

## REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 13, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:07 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Mayor Brill Mittler read proclamation for Franco Juricic and presented him with a duly embossed copy of the proclamation denoting that

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Highland Park High School has been known for its academics. The Highland Park Girls Track and Field Team won the Group I State Championship for the first time since 1979. She asked Council President Welkovits to join her. Mayor Brill Mittler invited the team up to receive proclamations for their achievements. She also invited former Highland Park High School track team member Neki Figg Harrison to join her. Council President Welkovits noted that Ms. Harrison still holds the shot put record. The track team will be honored with a parade on Friday.

Rebecca Hersh appeared to present the Main Street Minute. She noted that the Farmer's Market is in full swing with some new vendors – NJ Winery, Cold Brew Coffee Company, olive oil and vinegar, and New Athens Corner (local merchant). New furniture has been added to the market so people can sit and have lunch. On Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> there was a performance at the farmer's market from students at the Bartle School. On June 30<sup>th</sup> they are teaming with Sustainable Highland Park for a soft launch for the new plastic bag reduction campaign. It is not a plastic bag ban and they are working with the merchants to make Highland Park more sustainable. Brian Ontken is running the Outdoor Movie program. There were over 100 people at the first two movies. They will be showing Big Trouble in Little China on Saturday. Arts in the Park will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> and they are soliciting vendors, artists and sponsors. Main Street Highland Park is working on a new website with new content. They are also working on a new business directory and map. Lastly, she reported that Chamber 43 is the newest business in the downtown. It is a record store and stays open until 11:00 p.m.

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

Councilwoman Kim reported that the Arts Commission held an awesome Open Studios on Sunday. She thanked everyone who participated, including Councilman George, and the organizers, artists and businesses who helped make this event a great success. She asked them to attend the next Arts Commission Meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Council on Aging meeting was postponed due to the Primary held last Tuesday. They will meet again on June 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing some topics including OATS, which stands for Older Adults Technology Services. Their organization helps older adults live a more connected life. The Senior Prom will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The event features dancing and refreshments and at the end they crown a king and queen. This year she is excited to announce that the seniors will be able to take home a keepsake. There will be a photo booth there this year. The photo booth was sponsored by Oasis Senior Advisors. Today was the last day to sign up for summer camps without a late fee. Last month, they held the annual Buddy Ball Talent Showcase. She thanked everyone who attended. She attended on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Celebrate Middlesex County Festival. Residents from around the County enjoyed free entertainment and fun for the whole family in Roosevelt Park. On Saturday, in honor of Celebrating Pride Month, there will be a LGBT flag raising at the Middlesex County Building in New Brunswick at 9:30 AM.

Councilman George reported that they were unable to secure assistance from Rutgers for the Utilization study and the videos have been returned. He met with the citizen volunteers as a result and we are proceeding with the tabulation of the Utilization study ourselves. Since some of the other recommendations depend on the result of the Utilization study, they will be working on this project in June and July. We have also incorporated recommendations and thoughts from Complete Streets, the Redevelopment Agency and will be setting up a meeting with Safe Walking and Cycling Committee as well, since there has been more development of plans and the cycling route in cooperation with Rutgers, which was developed after Parking Study. Bulk Trash pickup for the South Side is Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Last week's bulk trash pickup on the North Side was 27 tons, which is consistent with prior pickups. Recycle Coach now has almost 150 users. This app is free, and does a lot more than just remind you of trash and recycling days. Today, there were 3 calls before 7am asking if today was bulk trash day. Also, you can report problems to DPW and get information on what is recyclable and how to dispose of it safely. The Department of Public Works is working on the repaving schedule after receiving the grant for paving. We'll keep you posted on that. Several streets are being reviewed on the list. All of the 22 internal tree plantings have been completed; these are trees in the neighborhood on verges or in municipal areas. The tree stumps have been removed from the Raritan Avenue replanting area and half of the 21 trees were planted. The other half should be done by the end of this week. A motorist ran over a tree near Dunkin Donuts while making a turn across the sidewalk, but surveillance cameras appear not to reveal a license plate number. Another tree on the other side of the street was stripped of bark intentionally, and so neither of these tree plantings will be covered by the warranty. Solar Powered dusk to dawn motion detector Lights were installed at the HP Beekeeper site which may help deter further damage to the hive. Solar powered dusk to dawn motion detector Lights will be installed for exterior safety lighting on the Environmental Center. This is part of the upgrade to facilities to make it more workable as a meeting place and we will be getting a proposal from the Department of Public Works for various permeable walkway materials for access as well. The Environmental Commission website development is almost done, with extensive volunteer work, thanks to Chris Satch. The Environmental Commission thought that the new website should carry environmentally themed photos and other work, so we connected the Environmental Commission with the Arts Commission who is reaching out to local artists – the Art Collective has a large volume of environmentally themed work. The Meadows trail work is proceeding, this is a yearlong project with several phases to upgrade the trail paths and replant native species. There is an upcoming PES&G solar farm meeting coming up to review our status with the

Department of Environmental Protection for the permit. The Birding project has met several times to observe bird wildlife in and around the Meadows and the Native Plant Reserve with an average of 10-15 people attending. Their next meeting is July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center. The grant award acceptance for Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant in the amount of \$10,000 is on the list for acceptance tonight. It is sponsored by PSE&G. Sustainable HP is using the grant to increase recycling or reduction of plastic shopping bags and has already set up meetings with Stop & Shop management and is reaching out to other merchants. Sustainable HP will also be encouraging us to abandon our use of plastic in favor of reusable totes to cut down use of plastic bags. Their next meeting is June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Environmental Center. As noted, the tree replanting is nearly complete and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee, Department of Public Works and Main Street are to be congratulated on the cooperative planning which got the project done. The tree supply arbor did not have a full supply of larger caliber trees, and thus the contract amount was reduced enough to allow the Borough to obtain bags which continuously water as well as protect the lower portion of the tree from bruising and damage. Tree inventory update should be available in July and assist our planning over the next few years for planting and maintenance. Next meeting is this Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> here in Borough Hall. The Public Works and Public Utilities Committee met on May 30<sup>th</sup> where they discussed much of the above topics and shared information about status of these projects and budget proposals for next year.

Councilman Hersh reported that tonight the Council is voting on Resolution 6-17-200, an amendment to the cooperation agreement between the Borough of Highland Park and the Highland Park Housing Authority. This is basically a pro forma measure that updates the PILOT agreement between the Housing Authority and the Borough. This is necessitated by the Housing Authority's new ownership arrangement with New Jersey Community Capital for the Samuel Kronman Building, the location of the Borough's 100 public rental homes, announced earlier this year, as part of our entrance into HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. RAD is simply a financing mechanism that allows under-resourced public housing authorities like ours leverage private funds for necessary capital needs improvements. RAD is the result of about \$30 billion in unmet capital needs nationwide in the country's public housing stock and Congress can't, or won't, appropriate the funds to make these critical improvements to the nation's 1.1 million public homes. This resolution signifies nothing different from what we're doing now – all housing authorities have PILOTS and the Housing Authority pays a special agreement based on 10 percent of the gross shelter rents, minus utilities. Because the 100 homes in the Samuel Kronman building are part of the RAD agreement, which stipulates a 30-year transfer of ownership agreement with New Jersey Community Capital, a mission-based, New Brunswick-based, community development financial institution, we have to acknowledge this new arrangement through this resolution. I should note: ***the 100 affordable homes in Kronman are still very much public – publicly managed and under public stewardship***, but to leverage new capital for a new \$227,000 roof, bathroom upgrades, energy efficient windows, and more, we've entered into this arrangement with New Jersey Community Capital. We are fortunate to have a community-minded partner of this caliber. Through HUD's provisions, we're able to maintain our PILOT agreement with the Borough because we established a nonprofit affiliate, the Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation, to serve as the legal authority to direct financial and legal interests, per HUD requirements. This nonprofit can also serve as an affordable housing developer in the long-term, which is an exciting prospect. The 24 family homes at Park Terrace remain under the ownership of the Housing Authority. The Highland Park Housing Authority will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, June 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Samuel J. Kronman Building at 242 South 6th Ave. Tonight, we're holding a first reading and public comment on an ordinance that creates a new Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. This commission shall recommend policy related to Highland Park's immigrant community, including the Borough's underserved and marginalized immigrant populations. It will also monitor the policies stated in the Borough's Inclusive Community resolution and in any related actions, executive orders, and directives thereof. I'm pleased that our four original members of the task force will "graduate" to the commission, and we will have five additional members joining us. We have open seats and if you are interested in working on matters related to immigration policy here in the Borough, please fill out a volunteer application, available on the Borough's website, [www.hpboro.com](http://www.hpboro.com). Please join the Borough's Immigration and Refugee Task Force at the next Middlesex County Freeholders Meeting this Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., at the Middlesex County Administration Building at 75 Bayard Street in New Brunswick. As you might have heard, the Freeholder Board unanimously passed a new policy that clarifies Middlesex County's Policy on Interactions with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and particularly on the County's detainer policies and how the county interacts with federal immigration agents. Our attendance will serve to thank the Freeholders for the leadership on this issue, as well as to stand in unity in the face of likely opposition. The Highland Park Board of Health will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., here at Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Ave. We have a robust agenda that will include discussions around mosquitoes, opioid abuse, tobacco, and lice. Tonight, we're appointing Deana Stevens to the Human Relations Commission. He knows Deana and her civic mindedness and her ability to work with the community will be a real asset to the Commission and to the Borough. We're also appointing Nasrin Rafiq to the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force and he thanked her for her service and for stepping up at this critical time. Finally, he thanked Police Chief Stephen Rizco and the Highland Park Police Department, the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department, the Highland Park First Aid Squad, and Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler and his Council colleagues for participating in a beautiful commemoration for our country's fallen heroes on Memorial Day. He was honored to be part of the event and as public servants, we must remember every day the sacrifices that were made in order for us to live here and live free.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilwoman Welkovits thanked Rebecca Hersh, Director of Main Street, for joining us and updating the Borough on what Main Street is doing. Their support and promotion of the downtown businesses is vital. Main Street will be meeting next on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center. They will be looking at a presentation on a new smart phone kiosk where the local businesses can post about their business and other local events. The Council will be approving the annual Main Street budget this evening. They do a tremendous job in organizing the street fair, arts in the park, supporting the businesses, running the farmer's market and all their other vital work. She thanked

