

## REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:15 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler read proclamations for retiring Library Board of Trustee Members Marc Mappen and Carl Wilson. She presented them with embossed copies of the proclamation.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Arts Commission has commissioned a Band Aid Sculpture bench for next year. They also voted last Thursday on a new member of the Commission and she welcomed Chris Young to the Commission. They are moving ahead with plans to collaborate with the New Brunswick Arts Council on the Windows of Understanding seen through hate window art projects with a municipal launch of January 15, 2018. They have been developing a digital art walk for the website and for mobile use so that residents can find out more information about the art walk in the windows of the businesses via their mobile devices or online from home. They are still in the planning stages of their series pop art panelists from famous pop artists from Highland Park. They are developing more workshops for all ages, including preschoolers, for 2018. The Youth Basketball teams have been practicing and games begin January 7<sup>th</sup>. All adult recreation programs begin in January. The theater performance is set for next month, Legally Blonde Jr. The engineering, art and chess classes begin next month and the winter indoor soccer program will run in January and February. The Community Holiday dinner will take place December 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and all are invited. She thanked Pithari for hosting the seniors on December 11<sup>th</sup> for their annual holiday luncheon. She encouraged everyone to stop by the center or visit the website to see all the programs and activities they have scheduled for 2018. She mentioned that last night she and her husband got to attend Make Me Take Me Trial Pottery Class. She encouraged everyone to stop in and give it a try. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman George reported that the Shade Tree Advisory Committee, the Environmental Commission and Sustainable Highland Park have submitted their budgets and have held them solidly. He had a long term meeting with the Department of Public Works last week and he asked them to look out 1, 2 and 3 years as to their needs. They also identified some services that the Borough can scale down and try and restrict the budget quite significantly.

Councilman Hersh reported that the Human Relations Commission held its first book club on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Senior/Youth Center. There were about 10 residents, most of whom did not know each other, participating in a weighty discussion about race, racial identity and how we participate in racial stereotypes. The book they read was "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng. There was food and good discussion. On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Public Library, Sonia Panigrahy will read her book, Nina the Neighborhood Ninja. He encouraged residents to join the Human Relations Commission on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Park High School for their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards Program. This year's Humanitarian Award recipient is Harry Pangemann, an immigrant rights advocate and the minister of Facilities and Disaster Relief for Churches Accomplishing Long-term Recovery. The program will include entertainment by professional dancers, steppers, poets and more. Refreshments will follow the program and he encouraged residents to come and break bread with their neighbors as they celebrate the town's deep humanitarian spirit and tradition. The Human Relations Commission will meet tomorrow, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. HP Gives a Hoot will provide a lunch program at the Senior/Youth Center on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> for all Highland Park school-aged children, K through 12. Lunch will be provided between 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day. No vouchers are needed during Winter Break, but participants are asked to complete a short survey that can be found at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com) and on the Facebook page, handle: [www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot](https://www.facebook.com/hpgivesahoot). Yesterday, as Liaison to the Highland Park Housing Authority and the Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation, he participated in a meeting that examined affordable housing strategies for New Brunswick and the region. The discussion was led by a great group of student-researchers from the Bloustein School at Rutgers. They discussed Healthy Housing, Homeownership, Vacant/Abandoned Properties, and Tenant-Landlord concerns. The Borough's Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs met on December 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed 2018 goals, further development of the municipal ID program and the creation of a non-profit social services organization. He announced that the Commissioners unanimously elected Isabel Ruano and John Adler as Commission Chair and Vice Chair. The Highland Park Municipal ID officially launched on October 31<sup>st</sup>. He encouraged residents to obtain their ID and noted that applicants must be at least 14 years old and a resident of the Borough, and they must show proof of identity and residency. Office hours for applications are Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Additional details and the application are available at [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com). He noted that Dan Stern Cardinale will be appointed as an alternate to the Board of Health. Dan is civic-minded and cares greatly about public health policy in the Borough. Finally, it's the season for giving. He asked residents to support the Highland Park Community Food Pantry. Checks can be made payable to the Borough of Highland Park with "Food Pantry" indicated in the memo field. Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the Senior/Youth Center, c/o Highland Park Food Pantry, 220 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the slab was poured a couple of weeks ago for the teen center. They are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase where they will put the electrical in and once that goes in, weather

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permitting, they will work on plumbing. In the next few weeks you should be seeing a structure. She will post updates on the Facebook page and provide updates at future Council meetings. She reminded everyone to please clean snow off sidewalks after a snowfall. She encouraged the businesses on Raritan Avenue and Woodbridge Avenue to make sure that patrons have safe access to their businesses after a snowfall. She encouraged everyone to be safe during the holiday season as Police Departments across the State of New Jersey will be enforcing the “Stay Sober or Get Pulled Over” program. Lastly, she reported that there is a deer problem in town and the Borough is working hard and looking to see what they can do to solve or find a solution. She also reported on some fox sightings in town and urged residents to contact the Police Department should they see one. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Fine reported that over a year ago this Council adopted a Municipal ID Card ordinance and this year the program was finally implemented. Residents should be thankful for the work of Councilman Hersh for making this program come to fruition. He himself obtained a municipal ID card that also doubles as a library card. He urged all residents to come to Borough Hall and get an ID. Throughout the year, the Library Board of Trustees meets on the last Monday of each month. Due to the holidays, they met last night and made note of the dedicated volunteer service of two Highland Park residents, Carl Wilson and Marc Mappen. Mr. Wilson served on the Board for 16 years and Mr. Mappen served for over 20 years. Mr. Mappen served as Board President from 2011 until 2015 and was instrumental in creating the library’s strategic plan for 2012-2015. The Borough owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mappen for their service. On Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> he will be meeting with the Mayor, the Borough Administrator and former Mayor Steve Nolan, who has been serving as the Chair of the Borough’s Shared Service Commission. The purpose of the Shared Services Commission is to make recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council regarding potential revenue and savings opportunities for Highland Park to pursue. Chairman Nolan will share the Commission’s recommendations for their consideration. He wished all Highland Park Residents Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman Welkovits thanked Marc Mappen and Carl Wilson on their dedication to the Library Board and to the community. She had the pleasure of serving with both of them for about four years and she wished them the best. She thanked Main Street, Mike Beiberman and Rabbi Green for another wonderful menorah lighting event last weekend. Special thanks to Chris Young and Arnie Weinberg for organizing the very popular Central Jersey Pop Up Flea Markets that were enjoyed this holiday shopping season. She thanked Main Street, the vendors, the food trucks, the local merchants and all the shoppers who keep our downtown lively and successful. She thanked the merchants for decorating their beautiful windows. She encouraged residents to join in the Kwanzaa celebration on December 26<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Kinetics. Lastly, on this last night of Hanukah she hoped that candles burn bright all year long. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Feliz Navidad and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that the New Jersey Department of Transportation has approved Highland Park for local design assistance for the Safe Routes to School Program. Highland Park was awarded a grant in 2016 to improve pedestrian accesses to the schools. This will save the borough money in designing the ramps and doing sidewalk improvements.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that next week Winter Time Stretch Yoga with the Mayor will begin at Kinetics. Information can be found on the Facebook page. They are working on schedule now. The Borough received notification from an organization called Zippia, which is an online research firm, that Highland Park was ranked #7 in terms of smartest towns in New Jersey. The Park Partners program has been underway and have received 12 submissions. The voting session will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Last year hundreds of residents participated in voting for their favorite ideas in five categories. Councilman Hersh mentioned that HP Gives a Hoot will run a lunch program during the winter break. There is still time to donate to this group.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

No one appearing to be heard, the Mayor closed the public discussion.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

- Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.
- Opposed: None.
- Abstained: None.
- Absent: None.

No. 12-17-361

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park:

1. Transfers of 2017 budget appropriation balances shall be made as follows; and  
Budget Transfer #2

Description	From	To
Apartment Solid Waste		13,100.00
Electric		25,000.00
Legal		29,000.00
Group Insurance		78,400.00
Office on Aging OE		1,000.00
Public Works OE		12,000.00
Finance OE		35,000.00
Fire S&W		2,500.00

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Police S&W		22,000.00
Dispatch S&W		1,000.00
Public Works S&W		7,000.00
Building & Grounds S&W		1,000.00
UCC S&W		1,000.00
Motorpool S&W		2,500.00
Comm & Econ Dvlpmt OE	25,500.00	
Planning Board OE	19,000.00	
BOE S&W	38,000.00	
BOE OE	13,500.00	
Police OE	45,000.00	
Fire OE	10,000.00	
Motorpool OE	12,500.00	
Infotech OE	15,000.00	
Arts Commission	5,000.00	
Telephones	10,000.00	
Finance S&W	17,000.00	
Comm S&W	5,500.00	
Court S&W	7,500.00	
Cable TV	7,000.00	
Total	230,500.00	230,500.00

- The budget transfer per Resolution 11-17-351 on November 8, 2017 is amended so as the appropriation to Legal OE in the amount of \$80,000 is revised to \$39,000 and the transfer from Financial Administration S/W in the amount of \$41,000 is cancelled.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.  
 Opposed: None.  
 Abstained: None.  
 Absent: None.

No. 12-17-376

WHEREAS, an emergency has risen with respect to purchase of water and, no adequate provision was made in the 2017 budget for the aforesaid purpose and NJSA 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$400,000.00 and three (3%) percent of the total operating appropriation in the budget for 2017 is \$588,667.59; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3%) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Highland Park (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-20;

- An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the purchase of water in the amount of \$40,000.00.
- That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2018 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to NJSA 40A4-53.3c(1).
- That two (2) certified copies of the Resolution to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution Nos. 12-17-377 through 12-17-393 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.  
 Opposed: None.  
 Abstained: None.  
 Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-377

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, filed on July 2, 2015 a Declaratory Judgment action captioned In the Matter of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, Docket No. MID-L-3926-15 in order to meet its Affordable Housing Mount Laurel Fair Share Obligation and memorialize said obligation through 2025 by having the Borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan judicially approved; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Share Housing Center, a nonprofit corporation of the State of New Jersey, is a party to said Declaratory Judgment action as is the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has conferred with the Fair Share Housing Center and has reached a proposed settlement agreement which sets forth the Borough's satisfaction of its affordable housing rehabilitation obligation, satisfaction of the Borough's prior Round Affordable Housing Obligation and a Fair Share Plan that will satisfy the Borough's Third Round Obligation through the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to memorialize its Mount Laurel Affordable Housing Compliance Plan by entering into a Settlement Agreement with the Fair Share Housing Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

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1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the Fair Share Housing Center concerning the Borough's Mount Laurel Fair Share Obligations and the means by which the Borough shall satisfy same once the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board also approves said Settlement Agreement.
2. The Settlement Agreement hereby authorized is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
3. A certified true copy of the Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to Kevin Walsh, Esq., Fair Share Housing Center, 510 Park Boulevard, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002.

The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-378

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8-1 et seq. authorizes municipal local units to enter into contracts with one another for the purpose of providing shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is desirous of procuring Animal Control Shelter Services for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 inclusive, to comply with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Edison is desirous of supplying and undertaking the duties of Animal Control Shelter Services and fulfilling the obligations thereof as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park represents that the funds to meet the costs of this contract are included in the current budget of appropriations, or in the alternative, that there has been and there will continue to be an Ordinance authorizing the appropriation sufficient to meet the costs of carrying out the provisions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached shared service agreement with the Township of Highland Park for the purpose of providing Animal Control Services to said Borough.
2. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward and execute shared service agreement to the Edison Township Clerk, at 100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, New Jersey 08817, with the instructions to return a fully signed copy of the Borough for its records.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-379

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the following the amount set opposite, the same being the amount of overpayment of 2017 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes for the property indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
30	9	Land Track Title Agency 750 Chestnut Ridge Road Chestnut, Ridge, NY 10977 (220 Valentine Street)	\$2,684.10

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department and Tax Collector forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-380

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue an appropriate Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate for #11-00070 in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Finance Department and the Tax Collector.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-381

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that an Adjourned Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council will be held at Borough Hall, 221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park, NJ on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Organization Meeting of the Borough Council for the Year 2018 will be held at Borough Hall, 221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park, NJ on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-382

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to publicly bid for the services of Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to perform services for the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough is hereby authorized to publicly bid for the services of Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) to perform professional services for the Borough by a Request for Qualifications.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-383

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to publicly bid for Computer Consulting (IT) Services for the Borough;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough is hereby authorized to publicly bid for Computer Consulting (IT) Services for the Borough by a Request for Proposals.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-384

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 11-17-355, adopted by the Borough Council on November 8, 2017, authorized Change Order No. 2 to allow for additional work on Wayne Street, Cleveland Avenue, and South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution No. 11-17-355 shall be and is hereby rescinded due to unanticipated work needed on Felton Avenue.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-385

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 3-17-118, adopted March 21, 2017, the Borough Council authorized execution of a contract with Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. for Improvements to Grant Avenue, Felton Avenue and Graham Street, in an amount not to exceed \$538,982.97, without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said resolution a contract was duly executed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has prepared the attached Change Order No. 2 o the said contract to allow for supplemental work for the above referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has prepared the attached Change Order No. 2 to the said contract to allow for changes in the contract quantities to allow the deletion of work on Graham Street and the addition of supplemental work on Felton Avenue, work that was not anticipated at the time that plans and specifications were prepared for an additional cost of \$16,945.43; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-822-210 in the amount of \$14,605.32, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Finance Department, shown below; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the proposed Change Order No. 2 for this contract and has approved the same subject to satisfaction of N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9 relating to change orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1, dated November 21, 2017, to the contract of Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. upon satisfaction of N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9 relating to the submission of a certification relating to the change orders to date, to the satisfaction of the Borough Attorney and Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, Borough Treasurer and Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-386

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 3-17-118, adopted by the Borough Council on March 21, 2017, a contract was awarded to Z. Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Sayreville, NJ, for the Improvements to Grant Avenue, Felton Avenue and Graham Street; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 4, filed by the CME Associates, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to Z. Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc., the sum of \$193,387.91 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from November 21, 2017 to December 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-822-210 in the amount of \$193,387.91, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Z. Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. the sum of \$193,387.91, as certified by the Engineer in Pay Estimate No. 4, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and CME Associates forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-387

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units, including the Borough of Highland Park, to make purchases and contract for services through the use of nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreements that have been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey or within any other state; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has determined that the use of cooperative purchasing agreements may result in significant cost savings and is desirous of continued participation in a national cooperative called the National Joint Powers Alliance ("NJPA"); and

WHEREAS, NJPA is established as a public agency and serves agencies across the United States and Canada as a municipal contracting agency; and

WHEREAS, NJPA operates under the enabling authority of Minnesota Statute 123A.21; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to continue to be a member of the NJPA for the purposes of purchasing goods and or services through a procurement process that is more efficient and provides a cost savings to the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, be and hereby is authorized to continue its membership in the National Joint Powers Alliance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any agreement and the Clerk is authorized to attest to the signature of the Mayor on any agreement signed in connection with joining and participating in the National Joint Powers Alliance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Highland Park shall be responsible for ensuring that all goods and/or services procured through the National Joint Powers Alliance comply with all laws of the State of New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-388

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units, including the Borough of Highland Park, to make purchases and contract for services through the use of nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreements that have been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey or within any other state; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 12-17-387, adopted December 19, 2017, the Borough of Highland Park entered into an agreement with a national cooperative called the National Joint Powers Alliance (“NJPA”); and

WHEREAS, the NJPA enters into contracts for a wide variety of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of entering to the contract with the NJPA was to obtain better prices than the Borough would be able to obtain individually, and to save the Borough the expense of bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has done research and recommends that the Borough purchase the following items from the following vendors through Contract with the NJPA:

Item Description	Vendor	Amount	Contract NO.
Kubota RTV Model X1100CWL	Harter Equipment, Inc. 615 State Route 33 Millstone Township, NJ 08535	\$26,121.16	042815-KBA
Labrie Enviroquip Expert t2000 Garbage Truck	Sanitation Equipment Corp. 80 Furler St. Totowa, NJ 07512	\$322,489.80	112014-LEG

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. c-04-55-967-201 in the amount of \$348,610.96, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Finance Department, shown below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Highland Park be and is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to witness any Contract with the above referenced vendors for the items and the amounts listed above; and

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-389

WHEREAS, the Borough utilizes a software program for various departments within the Borough through Spatial Data Logic (SDL); and

WHEREAS, the vendor is due payment in the amount of \$21,000 for said licenses; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 7-01-20-140-218 as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Finance Director, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to remit the amount of \$21,000 to Spatial Data Logic (SDL), 285 Davidson Ave Suite 302, Somerset, New Jersey 08873 for renewal of fourteen (14) licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-390

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 3, 2017 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

HARRY PESTKA, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.44, effective December 5, 2017.

JOSEPH CENCI, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.44, effective December 5, 2017.

ELI SCHWARTZ, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.44, effective December 7, 2017.

ABBY KALAN, Part-Time Librarian, at an hourly rate of \$30.20, effective January 2, 2018.

MARY PIEKARSKI, Part-Time Librarian, at an hourly rate of \$30.20, effective January 11, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director be and is hereby directed to make the necessary changes in the payroll records of the Finance Department in accordance with the changes established by this resolution.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-391

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex and the Borough of Highland Park wish to enter into a Cooperative Agreement for deferral fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020 to provide means of conducting certain community development activities utilizing Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) funds, and HOME Investment Partnerships funds, and Emergency Solutions Program (ESG) for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Highland Park to enter into an Agreement with the County of Middlesex for these Cooperative Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Governing Body is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the utilization of Community Development Block grant (“CDBG”) funds, HOME Investment Partnership funds for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020.

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2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to the Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.
3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately.
4. That a copy of this Agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Borough Clerk’s office during normal business hours.
5. That a certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of the Agreement, shall be forwarded to the County of Middlesex Board of Chosen Freeholders, and to Paul Buckley, Division Head, County of Middlesex Public Housing Agency, Division of Housing, Community Development and Social Services.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 12-17-393

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that all claims presented prior to this meeting as shown on a detailed list prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and which have been submitted and approved in accordance with Highland Park Ordinance No. 1004, shall be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall include in the minutes of this meeting a statement as to all such claims approved as shown in a Bills List Journal in accordance with said Ordinance.

The bills approved for payment at this meeting, Bills List 12/19/17 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 36.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

No. 12-17-392

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such item of revenue in the budget of the county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2017 in the sum of \$58,567.00, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$58,567.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Community Development Block Grant	\$58,567.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of the certification of adoption of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, complained about the volume of the microphones. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough Administrator is looking into the matter. Ms. Bickhardt complained about sidewalks that need repair and that she has provided Code Enforcement with a list and nothing seems to happen.

No one else appearing to be heard, the Mayor closed public discussion.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk