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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 8:06 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 4, 2016 and transmitted to The Observer, The Record and The Herald News on January 4, 2016.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor John DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilman Russell A. Lipari, Councilman Peter Traina

Absent: None

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

**INVOCATION:** Councilman Lipari gave the Invocation as follows: “Lord, we ask you to preside over our meeting and our labors, and to bless all our endeavors. Help us to build a community united in harmony of love and service. We thank you Lord, for everything which widens our knowledge and equips us more fully for the task of life and living. Teach us to know our strengths that we may use to the full the gifts and talents which You have given us. Help us to share a loving concern for each other at all times. Above all, Lord, help us to really know you, for this is the beginning and the end of all wisdom, this is eternal life. Amen”

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor DeLorenzo, Recreation Commissioner Traina and Deputy Recreation Commissioner Buckman presented Certificates of Accomplishment to the following :

**South Bergen Soccer League U12 Boys Champions - Euclid Lodge #136:**  
Michael Amendola, Joseph Bothe, Tommy Brancato, David Caceres, Michael Calabrese

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**PRESENTATION (cont'd):** Daniel Darch, Garrett Kata, Wesley Kim, Joffre Loor, Antonio Mancini, Adyn Marte, Brian Mendez, Marcus Miler, Carlos Miranda, Alexander Rodriguez, Colin Topchiev, Ty Van Seidelmann and Coaches: Paul Mancini and Jorge Caceres. Coach Caceres was invited to say a few words.

**South Bergen Soccer League U10 Girls Champions - Bill O'Shea's Flowers and Gifts:**

Lily Brown, Anna Casale, Sarah Cunningham, Addyson Delcalzo, Elliot Eddy, Elina Gjeli, Neesha LaGrasta, Sophia Lara, Michaela Morgan, Marissa Mucci, Alyssa Pennisi, Alexandra Samperi, Samaia Singh and , Coaches: Ben Eddy, Sammy Lara, Joe Pennisi and Joe Samperi. Coach Samperi was invited to say a few words

**South Bergen Soccer League U10 Boys Champions - The Spartans:**

Darien Baez, Colin DeGuzman, Christian Deliu, Klejdi Elezaj, Giuseppe Fattorusso, Brandon Gomez, George Kouletas, Joseph Lee, Diego Mancini, Nigel Martinez, Connor Ng, Nicholas Prince, Graham Reynolds, Joseph Russo, Daniel Sickels, Peter Tyszko, Coaches: Paul Mancini and Gary Kouletas. Coach Mancini was invited to say a few words.

**Northern Counties Soccer Association U10 Girls Champions:**

Jolie Rodriguez, Alexandra Samperi, Morgan Brnet, Ines Turner, Rylie Kearns, Marissa Mucci, Elliot Eddy, Morgan Gagliano, Mayo Bohan, Sophia Lara and Alyssa Pennisi and Coaches: Ben Eddy, Sammy Lara, Eddie Rodriguez and Joe Samperi. Coach Samperi was invited to say a few words.

**PROCLAMATION: *Read Across America***

Mayor DeLorenzo read the following Proclamation. When done, he presented copies to Cindy Capozzi for Lincoln School and Eileen Oettinger for Euclid School.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hasbrouck Heights stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Hasbrouck Heights has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, "*NEA's Read Across America*," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 112<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 2, 2016, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

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**PROCLAMATION (cont'd):**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, calls on its citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses “NEA’s *Read Across America*,” and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America’s children the best readers in the world.

/s/ Mayor John DeLorenzo and Members of the Council

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) PSEG Report re: Weekend of February 13 and 14
- 2) Invitation to Easter Egg Hunt on March 19, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Athletic Field
- 3) Health Department Request for Permission to Display Street Banner for 5K Run and Fun Walk during the Month of April
- 4) Resignation letter from Andrew Heisey from Zoning Board and Planning Board

Mayor DeLorenzo asked if any member of the Council wished to have any item read into the record. There was none. He then requested a motion to approve Item #3 which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman DiPisa and unanimously carried.

Adm. Kronyak said it was all contingent on when the next phase of the Boulevard Streetscape begins, as that is where the banner pole is located. Mayor DeLorenzo said as long as they can find a spot.

Mayor DeLorenzo then requested a motion to accept the Communications which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**           *(January 12, 2016 Work Session, February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting)*

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve the foregoing Minutes which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilwoman Link, with Councilman Lipari abstaining from the January 12, 2016 Work Session Minutes and otherwise unanimously carried.

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**BILLS:**

WHEREAS, claims and accounts amounting to \$320,842.60 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 Justin A. DiPisa  
Commissioner of Finance

On a motion by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

**REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Commissioner DiPisa gave the following report: The Current Fund cash balance at January 31<sup>st</sup> was \$3,911,676.36 and at December 31<sup>st</sup> was \$3,479,985.95 which represents an increase of \$431,690.41. The entire balance was invested and earning approximately 0.25%.

Cash receipts for the month of January totaled \$3,857,802.91 of which \$3,473,389.16 was for Current Taxes, \$54,778.59 was for Delinquent 2015 taxes and \$329,635.16 was Miscellaneous Revenues.

Cash disbursements for the month of January totaled \$3,426,112.50 of which \$2,283,448.00 was for Local School Taxes, \$580,698.84 was for Salaries and \$561,965.66 was for Other Expenses

The formulation of the 2016 budget continues. The date for introduction of the 2016 municipal budget has been extended from February 10<sup>th</sup> until March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Committee met tonight prior to this meeting and regular meetings will continue right through the adoption of the 2016 budget. The Chief Financial Officer completed and submitted the Annual Debt Statement by it's January 31, 2016 due date and the Annual Financial Statement which was due by February 10, 2016. The Financial Statement summarizes the financial position of the Borough at the end of the fiscal year.

Some key points indicated by the Annual Financial Statement are as follows:  
2015 Tax Collection Rate was 98.85% , a small decrease from 2014 Collection Rate of

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**FINANCE (cont'd):**

98.93%.

The 2015 budget anticipated \$1,100,000.00 in surplus as a revenue to offset taxes and cash surplus generated in 2015 was \$1,465,235.73, as compared to \$1,122,972.24 generated in 2014. The 2015 results of financial operations met one of the major goals of the Finance Committee by limiting the use of surplus to an amount that may be re-generated.

Delinquent Taxes at 12/31/15 were \$492,074.58 as compared to \$456,778.46 at 12/31/14.

These are all factors to be considered when formulating the 2016 budget. The 0% appropriation CAP and 2% levy CAP are also critical to the formulation of the budget.

**LAND USE:** Commissioner Buckman gave the following report: The total fees collected which also include local permits as well as UC Code Permits totaled \$15,888.

106 UCC inspections were done during the past month with 82% passing rate on the first inspection. 3 Zoning Compliance Certifications for new businesses have been approved and 8 certificate of occupancy inspections were completed for the sale of existing homes.

During our last report it was noted that no warnings have to be issued for failure to remove the snow from the sidewalk 12 hours of daylight after snow has stopped falling. Although there are times that the time to begin giving out tickets is when the property maintenance inspector is off, it should be noted that the Police Department also enforces this ordinance.

As **Library** liaison she reported there was an 8% decrease in circulation due to the bad weather. 7,211 people walked through the library doors. 37 cards were issued, total cards in Hasbrouck Heights are 6,996. A special reception in remembrance of Patrick Weaver was held Jan. 31. The video gaming collection was renamed "Patrick's Gaming Corner." The public is invited to make donations towards the purchase of future video games. Patrick loved working at the library and helping teens. The Lions Cub made a \$500 donation to the library to be used for the purchase of large print books. She said every year they make this donation to help supplement the cost of these expensive materials. The Friends of the Library purchased a beautiful area rug for the large meeting room. They are also starting to prepare for the Annual Book & Bake Sale this spring. Donations are being accepted.

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As **Chamber of Commerce** liaison, Councilwoman Buckman reported the Farmer's Market is on schedule for the Spring. They are always looking for new vendors and should contact the chamber if interested in a table for a week or the season.

**SOCIAL SERVICES:** Commissioner Link gave the following report: there were 104 visitors to the Food Pantry from February 1, 2016 through February 22, 2016. 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.

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity in donating items to the Food Pantry – First Reformed Church, First United Methodist Church Women, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, Meals with a Mission, Judy Mascis, Councilman David Gonzalez, Girl Scout Troop 498, Mrs. Gumbrecht, Josephine McLean, Eleanor Langevin, Karen Luculano, Rosemary Smith, Mrs. Nigito, Karen McDowell, Phylis Burman, Kathy Van Jura and Fran and Joe Visco.

We appreciate the following volunteers who supervise the food pantry on a rotating basis. They are Denise Betts, Al Kinsley, Jeff Leidenfrost, Warren Nelson, Marge Heeren, Rosemary Willard, Janice Cooney, Vivian Leidenfrost, Audrey Gall and Madeline deVelasco. 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 and do a wonderful job of stocking the shelves.

As is usually the case in the winter months, the shelves get a little sparse. 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.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION:** Commissioner Link reported with the assistance from the Bergen County Work Release Program, the following work was completed:

Public Safety Building:

- Painted basement hallway in Police Dept.
- Painted Weight/Exercise Room in Police Dept.
- Painted all stairwells in Police Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Borough Hall:

- Painted large meeting room in Library.
- Painted Community Room.
- Painted Staff Kitchen.

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

Painted stairwell to the basement.

Painted basement hallway.

Stripped & waxed floors in Community Room & basement hallway.

Repairs and maintenance completed during the month to the following facilities:

Borough Hall:

Replaced thermostat in Library.

Repaired water leak from bathroom fixture completed by DPW

Elevator maintenance

Replaced door relay/Library entrance.

Boiler Inspection conducted by Hartford Insurance/ Passed

Public Safety Building:

Replaced electronic door lock at Police Dept.

Repaired automatic garage door springs at Fire Dept.

Replaced ballast in Police Dept. by DPW

The schedule of meetings was as follows:

Community Room	19
Caucus Room	6
Council Chambers	5
Senior Center	8 (not including senior activities)

**FIRE:** Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following productivity report submitted by EMS Coordinator Elizabeth Waring: there were 29 Fire Calls and 88 EMS Calls.

On February 16, the HHFD responded to a two alarm fire at the Holiday Inn on Route 17S. The fire originated in Room 132 and was quickly knocked down preventing the fire from spreading. Mutual Aid towns responded and assisted. Our thanks to Little Ferry, Wallington, Lodi, Wood-Ridge and Moonachie.

On February 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Robert Knobloch and Engine 62 responded to a Mutual Aid call in Wood-Ridge on a working fire on Valley Road.

On February 22, a Fire Committee meeting was held with Mayor DeLorenzo, Deputy Fire Commissioner Lipari and Borough Administrator Kro nyak and all three Chiefs.

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### **FIRE (cont'd):**

Department needs and forecast were discussed.

He reminded residents to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Anything over five years of age should be replaced. Every detector has a small label showing the manufacturer's date of production. If no label exists, that means your device is well past the life expectancy!

**STREETS & SANITATION:** Commissioner Gonzalez gave the following report: as a follow-up on the Jonas Nor'easter snow storm of January 23, all snow was removed from the Boulevard Business District, all schools, churches, dead-end streets, cul-de-sacs, and Borough parking lots. DPW Supt. Bill Spindler met with Mr. Kronyak and OEM/Police Chief Colaneri to submit preliminary figures of the costs related to the storm for FEMA.

An e-mail was sent to all Bergen County Mayors/Managers through our Borough Clerk, Rose Marie Sees, from the Office of the County Executive. The message was regarding the assistance of snow removal to our municipality. The Borough asked if two roll-off containers could be supplied. In a response, the offer was negated as the County was unable to comply with our request as they were using the equipment as well.

Three inches of snow fell on February 5 and another three inches of snow and ice on February 15 brought out salt trucks and plows throughout the town. Bergen County Roads Division was billed for service rendered for plowing the County roads within the Borough. Salt was order through the Bergen County Co-Op to replenish our supply.

As part of the yearly requirement of the NJDEP, Stormwater Information Flyers were distributed through the Gazette Newspaper.

Four tons of winter mix asphalt that was heated in our "Asphalt Hot Box" and was used for pothole repair.

At the Franklin Avenue Pump Station, pump # 1 was partially bound and a bleeder assembly (releases the air) was replaced. Another pump was sent out to be rebuilt and two driveshafts will also be rebuilt by the DPW.

Heavy rainfall and strong winds sent trash receptacles flying down streets on Tuesday, February 16. Limbs fell throughout town and a non-Borough tree toppled onto a house. The DPW was in cleanup mode the following day picking up downed tree limbs and any tree issues.

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

A letter from the Bergen County Utilities Authority advised our Borough that the Solid Waste Disposal Fees would increase by \$2.65 per ton effective June 1 as part of the Co-Op Agreement. Bill Spindler and Mike Kronyak met to review the agreement.

**POLICE:** Commissioner Lipari gave the following Police Report: The annual beefsteak to benefit Special Olympics was held January 22 at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW. It was another tremendous event with over 400 attendees. The HHPD crew led by Sgt. Baker consisted of Capt. Rinke, Lt. Colaneri, Lt. Robertson, Sgt. Adamo, Sgt. Werner, Sgt. Kroncke, Ptl. Onohue, Det. Behr, Det. Dussault, Ptl. Cooke, Ptl. Woodbridge, Ptl. DeSimone, Ptl. Brunetti, Ptl. Condal, Ptl. Renna, Ptl. Rossillo and Ptl. Cambridge. All worked hard the entire night. Over \$17,000 profit was raised.

The Department in partnership with our schools renewed our commitment to the 'B.A.D.G.E.' Program. Under the new program, three officers will be assigned to each grade and will stop in the classrooms during their daily walk through. The schools will also invite the officers to class trips and events.

All members were offered and most attended an active shooter training course held at MetLife Stadium and Racetrack. The classes were conducted by the NJ State Police. All who attended reported gaining valuable information.

There were numerous summonses for failure to shovel sidewalks. All are reminded that sidewalks must be shoveled after the snow has ended. Residents needing someone to shovel can call the Police Desk at 201-288-1000.

Sgt. Nick Sisto retired on February 1. He and his family were wished good health and good luck in his retirement. Capt. Rinke, D/Lt. Colaneri and Det. Behr participated as members of the Bergen County SWAT Team in the recent task force that arrested a group that was doing armed robberies and shooting in Southern Bergen County. During the surveillance it was noted that the suspects never drove through Hasbrouck Heights, they would go around it.

Burglary Arrests: Members of the Detective Bureau were busy solving a commercial burglary at 777 Terrace Avenue. The next day a residential burglary occurred and a suspect was identified. The suspect was charged with the Hasbrouck Heights burglary, possession of CDS and working with other detectives, he was charged in several other jurisdictions.

Commissioner Lipari gave the following Statistics Report for the month of January:

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### **POLICE (cont'd):**

Parking Violations: 333 in 2016, 376 in 2015. Moving Violations: 375 in 2016, 235 in 2015.

He then read two letters of commendation: one was to Chief Colaneri from Carrie Lee Cutruzzella, Office Administrator in the Lyndhurst Building Department. It read: 'I'm writing this letter to make sure you know how impressed I was with Officer Joe Olivo. I had an incident yesterday with a flat tire at the BP gas station on Route 17. The men in the gas station were rude, banging on my window and yelling for me to pull back onto 17 with a flat tire. They told me I was on private property. Since I didn't move they called your police department. I explained to Officer Olivo what happened. He told me don't worry you did the right thing. I was very upset and scared. Officer Olivo offered to change my tire which he didn't have to do. I told him AAA was going to be there in 5 minutes. He didn't leave me until AAA showed up. I was very thankful for that and how he handled himself. I was very nervous with those rude men. Please let him know I greatly appreciated everything he did. Your officer was so respectful and kind. I am very partial to officers. My dad is a retired Jersey City officer and I know how hard it is. Thank you for keeping us safe from any and all kinds of crimes, saving our pets when something happens, giving us guidance when we are lost; and most of all thank you for letting us rely on you in our worst of times. Thank you for taking time away from your family to come help ours; thank you for putting your lives in danger every day so that we can live ours peacefully; and most of all thank you for putting up with all the hatred and negativity and still doing your job with a smile on your faces. I always say to everyone "Next time they think about bad mouthing a cop or show disrespect to one just because they are wearing that blue uniform – think about who your first call will be if you were ever in anger or in need of assistance."

The second letter was to Chief Colaneri from Traffic Officer Dominic Miller of the Lodi Police Department: "Our agency has recently acquired 2 military Humvees through the LESO Program. Myself and Sgt. Paglia have been in contact with Jeff since we started this process and he has helped us tremendously. Not only has he walked Sgt Paglia through navigating the website, but he assisted me in the process of registering the vehicles. He also donated 2 step down conversion packs for the batteries to us, which he purchased out of his own pocket. D/Sgt Werner is a true asset to your agency and without his help and knowledge, we would still be in the beginning stages of this process. On behalf of Chief Quatrone, Deputy Chief Scorzetti and the members of the Lodi Police Dept, I would like to express our thanks for all of D/Sgt Werner's help."

**HEALTH:** Commissioner Lipari gave the following Health report:

**AARP Safe Driving Program:** The Health Dept. Has scheduled another AARP Safe

**HEALTH (cont'd):**

Driving Program to be held Tuesday, March 22 in Borough Hall. The cost for the class is \$15 for AARP member and \$20 for non-members. Completion of the course, which is renewable every three years, will allow a two-point reduction from your driver's license and a five percent deduction on car insurance premiums. To pre-register please contact the Health Dept. at 201-288-1636.

**5K Run/Walk & Health Fair:** The Board of Health is planning their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run and Fun Walk on Sunday, April 24. The 5K Run is to help raise scholarship funds for town residents and the N.J. State Seeing Eye Dog Program. The Race will begin at 9 a.m. on Central Avenue and the Boulevard. To register please go to: [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

If you or someone you know would like to donate supplies and gifts to the participating runners, please contact the Health Dept. Goal is to donate 100% of race proceeds to the various program. If you make a donation by March 21 your contribution will be acknowledged on T-shirts provided to runners along with other event-related printed material.

**Dog Licenses:** The Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2015 dog license expired on January 31, 2016 and must be renewed as soon as possible. The Health Dept. has issued over 865 dog licenses and reminder letters will be mailed out the last week of February.

**PARKS:** Commissioner Traina gave the following report: after the recent snow and/or ice storm events on February 5 and February 15, which brought 3-inches of snow each time to our Borough, the Department of Public Works cleared all sidewalks in and around our Parks, including the Police Memorial and the Circle areas.

At Woodland Park, the Police apprehended a vehicle that was driving through the field area. The vehicle caused heavy ruts in the ground. The Department of Public Works inspected the field but was unable to determine at this time if any damage was caused to the irrigation system. They will re-inspect the area in the Spring.

On February 17, the DPW cleared downed trees and large tree limbs in Woodland Park due to high winds and heavy rainfall.

He noted that correspondence has been received from Ken Job, Borough Engineer, regarding the Woodland Park playground. A copy of the plans was provided to the Mayor and Council.

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**RECREATION:** Commissioner Traina reported that Recreation Wrestlastics completed its eighth class last week. All children received certificates and parents were very happy with the program.

Recreation Basketball will be winding down this week with most of the divisions playing their championship games this weekend.

Recreation Wrestling just held the TCWJWL district championship on Sunday. HH Rec had five champions, eight silver medalists and seven bronze medal winners. The wrestlers who placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will advance to the regionals this weekend in Hackensack.

Recreation 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys and girls basketball clinics will be finished this Saturday. Trophies will be handed out to all participants at the end of the class.

Recreation Adult Coed Volleyball meets on Wednesday nights from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Recreation Men's Adult Basketball meets on Monday nights from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

There is a monthly schedule available in the Senior Center with all of our senior activities.

February 2016: Recreation softball registration  
Recreation track and field registration

March 2016: CIT Program application  
Summer Camp Counselor applications

If you have any questions please call Robert Brady, Director of Recreation at 201-288-4143 or e-mail at [hhrec@aol.com](mailto:hhrec@aol.com)

You can also follow the recreation department on Twitter @hhrecreation and Facebook by liking our Facebook page - Hasbrouck Heights Recreation.

Commissioner Traina attended the wrestling match held this past weekend when an 11-year-old boy dislocated his elbow which required emergency surgery. He commended Patrolmen Olivo and Condal who responded in under two minutes.

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### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor DeLorenzo began his report by saying he attended the NJ Conference of Mayors in Trenton on January 28 regarding terrorism in New Jersey. Guest speakers were NJ Director of Homeland Security Dr. Rodriguez and Colonel Fuentes of the NJ State Police. Both presented information regarding the services the State Police can provide to assist local municipalities. We here in Bergen have a great law enforcement community but it is nice to know these services are available if needed for major events or events of catastrophe in the future.

Feb. 3 the Community Celebrations Committee met and reorganized. The meeting went very well, we have a lot of enthusiastic people ready to go, with the Easter Egg Hunt being the first event. He thanked Laura Baker for taking charge and getting the meeting together.

Feb. 5 along with 10 other Mayors from Bergen County attended a round table discussion with Senate President Sweeney, Senator Sarlo, Senator Weinberg and Senator Gordon. Topics discussed were:

Tax burdens affecting senior citizens and young families in NJ

State Aid to municipalities and school systems. I brought up the fact the Hasbrouck Heights receives almost no state aid leaving the tax burden directly on municipal taxes.

Funding for road resurfacing and street repair and projects.

The disproportionate mandates regarding affordable housing. The other mayors agreed that in Bergen County there isn't room or space to meet these mandates and we don't have room to build the court-ordered housing. I personally expressed my concerns that these decisions are being made by the courts not the legislators.

Health benefits and pensions were also discussed and the fact that the State is not meeting its obligations.

Feb. 9 attended the B.C. League of Municipalities Breakfast. Bob Hoffman spoke about the NJ State Pensions and their future. John Hogan, B.C. Clerk spoke about the role of the clerk. Speakers were there from the office of B.C. Social Services. A large topic of discussion was the utilities tax that was paid to the towns but now goes to the State and is not disbursed it to the towns as promised.

He thanked Dr. Helfant, Mrs. Messery and the Board of Education who attended the

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February 9 council meeting and made their presentation.

February 10 the committee to Recognize Military Service met and discussed the mission of the committee. There were many good ideas and they will meet again in March and decide how to move forward. The first order of business is to put together a list of residents who are serving in the military.

February 11, I attended the Environmental Commission meeting that went very well. There were a lot of good ideas brought up and I look forward to exploring the possibilities of implementing them.

Library Board, Fire Committee and Finance Committee meetings were all covered.

He publicly and personally congratulated Sgt. Nick Sisto on an outstanding police career. Nick and I worked together for many years. As a fellow officer I was proud to serve the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights with him. Nick was a credit to the department as an officer, but more importantly Nick is a good man. I wish him and his family all the best in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
48. Authorizing Approval of 2016/2017 Licenses for Commercial Sale of Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers
  49. Authorizing Mutual Aid Plan with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association including Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team and Regional SWAT Team
  50. Opposing Rate Increase by Suez Water New Jersey Inc.
  51. Authorizing Raffle License for Junior League of Bergen County
  52. Authorizing Award of Contract for 2015 Road Resurfacing Program
  53. Authorizing an Extension of the Agreement with BCUA for Solid Waste Services Commencing on June 1, 2016 and Ending on May 31, 2017

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS:** 54. Approving the List of Volunteer Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department who Qualified for Credit Under the LOSAP Program for 2015

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 54 which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

55. Authorizing Contract with Bello Grande Contracting, LLC to Complete Phase VII Phase Sections of Boulevard Streetscape

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 55 which was made by Councilman Traina, seconded by Councilman Lipari, and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Julian Mlenak as Hasbrouck Heights HHFD Junior Firefighter  
Catherine Kelly as Board of Health Alt. 1 for 2 years  
George Shihanian as Board of Health Alt. 2 for 1 year

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

**RESIGNATIONS:** Andrew Heisey from Hasbrouck Heights Planning Board  
Andrew Heisey from Hasbrouck Heights Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to accept the foregoing Resignation which was made by Councilman DiPisa, seconded by Councilman Gonzalez and unanimously accepted with regret.

**MISCELLANEOUS FROM PUBLIC:**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS (cont'd):**

Rose Heck, 501 Collins Avenue, commended Andrew Heisey for his outstanding work on both the Planning and Zoning Boards. He was placed on two boards because he was a professional who gave of his time freely and his expertise will be missed. He cautioned the council to be careful when making these appointments. She also congratulated Chief Colaneri and the department when she read they were again commended for being in the top ten safest communities in New Jersey. She was pleased the council awarded the contract for the paving of Franklin Avenue, and a portion of Division Avenue.

Councilman DiPisa commented on record in reference to the Consent Agenda, #50, opposing the rate increase by Suez Water. He also wanted to say that going from quarterly to monthly payments is a big nuisance. It is a waste of paper, waste of personnel, is irresponsible and is cumbersome. Water bills are not that excessive that they have to be paid monthly. He will be looking into it. Mayor DeLorenzo said he agrees.

There being no one else coming forward, Mayor DeLorenzo asked for a motion to close the public portion which was made by Councilman Gonzalez, seconded by Councilman Traina, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the governing body, at 9:22 p.m., Mayor DeLorenzo requested a motion to adjourn which was made by Councilman Lipari, seconded by Councilman Traina, 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 February 23, 2016.

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Rose Marie Sees, Borough Clerk