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Foreman Frank Troy and Rebecca Hersh and John Webster for planting the trees along the main street business district, which will provide additional shade, fresh air and providing a welcoming climate to attract more foot traffic and shoppers. She thanked Trish Sanchez, Fern Goodhart, Co-Chairs of the Safe Walking and Cycling Committee, along with members Sean Meehan, Peter Bilton, and the rest of the committee for bringing home the gold and the silver awards. The gold award is gold level recognition for NJ Safe Routes to School honoring the commitment and support of the program by encouraging children to walk and bike to school. Both Irving and Bartle Schools received the same awards. These awards were presented at the annual meeting of Keep Middlesex Moving a few weeks ago. The silver award was NJ Smart Workplaces for outstanding achievement in creating programs that provide and promote commuting options for employees.

Borough Administrator Jover – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that June 2<sup>nd</sup> was Wear Orange Day to promote idea to end gun violence. She showed photos of Council and staff that she will prominently displayed in her office. This week is Disarm Hate Week and she is one of the Mayors that signed up to help get recognition for the importance to end gun violence. She had the honor of joining 78 Mayors across the country called Climate Mayors, with now close to 300 in total participating, all in support of the Paris Accord and making country more green and utilizing more green energy. There is a resolution supporting this initiative scheduled to be adopted on tonight's agenda. The Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to the rain. Highland Park honored the men and women who volunteer/volunteered for the Police, Fire and First Aid Squads by laying wreaths at the various memorials around town.

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

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented that she wanted to follow up on something she said at the last public meeting. The town values transparency and the meeting dates on the website show 2016 dates and need to be updated. The town announces stuff on social media and anything to be voted on should be made available to the public in advance. The titles of the resolutions are ambiguous and difficult for residents to understand what is being voted on. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that she did take her comments about resolutions being put online under consideration. She noted that in the agenda portion of the meeting, they had discussion about how to get the resolutions on the website in advance of the meeting. They are going to try to discipline themselves to comply with deadlines for agenda preparation. She will have the Communications Department update the meeting dates on the website as this is a function that they handle.

Dan Mladnick, 216 Graham Street, commented that the Council received letters in their mailboxes from students asking for a spray park. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she has been trying to find a spot for a spray park since she came on Council in 2009. She is working with the County to find a spot and they will cover half the cost.

Paul Lanaris, 254 Lawrence Avenue, commented that he is President of Main Street Highland Park and he publicly acknowledged Councilman George for his generous donation to movie night program.

Jackie Zinberg, 239 So. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that she would like get contact information for Councilman Hersh. Also, she commented about mosquito spraying and the fact that she contacted a number she was given to obtain information and she did not get a response. She also commented about the immigration resolution and that she was speaking with someone who works with Rev. Kaper-Dale. She was told that there are four families in Highland Park that have been here for more than 15 years and missed amnesty by one month. She also spoke of four husbands taken into custody by ICE in New Brunswick. She wanted to know what Highland Park did. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they are aware of what happened in New Brunswick. Councilman Hersh noted that they were not Highland Park residents. They are very active as advocates and they are working with Legislators and the County. Ms. Zinberg commented that we have had four solid weeks to kick and scream. She wanted to know why Highland Park didn't. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that there were demonstrations outside the ICE facility in Elizabeth and Congressman Pallone advocated on behalf of these families. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the organization is Interfaith Rise and she will contact them to have them find a better way to get information out.

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

The Clerk reported advertising and notification of Main Street Highland Park 2017 Budget for consideration of passage on final reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled resolution was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the Budget open to all officials and persons present and called upon all those wishing to speak for or against the ordinance to do so.

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

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 5-17-141 adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park on May 2, 2017, that approved the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, said Budget was advertised in the Home News Tribune issue of May 6, 2017 together with a notice of the public hearing on the Budget scheduled for June 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall, 221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park, NJ; and

WHEREAS, said Budget and Notice of Hearing had been posted in the Borough Hall where public notices are customarily posted and was made available to each person requesting the same prior to and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, notice had been served on all property owners within the Special Improvement District as certified by the Tax Assessor and as shown by the affidavit of the Borough Clerk attached hereto and a public hearing on the Budget was held on June 13, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 2017 Main Street Highland Park Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of

<u>Income</u>	
Government Grants	25,000.00
Special Assessment (BID)	157,000.00
Sponsorships	<u>72,800.00</u>
Total Income	\$281,800.00
<u>Expense</u>	
Administration and General	\$ 172,050.00
Program Expense	<u>109,750.00</u>
Total Expense	\$281,800.00
Budget Surplus/Carryover	\$0.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Main Street Highland Park, the Tax Assessor, the Tax Collector and the Finance Director forthwith.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, the Vacant Properties ordinance, was tabled from consideration until the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Fine seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

- Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.
- Nays: None.
- Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.
- Abstain: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 6-17-193

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2017 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said a Notice of Pending Ordinance and Summary of said Ordinance be published once at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published daily in this municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, A LOAN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE

UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION, AS APPLICABLE, OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$415,300.00, THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE FINANCED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Fine seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstain: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 6-17-194

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, A LOAN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION, AS APPLICABLE, OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$415,300.00, THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE FINANCED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2017 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

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The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC", had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Hersh, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstain: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Hersh, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 6-17-195

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC" has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010 CHAPTER 9, BOARDS COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, CREATING A COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS, had been introduced in writing by the Health and Human Services Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Hersh, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstain: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Hersh, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 6-17-196

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010 CHAPTER 9, BOARDS COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, CREATING A COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE AFFAIRS has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, Resolution No. 6-17-204 was separated from the Consent Agenda. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Resolution Nos. 6-17-198 through 6-17-217, except Resolution No. 6-17-204, 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, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 6-17-198

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29, a municipality is authorized to accept gifts made to it and is empowered to use such gifts in the manner set forth in the conditions of the gift, provided that such gift shall not be put to any use which is inconsistent with the laws of this State and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Oasis Senior Advisors has offered to provide a photo booth at no cost to the Borough for use at the June 20, 2017 "Senior Prom" sponsored by the Highland Park Department of Community Services, Office on Aging and Highland Park Municipal Alliance; and

WHEREAS, as offered by Oasis Senior Advisors, the photographs produced by the photo booth will include Oasis Senior Advisors' company logo; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is permitted to accept the donation of the use of the photo booth as offered by Oasis Senior Advisors consistent with the foregoing provisions, and the applicable provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4(c)).

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

1. The foregoing preamble is hereby incorporated herein as if fully restated.

2. Consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.4(c), the Borough hereby accepts the donation of use of a photo booth at the "Senior Prom" to take place on June 20, 2017 as offered by Oasis Senior Advisors.

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

No. 6-17-199

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2017, Lang Family Company, heretofore posted with the Borough of Highland Park a cash surety bond (check # 1332) in the amount of \$17,880.00, in connection with a variance application on the property known as Block 126, Lots 14 and 15, a.k.a. as 102 Washington Avenue, in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 4-17-131, the Performance Bond was reduced by \$12,516.00 to \$5,364.00; and

WHEREAS, the developer of the project has requested that said Performance Bond be released; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, the Borough Engineer, has reviewed the site in the field and found that all of the bonded improvements have been satisfactorily completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the cash surety bond heretofore posted by the Lang Family Company in the amount of \$5,364.00 (cash surety bond) for the Variance Application, shall be and is hereby released subject to the following:

1. Posting of a 2-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$2,682.00.

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2. Payment of any outstanding engineering inspection fees.
3. Payment of any outstanding Borough fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, Borough Engineer, Construction Official, and Lang Family Company.

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

No. 6-17-200

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-36 of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law provides in its pertinent part that “all projects and other properties of a housing authority are hereby declared to be public property of a political subdivision of the State and devoted to an essential public and governmental function and purpose and shall be exempt from all taxes and special assessments of the State or any subdivision thereof”; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-40 of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law further provides that, in connection with any housing project designed to provide living accommodations for persons of low and moderate income, a municipality “may agree with a housing authority, redevelopment agency, redevelopment entity or the federal government that a certain sum, in no event to exceed the amount equal to 10% of the amount received by the authority, agency or entity or government in the form of shelter rents, or that no sum, shall be paid by that authority, agency, entity or government in lieu of taxes for any year or period of years”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (the “Borough”) and the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park (the “PHA”) heretofore entered into a Cooperation Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, providing for a payment in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) for all projects and property of the PHA; and

WHEREAS, the PHA has received approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to substantially rehabilitate 10 residential units located in the Samuel J. Kronman building located at 262 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, (collectively, the “Property”) through HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (“RAD”) program; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate financing for the rehabilitation and in accordance with the PHA’s HUD RAD approval, the PHA will transfer the Property to a for-profit entity, created and controlled by the PHA known as the Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation (HPAHC), for the syndication of low income housing tax credits, which entity will contract with the PHA to conduct the rehabilitation and to manage the Property upon completion; and

WHEREAS, the Property will continue to meet the definition of “project” in the Agreement as (a) low-rent housing, (b) developed by the PHA, and (c) subject to a contract with HUD for loans and annual contributions, following transfer of title.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, that the PHA’s senior building known as the Samuel J. Kronman building located at 242 South Sixth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ, will remain governed by the terms of the attached Cooperation Agreement by and between the Borough of Highland Park and the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park following rehabilitation and transfer of fee title to an entity controlled by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Highland Park;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Property will be required to continue to make payments in lieu of tax to the Borough of Highland Park calculated in accordance with Section 3 of the Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a modification to the Cooperation Agreement, subject to HUD approval if necessary, as follows:

- (a) The definition of Shelter Rent shall be restated as follows: “Shelter Rent” shall mean the total of all charges paid by all tenants of a Project for dwelling rents and non-dwelling rents (excluding all other income of such Project), excluding any and all rental subsidies received by the Local Authority from the Government on behalf of either the Property or any individual Property tenant, and less the cost to the Local Authority of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities as defined in the Agreement.
- (b) So long as any contract between the Local Authority and the Government for loans (including preliminary loans) or annual contributions, or both, in connection with any Project remains in force and effect, or so long as any bonds issued in connection with any Project or any monies due to the Government in connection with any Project remain unpaid, this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed or modified without the consent of the Government. The privileges and obligations of the Municipality hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each Project so long as (a) Government Use Agreement, (b) Deed of Easement and Restrictive Covenant for Extended Low-Income Occupancy or Financing, (c) Deed Restriction and Regulatory Agreement, or (d) any such similar document recorded against such Project in favor of the Government, the Local Authority, or any other public body or governmental agency, authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of low-rent housing projects as may be applicable. If at any time the beneficial title to, or possession or, any Project is held by such other public body or governmental agency, including the Government, the provisions hereof, shall inure to the benefit of and may be enforced by such other public body or governmental agency, including the Government. Notwithstanding the above, to the extent the modification is not executed, the Cooperation Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

No. 6-17-201

WHEREAS, towns can play a leadership role in achieving energy efficiency in their operations, and in supporting progress within the residencies and businesses that are part of the community; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park is committed to do its part to solve regional and global problems that threaten our sustainability and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park has long been a leader in protecting the environment through initiatives including, but not limited to, being New Jersey’s first “Green Community,” being an award

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winning Complete Streets community, and maintaining silver level certification with Sustainable Jersey; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has mandated statewide reduction of GHG emissions to 80% below 2006 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK:

1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
2. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action; and
4. Directs all municipal departments, agencies, authorities, and offices to participate in and support the development and implementation of sustainable practices.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 6-17-202

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has received a written request authorizing enforcement of traffic regulations on private property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 *et seq.* and specifically requesting that the provisions of Subtitle 1, Title 39, of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey shall be made applicable to the following area:

A. Tao Liang & Hui Yan, 168 Woodbridge Ave., Block 71, Lots 6-9; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park deems that enforcement of traffic regulations on the aforesaid private property will benefit all of the citizens of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Police Department of the Borough of Highland Park and other law enforcement agencies be and the same are hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

The following resolution, introduced by the Recreation and Arts Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-17-203

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Middlesex County Department of Human Services for the provision of Municipal Alliance related activities in the Borough of Highland Park for the period covering July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, said Agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 6-17-205

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2014, The Crossings at Highland Park, The Pulte Group, heretofore posted with the Borough of Highland Park a surety performance bond, No. 1014102, issued by The Hanover Insurance Company in the amount of \$3,225,296.88 and a cash surety bond (check #85272564) in the amount of \$358,366.32, for a total amount of \$3,583,663.20, in connection with a site plan application on the property known as Block 172, Lot 2 and Block 181, Lots 25-30, in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the developer for the referenced project had requested that the performance bond be reduced and pursuant to Resolution No. 3-15-111, said performance bond was reduced by \$1,775,289.00 to \$1,808,374.20 as per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the developer for the referenced project has again requested that the performance bond be reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has conducted a site inspection of this project and found that items remain to be completed and recommends that the Bond be reduced by \$733,275.24.00 to \$1,075,098.96 subject to the payment of all current inspection fees and/or any other outstanding Borough fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that subject to payment of all current inspection fees together with any other outstanding Borough fees, the performance bond heretofore posted may be reduced to \$1,075,098.96.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section C.40:55D-43-2e of the Municipal Land Use Law, no further reduction of his Bond shall be recommended until the punch list items have been satisfactorily completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, Borough Engineer, Construction Official, and the Pulte Group.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 6-17-206

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has previously remitted stale dated outstanding checks to the Department of Finance for proper disposition; and



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WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park Finance Department has recorded the deposit as miscellaneous revenue within its Financial Accounting and Reporting System; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department finds it necessary to refund the amount of \$110.00 to the Municipal Court to satisfy a claim made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Members of the Borough Council that a refund of \$110.00 be made to the Highland Park Municipal Court as detailed above.

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

No. 6-17-207

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest the renewal agreement between the Borough of Highland Park and GILA LLC D/B/A Municipal Services Bureau for debt collection services for the Municipal Court for an additional year, said term to expire January 6, 2018.

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

No. 6-17-208

WHEREAS, A & A Friedenreich, 62 Grant Avenue received a bill in the amount of \$281.71 due to an estimated reading; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this bill be reduced to \$48.73 based on minimum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to reduce the water & sewer bill of A & A Friedenreich, 62 Grant Avenue to \$48.73.

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

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

No. 6-17-209

WHEREAS, Sustainable Highland Park applied for a Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant, the Program being sponsored by PSE&G; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Highland Park has been notified that it has been awarded a Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to increase the use of recyclable and reusable grocery bags by residential and commercial consumers in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant, Sustainable Highland Park will be able to hire an intern under the rules and regulations of the Borough of Highland Park and Intern Program rules and regulations to support the work of the Grant and assist the Volunteers of Sustainable Highland Park to achieve the goals set forth by the Program; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Highland Park has available in its budget the sum of \$750.00 to contribute to the Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Highland Park requests that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park approve the acceptance of the Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant award to Sustainable Highland Park in the amount of \$10,000.00 be, and hereby is, accepted, subject to such guidelines, rules and regulations of the Sustainable New Jersey Small Grants Program Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sustainable Highland Park is authorized to hire an intern under the terms and hours of the Grant, and subject to the rules and regulations of the Borough of Highland Park and Intern Program rules and regulations to support the work of the Grant and assist the Volunteers of Sustainable Highland Park, and further subject to the supervision and control of the Borough Administrator.

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

No. 6-17-210

WHEREAS, advertisement was made for receipt of bids on January 12, 2017, for the 2017-2018 Annual Maintenance Contract for Tree Pruning, Tree Removal, Stumps Removal and/or Root Grinding, with said bids rejected as per Resolution No. 2-17-71; and

WHEREAS, advertisement was made again for receipt of bids on April 28, 2017, for the 2017-2018 Annual Maintenance Contract for Tree Pruning, Tree Removal, Stumps Removal and/or Root Grinding; and

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received as follows:

1. High Tech Landscapes: \$40,670.00
2. Chestnut AFS LLC: \$55,487.50
3. Rich Tree Service, Inc.: \$53,440.00

WHEREAS, following the receipt of the above-referenced bids, said bids were reviewed by the Borough Attorney's office to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Notice to Bidders and other bid documents; and

WHEREAS, following said review it was determined that the High Tech Landscapes bid was defective and not responsive to the requirements of the Notice to Bidders and other bid documents as follows:

1. As per paragraph 24B of the Information to Bidders, High Tech Landscapes and its listed subcontractor must be registered prior to submitting a bid, and proof shall be submitted prior to award. The relevant statute states that: "No contractor shall list a subcontractor in a bid proposal for the contract unless the subcontractor is registered pursuant to P.L. 1999, c. 238 (C.34:11-56.48 et seq.) at the time the bid is made".

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WHEREAS, as a result of the defect to the High Tech Landscape bid, it has been recommended by the Borough staff that the bid be awarded to the second lowest responsible bidder, Rich Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of \$53,440.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract shall be made available in Account No. 7-01-26-290-237 in an amount not to exceed \$53,440.00 as reflected by the certification of funds of by the Finance Department, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest a contract on behalf of the Borough with Rich Tree Service, Inc. 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, in an amount not to exceed \$53,440.00 without further resolution of Council for pruning, tree and stump removal as described above, said contract to cover period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017. Said contract shall be in accordance with the specifications and bid documents and in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

The following resolution, introduced by the Recreation and Arts Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-17-211

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2017 pursuant to a duly advertised Notice to Bidders, the Borough of Highland Park (Borough) received three (3) bids for the Senior/Youth Center Emergency Generator; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and the lowest responsible bidder is Astro Electrical Contractor, Linden, NJ in the amount of \$110,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bid documents submitted by the lowest responsible bidder, Astro Electrical Contractor, Linden, NJ and have recommended the award of a contract to Astro Electrical Contractor for a total amount not to exceed \$110,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to award the contract for said emergency generator to Astro Electrical Contractor.

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

1. The contract for the Senior/Youth Center Emergency Generator totaling \$110,500.00 is hereby awarded to Astro Electrical Contractor, 1415 E. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.

1. The Finance Department has certified that sufficient funds are available for the award of said contract in the total amount of \$110,500.00 in Account No. C-04-55-827-205.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract for said work with Astro Electrical Contractor consistent with the authorization contained herein.

The following resolution, introduced by the Recreation and Arts Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-17-212

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017 pursuant to a duly advertised Notice to Bidders, the Borough of Highland Park (Borough) received one (1) bid for the ADA Accessible Mini Van; and

WHEREAS, said bid was reviewed and the lowest responsible bidder is Rohrer Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$34,863.00; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Department and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bid documents submitted by the lowest responsible bidder, Rohrer Enterprises, Inc. and have recommended the award of a contract to Rohrer Enterprises, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$34,863.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to award the contract for said ADA Accessible Mini Van to Rohrer Enterprises, Inc.

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

1. The contract for the ADA Accessible Mini Van totaling \$34,863.00 is hereby awarded to Rohrer Enterprises, Inc., DBA/Rohrer Bus Sales, 314 Dickinson Street, Trenton, NJ 08638.

2. The Finance Department has certified that sufficient funds are available for the award of said contract in the total amount of \$34,863.00 in Account No. C-04-55-830-205.

3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract for said work with Rohrer Enterprises, Inc. consistent with the authorization contained herein.

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

No. 6-17-213

WHEREAS, applications for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicants, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said applications are complete in all respects.

2. The applicants and the premises are qualified to be licensed in accordance with Title 33, all regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and local ordinances as amended and supplemented pertinent to and consistent with Title 33.

3. The applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has ascertained and reviewed, the source of any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.

4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said applications should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the

ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

Pad-Thai, Inc. d/b/a Pad Thai, 217 Raritan Ave. – 1207-33-005-004

Wilhelm & Young, Inc. d/b/a Park Pub, 180-182 Woodbridge Ave. - 1207-33-011-002

Eisigian LLC, d/b/a Tete's Restaurant & 24/7 Bar & Café, 247 Raritan Ave., - 1207-33-004-008

Kiadan Inc., d/b/a Pino's Fruit Basket Shoppe and Wine Cellars, 13 North 4th Ave. – 1207-32-008-012

Highland Park Wine & Liquor LLC, 97 Woodbridge Ave., WITH BROAD PACKAGE PRIVILEGE-1207-32-003-007

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

Rite Aid of New Jersey, Inc., d/b/a Rite Aid 2561, 332 Raritan Avenue – 1207-44-001-005

New Athens Corner, 28 Woodbridge Avenue – 1207-44-007-005

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2017 and shall expire June 30, 2018.

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

No. 6-17-214

WHEREAS, application for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicant, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said application is complete in all respects, including submission of the club member list.
2. The officers and directors of the club are qualified according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental ABC laws and regulations.
3. The club maintains all records required by N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.8. (special events open to non-club members) and N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.12 (true books of account for receipts and disbursements).
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

CLUB LICENSES

The White Mountains Cretans Fraternity, 1152-1154 Raritan Avenue - 1207-31-012-002

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2017, and shall expire June 30, 2018.

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

No. 6-17-215

WHEREAS, applications for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicants, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said applications are complete in all respects.
2. The applicants and the premises are qualified to be licensed in accordance with Title 33, all regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and local ordinances as amended and supplemented pertinent to and consistent with Title 33.
3. The applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has ascertained and reviewed, the source of any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said applications should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

CNS DLS, LLC - 1207-33-010-010 (Inactive)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2017 and shall expire June 30, 2018.

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

No. 6-17-216

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of an engineer to provide construction administration services in connection with the installation of an emergency generator at the senior/youth center, in accordance with letter proposal from Bruce M. Koch, CME Associates, dated May 11, 2017, attached to the original of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

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WHEREAS, CME Associates, Parlin, N.J., is a firm of licensed engineers of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said consulting engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-826-215 in an amount not to exceed \$9,915.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Bruce M. Koch, CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859, a copy of which is attached to the original of this original, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 6-17-217

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 6/13/17 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 36.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Resolution No. 6-17-204 is for the Council to agree to collect and remit the school portion of the taxes. These are not taxes that Highland Park Borough is levying, they are collecting and reimbursing the school system.

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: Councilperson Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

No. 6-17-204

WHEREAS, the School Budget for the School District of the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, was approved for the School Year 2016-2017:

Current Expenses	\$ 26,084,657.00
Debt Schedule	<u>1,719,912.00</u>
	\$ 27,804,569.00

and

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:22-34 provides that the governing body of a municipality that is co-extensive with the said school district determines the amount necessary for school purposes, and levy such aggregate amount for such school purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that there be raised, approved and collected for the school district of said Borough the following items:

January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017	\$ 13,837,680.00
July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017	<u>13,042,329.00</u>
Total school levy for the Year 2016	\$ 26,879,344.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aggregate sum of Twenty Six Million, Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$26,879,344.00) be certified by the Borough Clerk to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, the Board of Education of the School District of said Borough, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the Assessor of the Borough of Highland Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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: Councilperson Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

No. 6-17-218

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 annual basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

DANIEL BIANCHINI, Assistant to Mayor & Council, at an annual salary of \$51,650.00, effective August 8, 2017.

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:

Summer Camp Employees	Position	Salary
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Ashley Sosa	Assistant Director	\$22.00/hr
Keith Roig	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Tony Olarra	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Bethany Goldstein	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Nicholas Kasapidis	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Kambui Little	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Lori Szentgyorgyi	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Taryn Well	Head Counselor	\$19.00/hr
Olivia Bridges	Counselor	\$14.00/hr
Stephen Connors	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Caitlyn Fulwood	Counselor	\$14.00/hr
Emma Hambro	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Camryn Kozachek	Counselor	\$14.00/hr
Matthew Landis	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Noah Pointer-Gamory	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Evan Rodgers-Farmer	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Joshua Rotheberg	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Luke Schroeder	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Amaree St. Juste	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Matthew Sussman	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Rebecca Tayts	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Amir Wright	Counselor	\$12.00/hr
Akua Asamoah	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Eden Blank	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Sora Bridges	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Elizabeth Girvan	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Konstantinos Hantsoulis	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Elizabeth Hardy	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Kira Kozachek	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Sam Leibowitz-Lord	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Fabiana Morales	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Sam Murphy	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Andy Marc Ramrekha	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Kayla Roig	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Justin Sargent	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Justin Sims	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Tavier Thomas	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Mackenzie Volpert	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr
Olivia Weaver	Junior Counselor	\$8.50/hr

MADLINE HEHIR,  
Summer Camp Administrative  
Assistant, at an hourly rate of  
\$14.00, effective June 13,  
2017.

CARYN KAPLAN,  
Summer Camp Administrative  
Assistant, at an hourly rate of  
\$14.00, effective June 13,  
2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Finance Director be and he 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 on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

**No. 6-17-219**

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 \$10,000.00, 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 \$10,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Sustainable NJ Small Grants Program \$10,000.00

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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 appointed Nasrin Rafiq to serve as a Regular Member of the Immigration & Refugee Task Force for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Beth Stevens to serve as a Regular Member of the Public Information Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2019.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Deana Stevens to serve as a Regular Member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 17, 2018.

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Hersh, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilperson Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

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

Brian Ontken, 112 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that he runs the outdoor movie theater program. He thanked Councilman George for his generous support of this program.

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

The following resolution was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

No. 6-17-220

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:  
(Acquisition/Litigation)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk