

REGULAR MEETING – MAY 16, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:08 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler read proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Day.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Police Department has been working on program to safely return unwanted guns. They did a safety training session and have gun locks. If anyone is interested, they should contact the Police Department. This is graduation season and also the beginning of the summer season. Every 15 minutes' program will be presented again at the high school. The program is geared toward awareness of drunk driving and what can happen. She encouraged those walking and crossing the street to look up from their cell phones and to pay attention. She also encouraged bike riders to wear their helmets.

Councilman Fine – No Report.

Councilwoman Kim reported that the senior center now offers free Wi-Fi to the members who utilize the center. On May 9th, she attended the Mother's Day Luncheon, catered by Pithari. On May 18th the seniors will attend the Greek Festival. The Arts Commission is still looking for members and they will meet on June 8th at 6:00 PM at Borough Hall. On June 11th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, rain or shine, they will hold the 10th annual Highland Park Open Studios. She invited residents to come celebrate the artists in this community while enjoying a walking tour of the area studios and homes. The Buddy Ball 2nd Annual Talent Showcase will be hold on Friday, May 19th at 7:00 PM at the Highland Park High School Auditorium. This will showcase the talents of special needs children in Highland Park and neighboring communities. Lastly, the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29th, beginning at 11:00 AM in New Brunswick at Monument Square and then it will proceed up Raritan Avenue to the doughboy monument in Highland Park.

Councilman George reported that the Department of Public Works will be assisting the Environmental Commission and their volunteers to create a new entrance and upgrade paths at the Lower Meadows trails. The DPW crews will be continuing to fit in pothole repairs along with other projects, but please remember that with the warm weather, work which can't get done in the winter such as building maintenance, has to be fitted into the schedule. A walk through of the Senior/Recreation Center on May 4th was done to develop a list of repair/replace projects for long and short term maintenance. The Environmental Commission met on May 3, 2017 at the Eugene Young Environmental Center where they recapped the successful Earth Day celebration and the Sculpture Exhibit opening. The birding project continued on May 7, 2017 with hawks and raptors along the Raritan and the Lower Meadows. The new Environmental Commission website will be available shortly, courtesy of member Chris Watch. Content on the present website will be edited and then transferred to the new website. An interim report on air quality at the American Properties site cleanup was received with no problems reported. However, there have been complaints about truck traffic before and after hours and he asked Councilwoman Foster-Dublin to check with the Police Department regarding hours. Upcoming events include cleanup day on May 17th and National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3rd, with tours and interpretation for our trails at the Native Plant Reserve and Lower Meadows. Members of the Environmental Commission and volunteers for the Lower Meadows met along with representatives and PSE&G to mark out tree removal and site work for the PSE&G solar farm. He, along with the Mayor and Dan Bianchini, met for several hours with NJDEP and PSE&G regarding site work and environmental concerns at the site in order to get permits required for BPU final approvals. He attended a BPU and utility industry all day seminar on April 28th which included a presentation by BPU on implementation of Level 2 and 3 micro grids. The Environmental Commission has been discussing possibly rezoning the site to insure it remains committed to sustainable energy production. He attended the Shade Tree Advisory Committee meeting on May 10th. The STAC handed out most of the persimmon trees which were available on Earth Day. Tree planting request forms are available on the Borough website or from STAC members. They lost some of the plantings from last fall, but most are flourishing. The CSIP grant proposal for plantings of trees at the high school site should be submitted this week and includes a landscape plan to increase long term goals of our green planting initiatives. He thanked Dave Tullock who is working with STAC to complete the 2017 tree inventory in Highland Park, which has not been updated since the 80's. The Safe Walking and Cycling Committee met on May 10th and featured a presentation by Bill Lear of Keep Middlesex Moving. He outlined a number of programs they have sponsored to get people out of their cars and on their feet or bicycles. He outlined their street smart campaign and discussed the lead time for planning an event in the fall. Mr. Lear will be presenting KMM's distracted driving program at the high school on Friday, May 19th at 10 a.m. The new chairperson of Sustainable Highland Park is Tina Weishaus and the new Vice Chairperson is Allan Williams. They are submitting a proposal for a "lightning talk" at the June 9th Sustainable Raritan River conference on the benefit of a trail walk along the Raritan which might connect the Native Plant Reserve with Donaldson Park.

Councilman Hersh reported that the Highland Park Board of Health met on May 11th to discuss several health issues facing the town, including the chronically itchy subject of lice. While lice are not considered a primary public health issue, it is a communicable affliction that affects millions of Americans, young and old each year, and requires knowledge of treatment, and when necessary, access to often costly medications. It can also result in secondary infections, which are matters of public health, and

presents significant time and stress for families. Resident Christine Espiratu arranged a public presentation with Board of Health Chairperson Diane Heimlich that urged the Board of Health to sponsor an awareness and education campaign. While discussion of this issue is often limited to our public schools, the goal was to encourage the Board of Health to view this as a public health nuisance that affects all residents, public schools, private schools, daycares and more. The goal is to look, at this issue holistically and to provide information on treatment for all families. The Board of Health responded favorably to the presentation, but several members did hold reservations, because lice do not cause illness. Nevertheless, there is a considerable portion of our population affected by this and they look forward to the Board of Health taking a lead. Ms. Espiratu is the incoming Vice President of the Bartle PTO and will also look to the organization to join the Board of Health in a collaborative informational campaign. Look for the high school students to volunteer their time on Sunday, June 11th as they walk the town with information door hangers on mosquito prevention. These door hangers are provided by the County and provide residents with clear backyard prevention techniques as the summer season gets underway. He thanked Middlesex County Entomologist Matt Bickerton for coming to the Earth Day festival this year replete with mosquito entomology pins and a microscope so they could learn just what exactly we're preventing. He welcomed Sarah Kelly to the Board of Health as the newest alternate member. She works at the Rutgers School of Public Health and will be a real asset to the Board. The next Board of Health meeting is Thursday, June 8th in the lower level conference room in borough hall. The Commission for Universal Access met May 4th to follow up on several ongoing issues, including a new parent group for special needs children. Resident Monique Coleman presented a budget for Youth Theatre Stars and Friends Camp, which the Commission will help to support. Recreation Director Andrea Baay gave a presentation of the CFUA's Inclusive Playground concept and provided photos of equipment from the existing playgrounds at the high school, Felton Avenue tot lot, Karsey Street Park and Donaldson Park. The Commission will develop a proposal for one to two pieces of new inclusive equipment at the high school playground. Commissioner Diane Heimlich has been actively engaging the New Brunswick Planning Board as the board deliberates the new arts center that will supplant the George Street Playhouse and Crossroads Theatre. The effort encourages ample wheelchair seating, as well as an emphasis on the need for assistive devices for listening and cloud captioning. The Commission's trust fund is now at \$12,000. These monies are collected through handicapped parking space violations and it's a terrific way for the commission to have a regular stream of revenue. The next Commission meeting will take place Thursday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. The Human Relations Commission will host a special discussion that examines cultural and societal issues related to antisemitism. This discussion will take place Wednesday, October 18th and will be led by Joshua Cohen, Director of the Anti-Defamation League's New Jersey Regional Office. He welcomed Kayleigh Wharton as the Commission's newest student member. She was an active presence at the April meeting and they look forward to having her on board. The Human Relations Commission will meet tomorrow, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. He congratulated Regis Methven, who was sworn in last week as the Highland Park Housing Authority's newest resident commissioner. Public housing residents must have a voice and Regis is an important advocate for Highland Park's public homes. The Housing Authority will meet on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Samuel Kronman Building. The Community Food Pantry will meet on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior/Youth Center. Despite the strange weather, the Highland Park 5K and Street Fair was a success. He thanked the Police Department, Main Street Highland Park, the CERT Team and all of the volunteers and vendors for making it a terrific day. He encouraged residents to join the Borough's Immigration and Refugee Task Force at the next Middlesex County Freeholder's Meeting on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m., as they hear from the Freeholders on immigration detainer policies and how the county interacts with federal immigration agents. He thanked Abby and Dan Stern Cardinale for being in attendance at tonight's meeting. They have attended meetings in the past and have expressed interest in helping the Borough as they promote community inclusion, particularly related to the recently adopted inclusive communities' resolution and to any subsequent related policies and ordinances. Finally, as part of the inclusive communities' efforts, he showed a prototype of the Borough's municipal ID. They have some very minor administrative details to work out, but the program is near completion and the ID is almost ready to launch. He thanked the new Borough Administrator Teri Jover for shepherding this through the final hurdles.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that on Sunday, May 7th, there was an extremely successful 5K race and annual street fair. Close to 600 people participated in the running of the 5K. Participants either walked, ran it, rollerbladed, etc. and it was a record registration year. All of the proceeds from the race benefit the Borough of Highland Park (Police Department, Fire Department, 1st Aid Squad, Recreation Department, Library and Main Street). They are still collecting registration money and sponsorships. Check Main Street website for photographs and complete race results. More than 10,000 came to see what downtown Highland Park has to offer at the street fair. Many businesses participated in the event which is a great way to showcase their businesses to people who might not otherwise know about them. Special thanks to the Highland Park Police Department and the Department of Public Works for the countless hours spent helping manage the event and keeping the town safe and clean. She also gave a shout out to the CERT team, 1st Aid Squad and Fire Department who were also present throughout the entire event. She thanked the many volunteers who make this event possible. She thanked the event sponsors who generously donated either money or goods to this event so we are able to give the money back to the community (St. Peter's University Hospital, Kinetics, SpeakMusic Conservatory, Straub Law, Stages Consultants, Highland Park Service Center, Century 21 JJ Lauffer, Raritan Valley Road Runners, Running it Softly, NJ Best Home Inspections Window and Door Outlet, Highland Park Ed Foundation, Kessler Physical Therapy and Rehab Center, Park Physical Therapy, BCB Community Bank, Saiff Drugs, All Colors, Morty's Kosher Bakery, Vincy Vintage, Stop and Shop, WCTC 1450 AM, The Fallout Shelter, Dunkin Donuts, and Yellow Brick Road Preschool Infant and Toddler Center). The downtown planting days will be held on May 18th and 19th. This event is always a huge success; people love helping plant flowers all over the downtown. Volunteers can show up on either Thursday, May 18th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM or Saturday, May 20th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM to help fill over 150 downtown planters with beautiful plants and flowers supplied by Main Street. Report to the Main Street Highland Park Office on either day to pick up the plants, your planter assignment and get free planting day t-shirt while supplies last. She thanked the planting day sponsors (Modern Art Solutions, Redwood Florist, Linx 8 Computer and Century 21 JJ Lauffer). The outdoor movies are coming back and

the first movie will be shown on May 20th, "The Dark Crystal". There will be kid friendly cartoons at dusk 45 minutes before the main feature starts at 9:00 PM. She encouraged residents to grab take-out food and refreshments and enjoy a movie under the stars. You can go to the outdoor movie Facebook page for event announcements and other information. Special thanks to Brian Ontken who was awarded a Park Partners Grant to run the program this year. Additional movies to be shown this year – Rogue One, Big Trouble in Little China, The Grand Budapest Hotel, Time Bandits, Do the Right Thing, Gimmie Danger and Kiki's Delivery Service. The Sustainable Raritan River Group is having their annual award ceremony on June 9th and Highland Park has submitted 2 applications. They submitted the name of Mary Denver who is one of the main stewards of the Native Plant Reserve. Last year she and Belinda Beetham planted over 400 plants and they get these plants at the beginning of the season when they are super tiny and they nurse them and grow them in a greenhouse. They have created trails along the river and is a great area that would be underutilized. We hope that they will acknowledge her efforts. They have also announced that they will be holding lightning talks on June 9th at Rutgers. Anyone with a project involving the river or close to the river is invited to apply and they will choose whether you can do the lightning talk which is a 5-minute talk about a project you are working on and what your problems were and how you worked through it. On Thursday, she will be joining the Mayor and some members of the Safe Walking and Cycling Committee at the annual Keep Middlesex Moving breakfast at Forsgate where they will be receiving a gold award.

Borough Administrator Jover thanked the Mayor and Council, staff and residents for the warm welcome she has received in her new position.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough lost a great volunteer and longtime resident of Highland Park, Al Garlatti. He served as the Chairman of the Highland Park Housing Authority for a long time. She asked for a moment of silence in his memory. She noted that the Sculpture Walk is a joint program with the Arts Commission and the Mason Gross School of Arts. There are 7 sculptures starting at Centennial Park and then across River Road by the Environmental Center and heading towards Piscataway. The sculptures are fun and interesting and will be there throughout the summer. On May 17th the monthly Walk with the Mayor will commence at 7:00 AM at the entrance to Donaldson Park at South 2nd Avenue. She attended the 6th Congressional District Spring Award Ceremony on May 8th at the Highland Park High School. Congressman Pallone honors the winners of the Congressional High School Arts Competition and Congressional Award Recipients and US Service Academy Nominees. She was delighted to witness one of the high school students receive the award, Angelina Lee, got an honorary mention for her painting. Lastly, she noted that the Middlesex County Pancreatic Cancer 5K run/walk will be held on June 10th at Roosevelt Park in Edison.

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

Vic Girvan, 420 Grant Avenue, commented that he is in 8th grade at the Highland Park Middle School. He recently learned that in Princeton, NJ they started something called a curbside organics program. Their Department of Public Works collects compostable items along with the trash and recycling. Composting of items is a natural process that turns organics matter in nutrient rich soil that is valuable to industries and the environment. He thinks that Highland Park and its citizens can benefit by having their own curbside organics program. Compostable items include fruits, vegetables, egg shells, coffee grounds and filters, teabags, nutshells, newspaper, cardboard, paper, yard trimmings, grass clippings, house plants, hay, straw, leaves, sawdust, wood chips, cotton, lint, hair, fur and fireplace ashes. Currently, these items make up over 25% of landfills. By creating a curbside organics program, you can save tons of compostable items from going to landfills and save on the cost of trash collection. If Highland Park adopted a curbside organics program, they could keep tons of trash out of the landfill. He has found that 1 person produces about 4 pounds of garbage per day. This means that 14,000 residents of Highland Park produce around 64,400 pounds of waste per day. With composting and recycling combined, Highland Park would only produce 43,260 pounds per day, saving over 20,000 pounds of garbage going to the landfill. Additionally, by composting, we are reducing methane emissions, a gas that is 25 times effective in trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. If Highland Park composts, it will also help to stop global warming. He recommends trying a 3 to 6-month pilot program to see if this will work in Highland Park. Princeton charges a \$65 annual fee and he thinks this is a good idea and would balance out the cost of the materials needed for this project. Residents would receive a wheel cart which holds 32 gallons, a smaller counter top container and compostable bags. Once a week, the Department of Public Works would collect the compost materials. Princeton's compost goes to a composting plant in Pennsylvania once it is collected. Composting would be a great thing to have in Highland Park. It helps the environment in multiple ways and it reduces the amount of trash and the cost to manage trash. Most people in Highland Park are looking for a way to be green and he thinks this is the perfect opportunity. He hopes they will support the idea and consider creating Highland Park's own curbside organics program. Mayor Brill Mittler asked that he speak with Councilman George who is the liaison to the Public Works Department and the Environmental Commission.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that he has been invited by the National Commanders of the VFW and American Legion to speak with top immigration officials. While he was there it came out and is a matter of fact that there are over 800,000 illegal immigrants that have been deported that had criminal records. He has been asked by many people in Highland Park what his position is about immigration. Mayor Brill Mittler advised him that campaigning is not permitted at public meetings. She also asked him to be civil and polite while he is making comments and if he cannot do so he needs to take his seat.

Lt. Panichella announced that on May 17th at 7:15 AM will be the annual Walk your Kids to School Event as part of Keep Middlesex Moving. They will leave from Stop and Shop Parking lot and walk to Irving School and Bartle School.

Dan Miladnick, 216 Graham Street, commented about leaf blowers and the noise and noted that Maplewood, New Jersey banned leaf blowers. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough is looking into the matter. Councilman George noted that they are looking at a blow and go ordinance instead of a ban on leaf blowers. The Maplewood ordinance is being challenged in Court. There will be problems with restricting them, especially with landscaping companies.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available for public inspection as required by law.

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

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance 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 and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 17-1938, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 5-17-177

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title 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 in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION", for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available for public inspection as required by law.

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

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance 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 and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 17-1939, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None

Absent: None.

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

No. 5-17-178

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title 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 in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 303 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III REQUIRING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES, AND ARTICLE V AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES, for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available for public inspection as required by law.

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

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Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance 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 and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, was tabled from consideration until the June 13th meeting, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Resolution Nos. 5-17-180 through 5-17-186 were 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, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Welkovits.
- Opposed: None.
- Abstained: None.
- Absent: None.

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

No. 5-17-180

WHEREAS, the Government Body adopted Resolution No. 8-13-231, authorizing execution of an Employment Agreement with Police Chief Stephen Rizco which will sets forth the terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, an amendment has been made to Article IV (Sick Leave) Section 4;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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, on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park, the Amendment to the Employment Agreement with Stephen Rizco to serve as the Police Chief, which agreement shall be a form approved by the Borough Attorney and attached to the original of this resolution.

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

No. 5-17-181

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of an engineer to provide engineering services in connection with the Reconstruction of Various Public Roofs – Phase II Project, in accordance with letter proposal from David Samuel, CME Associates, dated May 2, 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

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 are available for this purpose in Account Number No. C-04-55-825-205 in an amount not to exceed \$4,920.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Assistant CFO, 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 on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with David Samuel, 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. 5-17-182

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 2ND quarter taxes for the property indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
15	23	CB Title Group 140 Mountain Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081	\$2,519.46

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 Public Works & Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-17-183

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Department of Public Works has a need to purchase a Brine Tank; and

WHEREAS, quotes for said purchase were solicited and one was received from the following, to wit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
Reed Systems Ltd.	\$7,380.00

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works & Public Utility has recommended the purchase of the Brine Tank from Reed Systems Ltd. for a total price of \$7,380.00, based on their quoted price; and

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WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 7-01-26-315-2PW in the amount of \$7,380.00, upon adoption of the 2010 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Assistant CFO, shown below; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Superintendent of Public Works & Public Utility is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the brine tank from Reed Systems Ltd., 17 Edwards Place, P.O. Box 209, Ellenville, NY 12428 for a total price of \$7,380.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Works & Public Utility and the Finance Department forthwith.

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

No. 5-17-184

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 5-17-173, adopted by the Borough Council on May 2, 2017, authorized the person to person transfer of plenary retail consumption license No. 1207-33-010-009 from ARTA, LLC t/a The Italian Bistro to CNS DLS, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received notification from the Division of Taxation’s ABC Licensing Unit that the transfer application was missing the Certificate of Sales Tax Authority and Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate and therefore should not be transferred;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution No. 5-17-173 shall be and is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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

No. 5-17-185

WHEREAS, advertisement was made for receipt of bids again on May 16, 2017 for a Teen Center; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Tri-Form Construction Inc.	\$613,074.00
A-Tech Concrete Co.	\$730,092.50; and

WHEREAS, the Borough chooses to reject the bids due to the amount being substantially over budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the bids received for the above described Teen Center on May 16, 2017 shall be and are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer to start the negotiation process under the New Jersey Public Contracts Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the above referenced bidders together with the return of bid security provided with bid.

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

No. 5-17-186

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 5/16/17 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 36.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Chris Satch to serve as a Regular Member of the Environmental Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2019.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Absent: None.

No. 5-17-188

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (“Borough”) has the power to take lands, including lands devoted for public use pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 20:30-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2016, an Ordinance was duly adopted by the Borough determining that the portion of land hereinafter described should be acquired as part of its affordable housing program and thus a public purpose authorizing the acquisition of said lands, and appropriating funds to pay the cost of such acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the subject portion of parcel is described and shown in Exhibit A annexed hereto and is particularly described as a limited portion of property located on Block 61, Lot 25 of the Borough’s tax map and commonly known as 234 South 10th Avenue (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the sum of money estimated by the Borough to be just compensation for the taking of the Property is \$18,500, which was calculated pursuant to a duly completed appraisal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, the Borough of Highland Park and the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the sum of \$18,500 shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court simultaneously with the filing of the Declaration of Taking pursuant to N.J.S.A. 20:3-18.

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

Abby Stern Cardinale, 221 Harper Street, asked where she could physically get the information that the Council is voting on. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the agendas are posted on the Borough's website and the physical packets are posted in Borough Hall. Ms. Stern Cardinale would like to see the entire packet posted on the website.

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented that she likes the curbside organics program that the young man proposed. She has a barrel in her yard for fertilizer. She commented that she is concerned about sidewalk maintenance and street crossings, especially by the Magnolia Street entrance to the church lot and from 2nd Avenue to 3rd Avenue. She is also concerned about the number of potholes in the roads. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she has spoken to Donald Rish, Superintendent of Public Works, and he and the Borough Engineer have driven around Highland Park to make a list of offending streets. They will then rank the streets from worst to not so bad. The Department of Public Works will address the potholes.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk