she reported the summer reading program has started and it is not too late to sign up. The program is for grade school through adults. She noted the Summer Bash scheduled for Friday, August 7. Sign ups will be announced shortly.

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**FIRE, STREETS & SANITATION:** Under **Fire**, Deputy Commissioner Lipari reported under the productivity report as submitted by EMS Coordinator Liz Waring: May 15 to June 15 101.2 man hours - Company Drill; 8 - Drill; EMS 421.6; Company Meeting - 6.4; Meeting - 45; NFIRS 175.0; Special Assignment - 71.5; Stand-by - 154; Training - 18.5; Work Detail - 45.3 with a total of 1,046.6 hours.

Under **Streets & Sanitation**, Deputy Commissioner Lipari reported the DPW is watering the plants from the “Boulevard in Bloom” Project at night along with the Street Sweeping Program. The utility truck has the dual purpose of watering the plants in the summer and salt brining our streets in the winter.

A new bus bench was installed at Terrace and Lincoln Avenues as it was moved to allow for ADA curb ramp compliance.

Banners are being hung at the corner of the Boulevard and Division Avenue as the new banner polls have not yet been installed. The banner cables are hung from two trees and are inspected often as this method adds wind pressure to the limbs.

Due to the heavy rains that fell this past month, the DPW has cleared stormwater catch basins of debris.

Many traffic signs were replaced under the direction of the Police Traffic Division.

A new section of concrete sidewalk was installed at a resident’s home as result of damage caused *during* a tree removal.

NJ DOT was called by DPW Superintendent Bill Spindler to report a tree hazard at Hasbrouck Avenue and Route 17 South. The tree was split and a large stalk was resting on a DOT lamp post which is situated in the shoulder next to the slow lane. A State tree crew resolved the hazard on DOT property and our DPW removed the rest of the tree in the Borough’s right-of-way.

19 Tons of asphalt was used this past month for pothole repairs.

**Repairs:**

Replace batteries on EMS vehicle.

Repair pump and motor on Utility Truck.

New clutch and radiator supports were repaired on Dump Truck 201.

Heater core and muffler was replaced on Dump Truck 203.

Garbage Truck 103 had the following repairs: rebuilt clutch & fuel line, replaced fuel injectors, drive shaft, trans mount, bearing, & gaskets.

Replaced exhaust system, muffler & wiper arm on Loaders 444D & 444J.

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

Replaced fuel pump on ride on mower.  
Replaced fuel tank, lining, & straps on Dump Truck 207.  
Replaced fuel tank & pressure switch on Rolloff 112.  
Replaced pillow block & suspension on Garbage Truck 101.  
Replaced mirrors & batteries on JetVac.  
Snow plows replaced blades.  
Salt spreader replaced valve knobs & main conveyer belt.  
Replaced hose on Rolloffs 110 & 111.

**FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Under Finance**, Commissioner Link reported the Current Fund cash balance at May 31<sup>st</sup> was \$4,099,636.67 and at April 30<sup>th</sup> was \$1,534,026.38 which represents an increase of \$2,565,610.29. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of May totaled \$7,165,720.69 of which \$6,975,190.47 was for Current Taxes, \$39,150.64 was for delinquent 2014 taxes and \$151,379.58 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of May totaled \$4,598,454.29 of which \$2,200,610.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$967,500.00 was for County Taxes, \$910,915.68 was for Salaries and \$519,428.61 was for Other Expenses

As reported at previous meetings, the county and state budgets have not yet been adopted, which will hold up the certification of the total tax rate. Without a certified total tax rate the Borough can not issue final tax bills. This is what we anticipated and at the May 26, 2015, meeting the Mayor and Council authorized the issuance of estimated third quarter tax bills. The estimated bills should be mailed by the end of next week to all property owners, the due date for payment remains August 1st.

**It is important to note that your total 2014 taxes will not be equal to the third quarter estimated tax bill multiplied by four, this would overstate your total 2014 taxes.**

**Under Social Services**, Commissioner Link reported there were 118 visits to the Food Pantry from May 26 through June 22, 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.

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

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, Joyce Belbo, Andy Rastocky, Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Madeline deVelasco, Joyce Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Audrey Gall, Madeleine Leddy and Colleen Sarden. 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, Girl Scout Troop 578 from Wood-Ridge, Mary Olobardi, Rosemary Smith, Karen McDowell, Regina Hellow, Mrs. Jasnick, Dave Gonzalez, Karen Clark, Christian Rizzo, McGrath Family, Bertha Spada, Cookie, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Martin Fronzoi, Josephine McClean, Karen, Euclid Masonic Lodge and Arlene Carreau.

As understandably happens in the summer months, we get less donations and any extra help would be most appreciated. Items most needed are paper products, soaps, toiletries, peanut butter, soups, coffee, cereal, juices and canned fruit.

All donations are very much appreciated and accepted in the Borough Clerk's office from 8 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday..

**HEALTH AND LAND USE:** Under **Health**, Commissioner Lipari read a report submitted by Lori French as follows:

**Annual Food Licenses:** All annual licenses for food establishments will be expiring June 30, 2015. Renewal applications will be mailed the last week of May and must be returned by June 30. This includes all Retail Food Establishments, Schools, Milk Trucks, Mobiles, Seasonal, Fraternal, Massage Therapy, Barber Shops, Beauty and Nail Salons and Public Pools.

**Annual Dog Census:** Just as reminder the Annual Dog Census began on Monday, June 22 between the hours of 4:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. School Crossing Guards will be making a door-to-door visit to verify that every dog owner received a current 2015 dog license. Dogs seven months of age and over must have a valid rabies vaccination and current dog license for 2015. The Health Department asks residents who may not be home to please leave a copy of their current 2015 dog license in a visible place for the Crossing Guards to see. The Guards will be wearing their uniforms and will have Borough identification. The census will be conducted between the hours of 4:30 to 8 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you have any questions or doubts about the person visiting your home, please call the Health Department at 201-288-1636 or Police Department at 201-288-1000.

**Blood Drive:** The Health Department will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, July

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20<sup>th</sup> with the not-for-profit organization “Community Blood Services.” The Bloodmobile will be parked in the Central Avenue Parking Lot at Borough Hall from 2 to 6 p.m..

Just a reminder there are no scheduled meetings in July and August unless it is necessary. The Board will continue its monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

**Under Land Use**, Commissioner Lipari had no report.

As **Senior Liaison**, he announced the Annual Free Indoor Senior Citizens Picnic sponsored by the Mayor and Council will be held Thursday, July 16 from 12 to 4 p.m. in the Senior Center. All Senior residents of Hasbrouck Heights are invited to join their friends for a day of fun and good food in a comfortable environment. There will be a free raffle, entertainment and dancing. Sign up sheets are in the Senior Center or Borough Clerk’s office. The Senior Bus will be available to pick up those needing a ride. Call 201-288-0195 to be placed on the Senior Bus list.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Semencz gave the following report: the DPW repaired a decorative block retaining wall at 216 Central Avenue. The wall borders the Central Avenue Parking Lot and was damaged by DPW equipment during the winter as a result of snow removal.

All entrance doors at the Municipal Building were power washed and painted as well as the Learning Center Building (old Library) on Division Avenue that the borough retains.

Additional repairs made to all facilities:

A lock was replaced in the Children’s section bathroom of the Library.

A fixture was repaired in one of the bathrooms by the Court area.

A broken file cabinet draw was repaired by the Police Desk.

New steel cables were replaced on one of the DPW’s automatic garage doors.

A leaking water control valve for the sprinkler system on the Circle was repaired.

A new “Welcome to Hasbrouck Heights” sign was installed at the Circle as the old wooden one had eroded.

The blower motor and control wheel on the HVAC system in the Recreation office was repaired.

All roof repairs were completed on the Borough Hall including the hip and flat sections along with the bump out areas in the front of the building.

Schedule of Meeting: Community Room 16, Caucus Room 10, Council Chamber 8, Senior Center 10 (not including Senior Activities), Recreation Center 2.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

May 31<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 9 a.m. I attended the Opening Ceremony of the Girls Softball Games at the Little League Fields.

Noon: I attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration Mass of the Ordination of Rev. Fr. Raymond Holmes. After that I had the honor of presenting and reading the Proclamation presented on behalf of the Mayor and Council. I was joined by Council Members Justin DiPisa and Russell Lipari who along with me are Members of the Corpus Christi Parish.

June 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday at 6 p.m. I attended and participated in the Honors Dinner held at the Graycliff in recognition of the top 10% of the Hasbrouck Heights High School Graduating Class. The Students were accompanied by their parents. Members of the Board of Education were present as well as Teachers, Principals and top Level Members of the Administration.

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. I attended and participated in the Senior Scholarship Assembly announcement of Scholarships awarded to the 2015 Graduates. I was honored as Mayor to announce the two Mayor's Awards, the 7 Mary B. Quigg Scholarships, the 3 Chris Heller Scholarships and the Andy Feintuch Scholarship. After that as a Past President of the Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights, I had the honor of announcing the winners of the Club's 2 scholarships.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday, 10 a.m., I attended the Bergen County Blue Mass held at St. Phillip's Church in Saddle Brook. This is the Annual Mass of Remembrance of Fallen Police Officers.

7:30 p.m. I attended the Planning Board Meeting and heard the request for the sale of First Reformed Church Property to the new owner of the existing Two-Family House on the corner of Kipp Avenue to move an existing garage and to build a new one family home facing Burton Avenue. All professionals gave testimony and a number of residents who lived in the vicinity were heard. The subdivision was approved with several provisions and will be memorialized at the next meeting set for July.

June 4, Thursday at 10 a.m. I went to the Municipal Building to sign some documents and met with the Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees and Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak on Borough Business as is my usual work routine.

June 5, Friday, 10 a.m. I was present at the Municipal Building to give the Oath of Office to Declan DeBaun who was Police Chief for a Day. He was presented to me by Police Chief Michael Colaneri and Borough Clerk Rose Sees. After that photos of Declan, his mother and father, the Police Chief and I, were taken by Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak.

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

7 p.m. that evening I attended and participated in the Euclid Lodge Scholarship Program honoring the top 5 Percent Academic Achievers of Hasbrouck Heights High School graduating Class of 2015. Council Members Sonya Buckman, Pamela Link and Russell Lipari were also present.

June 6, Saturday, I was at the Library from 10 am till noon.

June 9, Tuesday, 7 p.m., A Finance Committee Meeting was held. Finance Chair Pamela Link, Deputy Justin DiPisa, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I were present with Borough Attorney Ralph W. Chandless invited to discuss the Council on Affordable Housing issue as it impacts municipalities according to the results of the recent Court Decision.

June 10, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Community Room of the Municipal Building. I attended the Mayor's Committee on Community Celebrations to begin the work process necessary for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Children's Costume Parade. It will be held on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in Woodland Park. The children will meet in the Pavilion and then march around the walkway in the Park. Judges will be present and medals awarded to the children in various categories. The children in all Borough Schools would be invited and Flyers would be placed in some store windows as well as being sent by the schools to the parents.

June 12, Friday 10 a.m. I went to join some of the Municipal Employees to cheer on the Members of the Police Dept. who raised money by running in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics. Congratulations to Chief Colaneri and the officers of his department for their fantastic support of this very worthy cause.

June 15 Monday, 6:30 p.m. Advanced Police Leadership Academy Graduation – jointly sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Police Dept. and the Lyndhurst Police Dept. I attended the Dinner event held at The Holiday Inn with Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Sgt. Alan Baker and Capt. Joseph Rinke. A very interesting three part program was presented by the 22

graduates. The dangers of Social Media use as it impacts users was stressed and examples of Social Media Bullying were displayed and discussed. The benefits of Social Media have been adversely impacted by mis-use by stalkers, criminals, pedophiles and people of questionable character. Chief Colaneri and Advisor Michael Stillman noted that some of the programs will be edited and given to Hasbrouck Heights students for their benefit and safety on the Internet.

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June 16, Tuesday, 11 a.m. stopped to sign Certificates prepared by Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees for the Hasbrouck Heights High School Graduates.

7:30 p.m. I attended the Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library Board Meeting. Numerous projects were discussed as well as a variety of reports given. The Summer Bash is set for August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 till 1 a.m. in the Library.

June 18, Thursday, 11 a.m. I met with Borough Administrator Michael Kronyak and Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees. A variety of business matters were discussed and plans made. I called Scott Stephens of D.O.T. Community and Constituent Services to discuss the safety of people taking the bus to New York at the site of several truck and auto crashes into the Collins Avenue Guard Rail on the Route 46 East side. He said he would check, but did not believe that this was a scheduled stop for busses. I told him that it definitely has been for many years and people wait there to go to New York and also get dropped off late at night in that darkened area. Their safety is a matter of concern and I asked that it be addressed.

After that I met with D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler about a problem brought to my attention by a Michigan Avenue resident. We drove to the site and observed the matter of concern. A plan was made to address the problem by contacting PSE&G who will take care of the problem.

June 19, Friday, 9 a.m. I met with Police Chief Michael Colaneri to discuss a couple of matters. Included was the status of the Police "Baseball-type" cards that were in the process of being done this year, the retirement of Sgt. Caccavella and the coming graduation of Chris Connors from the Police Academy.

June 22, Monday 10 a.m. I met with Borough Clerk Rose Sees to discuss some Agenda items. I then met briefly with Police Chief Colaneri and Michael Kronyak and was given an update on retirements and Police Academy Graduate Chris Connors.

11 a.m., I stopped by to visit the Camp Counselors and Children at the First Day Opening of our Recreation Department's Summer Day Camp Program. Things were in full swing with children in every corner of Woodland Park. Some in the Playground Area, others playing Soccer, Basketball, Table Tennis, Dodge Ball, Hop Scotch and in the Pavilions every table was filled with children participating in various activities from Arts and Crafts to a variety of Board Games. My personal Congratulations go to our Recreation Director Rob Brady and his well-trained Camp Counselors who are responsible for our outstanding and cost-effective Summer Program.

I want to especially note how proud I am of the fact that our outstanding program is

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diverse, complete and enjoyed by hundreds of children. And the cost compared to a number of other towns whose programs are more costly is remarkable. I know that one neighboring town has a half day program for double the amount. Our \$60 cost for a full day – 5 days a week – 6 week program is not only affordable but impressive. Thank you so much Rob for your professionalism, and your attention to detail.

June 23d, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Finance Chair Pamela Link and Vice Chair Justin DiPisa, Finance Officer Michael Kronyak and I met to review the progress of several important matters cost and progress of our Council on Affordable Housing Program mandated by the State; the bids for the Fire Department's Two-in-one piece of equipment called the Quint that is a Hook and Ladder Truck plus a pumper; the progress made on the new Playground Plans for Woodland Park; and the mailing of estimated Tax bills. At 7:30 p.m. D.P.W. Supt. Bill Spindler will brief us on the results of his interview process to replace an opening in his department.

8 p.m. Council Meeting.

This Saturday will be my final availability meeting in the Library due to the Library closing on Saturdays during July and August. I will be available on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Library for any resident who wishes to meet with me on any subject whatsoever. As usual, no appointments are necessary.

In closing I want to express my sadness at having recently learned that Bob Talisse, a former President of the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce passed away in February of 2015. He was a dynamic personality and will be remembered as the owner of Action Sports that was located on the Boulevard and Hamilton Avenue. Many famous sports figures frequented the large and busy business and Bob always had something exciting and new planned for the children and adults of our community. I extended my deepest sympathy to the Talisse Family who once lived on Lincoln Avenue here in Hasbrouck Heights. The world is a little sadder for me now, knowing that he is gone.

That concludes my report.

Mayor Heck asked the Borough Clerk to read a letter she had received from Scott Stephens, Director of Community and Constituent Relations of NJ DOT (copy attached). Mayor Heck wanted the public to know they are keeping in touch with DOT. She thanked the police chief for noting the dangers at the Collins and Route 46 bus stop. She received a call from NJ Transit they had investigated that spot and it has not been a designated bus stop for many years and something went awry with the bus stopping there.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
126. Authorizing Raffle License for Heightened Independence & Progress
  127. Authorizing Promotion of Kevin Condal from Probationary Patrolman to Regular Patrolman of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department effective June 27, 2015
  128. Authorizing Sale of Borough Owned Property No Longer Needed for Public Use or Which Have Been Unclaimed
  129. Authorizing Agreement with Motorola Solutions for Cassadian/Plant 911 Equipment Maintenance for 2015-2016
  130. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Title Lien Certificate #2012-0001 for Block 55, Lot 33.01, 316 Henry Street
  131. Authorizing Entry into a Research Agreement with Rutgers to Initiate and Complete the Burchell Fair Share Analysis
  132. Authorizing Extension of Radio Maintenance Contract until July 14, 2015

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2343:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 222 ENTITLED “SEWERS” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SO AS TO MAKE THE SAME CONSISTENT WITH CURRENTLY APPLIED TERMINOLOGY AND TO UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT TO BACKFLOW PREVENTERS**” 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 July 14, 2015.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2343 (cont'd):**

Mayor Heck requested a motion to approve the introduction of the foregoing Ordinance which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Semencz voting Nay as he still had some questions, and otherwise unanimously carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2344:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an Ordinance entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 206 ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BY PROVIDING A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED “ARTICLE XIX, VIOLATIONS, ABATEMENT AND THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL LIEN”** 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 July 14, 2015.

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

**ORDINANCE(S) ON PUBLIC HEARING:**       None

**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 requested a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

**MOTION TO CLOSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

133. Any Pending or Anticipated Litigation or Contract Negotiation

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

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**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:03 p.m., Mayor Heck requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Semencz, seconded by Councilwoman Link, and unanimously carried.

I, ROSE MARIE SEES, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are to the best of my knowledge a true account of the Regular Meeting held on June 23, 2015.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk