

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 17, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:06 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: None.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits and seconded by Councilman Fine, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held August 8, 2017, and September 5, 2017, were approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: Councilperson George.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Borough lost a firefighter this week, John Byrne. He served the Borough for over 30 years. She asked for a moment of silence. This is Fire Prevention Week and the Fire Department will hold an open house on the 18th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The Fire Department has also been going to the schools to educate the students about fire prevention.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilwoman Kim reported that the Senior Center will have another flu shot clinic available to residents that were not able to make the previous clinics. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 24th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Fall Senior Luncheon was held today with a dance demo by the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. On Tuesday, October 24th the seniors will be taking a trip to Peddler's Village in Pennsylvania. The trip is open to all, but spaces are limited. On Tuesday, October 31st the seniors will be having a Halloween Party and Costume Contest at 12:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided. They will have a new senior art class, "Paining with Flowers" taking place every Wednesday at 9:30 AM and a senior walking group that meets every Monday at 11:00 AM. The Poetry and Spoken Word Concert held on Friday, October 13th had 35 attendees. There were seven poets featured and six were from Highland Park. The Band-Aid Sculpture applications are in and the jury is reviewing them. The Book Arts Workshop is half full with reservations for November 2nd at the Highland Park Public Library. The Improv Workshop has a few people registered for November 7th at the Senior Center. The next concert will be on Saturday, November 18th at 7:30 PM featuring the Highland Park Jazz Ensemble. The Highland Park Arts Commission submitted an article to the HP News about their plans for 2018, which includes several workshops and arts projects for the public, including concerts and art exhibits. They are working with the New Brunswick Arts Council on their "Windows of Understanding" exhibit which will place themed works in the storefront windows of local businesses. The theme is "we see through hate" and they plan to enlist artists and store owners to participate along the Raritan River. The dates of the project are Martin Luther King's birthday through the end of February. She had the pleasure to meet with L.J. Smith, a Highland Park native and former tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles. He is very interested in collaborating with the Highland Park Recreation Department on programming. She looks forward to working with him. She attended the City of Bayonne's youth city challenge as a spectator. The children had the opportunity to conquer an urban obstacle course where they felt a great sense of accomplishment as they crossed the finish line. The course included everything from police cars to jump over, a 20ft cargo net, to a water jug carry. All finishers received a medal, shirt, and serious bragging rights. The president of City Challenge, Elvi Guzman, will be attending the next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting to see if this is something they want to add to their agenda for 2018. The Halloween party will be Sunday, October 29 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Highland Park High school gym. There will be a DJ, bounce house, crafts, refreshments, Halloween safety tips, and a costume parade with prizes and giveaways.

Councilman George reported that the Environmental Commission and the Native Plant Reserve volunteers and the Highland Park Meadows Trail volunteers held a work day on Sunday at the Environmental Center removing wisteria. He thanked Steve Barnes, Trail Manager, Sam Craig and Tom who showed up along with himself. They worked in the rain for over three hours and then Mary Denver and her volunteers showed up later. They got quite a lot of invasive species cut out and away from the tree behind the Environmental Center. The Environmental Commission met on October 4th and they reviewed current matters in front of them, including the PSE&G solar farm, which is still pending before NJDEP. The beehive fence is on tonight's agenda for action, so that project is moving along. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee met on Thursday. They are supervising and working with the Department of Public Works on the fall planting project. They are working on the shopping list for the tree species replacements for 2018 for inclusion in the budget and to get the project rolling early. Two of the members, Carol and Karen, are attending the State Shade Tree Federation training. Leaf gathering season is upcoming and bags are available at the Department of Public Works. Grant Avenue is slowly being paved by PSE&G. There is an Arts Collective Organization, which is the artists themselves. They had an art salon at his house on the 8th with about 35 people attending. They raved about the programs and feel it is revitalizing and rejuvenating Highland Park. There is an exhibit by the collective at the Library through the end of the month and is entitled, "Our Best Stuff". Sustainable Highland Park Chair, Tina Weishaus, will give an update on the plastic bag recycling program.

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Councilman Hersh reported that the Human Relations Commission will meet on October 17th at 7:00 PM in the Lower Level Conference Room in Borough Hall. The Board of Health will meet on October 19th at 7:00 PM in the Lower Level Conference Room in Borough Hall. They submitted an article for publication in the Highland Park News entitled “Beyond Flu Shots, Vaccinations for Adults”. It is important for people to get vaccinated. He will be on a panel for a conference hosted by the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey on October 20th at the Hyatt in New Brunswick. This is a panel on the rental assistance demonstration and finding the right partner for HUD’s rental assistance demonstration program. He will be talking about Highland Park’s role in converting a piece of our public housing stock into HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration and finding the right investor to help do necessary capital improvements, monies not available through HUD and money they could not absorb the debt for. Anyone interested in housing and community development should consider attending. He reported that after nearly a year after passing our ordinance, November 1, 2016, we are ready to launch the Highland Park Municipal ID Program. More details to follow, but cards will be issued Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings at Borough Hall. Cards are available to all residents 14 years of age or older. \$15 for adults, \$7 for seniors, veteran’s and children. Residents may request a hardship waiver. The Highland Park Municipal ID is not accepted outside the jurisdiction of Highland Park unless that jurisdiction accepts it. The Borough will continue to work with various town stakeholders to provide incentives related to the ID. Currently, several businesses have agreed to provide discounts or other specials upon presentation. This is a soft launch and the program will develop more fully over time. The intention is to bring everybody in from the margins and make sure everybody has access to municipal services. They want this to be as mainstream as possible.

Councilwoman Welkovits offered her deepest condolences to the Byrne family. The Byrne family are long-time, dedicated Highland Park residents. She remembered John and his siblings as they all grew up in Highland Park. John will be deeply missed by his family, friends and classmates. She announced with delight that Highland Park and the Redevelopment Agency have been awarded a \$150,000 (HDSRF Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund) grant to pursue site remediation on some properties on the Avenue. This funding is key in furthering Highland Park’s plans for downtown redevelopment. She thanked Redevelopment Agency Chairwoman Rosie Baruh and Middlesex County Economic Development Representative Denise Nickel for their hard work and continued support during the application and now implementation processes. This is the first time in the history of Highland Park that we’ve earned grant monies to make such a bold move forward in the redevelopment of our downtown. She gave a huge thanks to Pino’s, Main Street, the musicians and local restaurants for making Sunday’s Taste of Highland Park and Harvest Festival a great annual tradition. She thanked Siobhan & Steve Weinstein at Pino’s, Rebecca Hersh and her team at Main Street, all the Dad Bands, and Park Deli, Aposto, Sushiana, and Will’s Vegan Burgers. She reminded everyone about the upcoming Halloween on the Avenue event. You can enjoy downtown trick-or-treating at participating Raritan Avenue businesses on Tuesday, October 31st from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. She gave special thanks to the Middlesex County Freeholders and the Office of Arts & History for organizing a new destination event at the beautifully restored East Jersey Olde Town Village. On October 7th and 8th, scores of oral historians from throughout New Jersey and nearby states, brought a Revolutionary War Encampment to life. Many soldiers camped in tents overnight, villagers talked about their basic lifestyle, economic and political issues of the time, craftspeople and artisans provided demonstrations, and the soldiers reenacted a battle with authentic muskets, bayonets and a British cannon. It was an amazing historical and family event that most people would travel hours to see and it was right in our backyard. She gave special thanks to Matthew Strohe at East Jersey Olde Towne, Scott Barrone, Commander of the Third New Jersey Regiment Continental Army, and Mr. Ackerman, the stocker or gun maker, who made most of the replicas used that day, by hand, and the many other oral historians who generously shared the weekend educating us about our local revolutionary history. She can’t wait for their return. More information about the oral historians is available at www.jerseyblues.org. More information about events at East Jersey Olde Towne is available at middlesexcountynj.gov. They are open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. On October 11th she joined Mayor Brill Mittler, Mayor Cahill of New Brunswick, and Mayor Cohen from East Brunswick at the Women Aware, celebrating survivors of domestic abuse, candlelight vigil. It was a moving event sponsored by this important national non-profit group. Women Aware brings awareness to domestic abuse as well as services to victims. The event was hosted by Executive Director Phyllis Adams with the engaging keynote speaker, Tammy Murphy, who has been deeply involved with the issue having developed her own non-profit 180% to help the same population. The Main Street Board will meet on October 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center and the Planning Board will meet on October 19th at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall. She reminded everyone that if they haven’t already done so, they should register and that if they need a vote by mail ballot they should contact the Borough Clerk’s Officer during office hours.

Borough Administrator Jover reminded residents that November 1st tax payments are due and that the Borough utilizes an accelerated tax sale. Payments are due by the 10th of November. A Nixle message to be sent out as a reminder.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler expressed her condolences to the family of John Byrne. His funeral was held last week and was very well attended. The Park Partners applications are available at Borough Hall or can be downloaded from the Borough’s website. The Mayor’s Wellness Campaign was awarded funding from Aetna Corp. from a non-profit in Princeton. She and Councilman Hersh met with them and the funding is to be used for public health initiatives. They plan to fund a six course program on diabetes and how to treat it, avoid it and maintain it. Highland Park is one of 13 municipalities to receive a grant from the BPU of \$132,000 for a feasibility study on a microgrid. The kickoff was one week ago and more information will be forthcoming. She thanked Sustainable Highland Park for the program they started encouraging residents not to use plastic bags.

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

Tina Weishaus, Sustainable Highland Park, noted that this Borough Commission was awarded a \$10,000 grant to reduce single use plastic bags in town. They will be doing education and outreach to businesses, consumers, students and the faith community during the remainder of the year. The event kicked off on June 30th at the Highland Park Farmer's Market. She noted that 5 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. One bag is used on average for 20 minutes before it is disposed of. It takes about 1,000 years for a plastic bag to decompose. Only about 1% of plastic bags are recycled. 100 million barrels of oil are used each year to produce plastic bags worldwide. Most plastic bags end up in waterways, landfills and littering our landscapes. More than 1 million sea birds and 100,000 marine mammals are killed yearly by ocean debris. She showed the recycled tote bags that are being distributed to promote this program. She encouraged residents to join with Sustainable Highland Park in their efforts to raise awareness to the harmful effects of plastic bags and to reduce the use of plastic bags in town. More information about this program is available on their website at www.sustainablehighlandpark.org. Councilman George thanked Ms. Weishaus and her committee for their work on this project. Councilman Hersh noted that the Food Pantry has adopted the spirit of reusable bags swiftly. They met last week and are ecstatic about it. Their clients are on board and it is working. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that last summer she was in California and when you shopped, you had to purchase a bag if you did not have one.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that the VFW released a book of veterans from New Jersey. He passed the book around amongst the Governing Body. There is an index of names in the back of the book. This is the 1st edition of the book and they are currently working on a 2nd edition. Mayor Brill Mittler asked him for information on how the Borough could purchase a copy of the book. He provided an address and phone number.

Regis Methven, 242 So. 6th Avenue, commented about parking issues on South 6th Avenue. He noted that if lines are painted on the street, you can get more spaces for cars. He has spoken to Lt. Panichella about this. Also, another handicapped space is needed on South 6th Avenue. The fire hydrants don't have enough yellow striping around them and people park too close to them. Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Chief to talk with the Department of Public Works about the striping around the fire hydrants. Councilman Hersh noted that Mr. Methven serves on the Housing Authority and this topic came up at their last meeting.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH 3RD AVENUE, MONTGOMERY STREET TO RARITAN AVENUE, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$262,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 to the public, as required by law.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 17-1951, was duly adopted by the following roll call, 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 on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 10-17-312

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH 3RD AVENUE, MONTGOMERY STREET TO RARITAN AVENUE, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$262,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 that an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS FENCING PROJECTS, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$17,327.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 10-17-313

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS FENCING PROJECTS, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$17,327.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 November 8, 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK CONCERNING ARTICLE II OF SECTION 247 CONCERNING MASSAGE PARLORS, was tabled from consideration. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution No. 10-17-319 was separated from the Consent Agenda.

Resolution Nos. 10-17-315 through 10-17-324, except Resolution No. 10-17-319, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Hersh, 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. 10-17-315

WHEREAS, there is a need for information technology network management, data backup, general technology support and consultative information technology services in connection with the maintenance and operation of the Borough of Highland Park's technology system; and

WHEREAS, a quote was obtained for providing said services from DiNapoli Consulting (DC) Management Services; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* requires that a resolution authorizing the award of a contract for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without formal competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Highland Park Borough Council as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an IT Service Agreement with DiNapoli Consulting ("DC") Management Services to assist the Borough with its technology network management on an interim basis through December 31, 2017 for the sum not to exceed \$25,000.00. The agreement authorized by this resolution is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
2. This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law based on a certification by the Borough Administrator that the services required on an interim basis until a decision is made concerning the IT position with the Borough is made and in order to maintain the Borough's current IT system in the interim.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough within 10 days of its passage.

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

No. 10-17-316

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is desirous of contracting with the County of Middlesex for the provision of various public health services for the period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8-1 *et seq.*, a municipality may enter into a contract with the County for the provision of such services without public bidding; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex has agreed to contract with the Borough of Highland Park for said public health services in the amount of \$44,438.37 for the year 2018 and in the amount of \$45,327.14 for 2019; and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract shall be made available upon adoption in the 2018 Municipal Budget in an amount not to exceed \$44,438.37 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough a contract with the County of Middlesex for the provision of public health services, in the amount of Forty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Eight dollars and Thirty-Seven (\$44,438.37), for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, and Forty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Seven dollars and Fourteen cents (\$45,327.14), said contract to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney, for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Finance Department, the Highland Park Board of Health, and the County of Middlesex forthwith.

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

No. 10-17-317

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

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
Harder Equipment, Inc.	\$ 5,853.00

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works & Public Utility has recommended the purchase of the Bucket Loader from Harder Equipment, Inc. for a total price of \$5,853.00, based on their quoted price; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 7-01-26-315-2PW in the amount of \$5,853.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 bucket loader from Harder Equipment, Inc., 715 State Route 38, Millstone Township, NJ 08535, for a total price of \$5,853.00; 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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 10-17-318

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Highland Park formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and the Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-Improvements to Merilind and South Seventh Avenues-00569 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

No. 10-17-320

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Highland Park has a need to hire Temporary Laborers for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Aerotek, Inc. will be providing the Temporary Laborers to fill the Borough's staffing needs; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available within the 2017 budget in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract with Aerotek, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Administrator.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 10-17-321

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") has entered into a Redeveloper Agreement for the Redevelopment of Property by Ant Realty, LLC; and

WHEREAS, in order to move the Redevelopment project forward, the Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan dated September 13, 2005 as amended and supplemented (the "Plan") has been recommended by the Agency for an amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Highland Park wishes to refer said Plan amendment to the Highland Park Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the proposed amendment to the Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan for Block 173, Lots 36 and 37 be referred to the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board for review and recommendation. The proposed Amendment is on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk and can be inspected during regular business hours.

It is requested that said Planning Board provide their recommendation with regard to the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment to the Borough Council on or before November 8, 2017.

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

No. 10-17-322

WHEREAS, a water main break occurred at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and River Road causing an emergency effecting the welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation it was determined that the water line had to be repaired/replaced; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq, a contract may be awarded and immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services may be provided when an emergency affects the public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc., P.O. Box 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, NJ 07601 submitted a quote in the amount of \$25,244.08; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$25,244.08 have been certified to be available in the Capital Account No. C-04-55-822-210 as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for said repairs from J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, Inc., 101 East Broadway, Hackensack, NJ 07601, at a total price not to exceed \$25,244.08, this contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et seq.

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

No. 10-17-323

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

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 1, filed by the CME Associates, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to Z. Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc., the sum of \$59,225.07 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from August 21, 2017 to October 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-822-210 in the amount of \$59,225.07, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Z. Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. the sum of \$59,225.07, as certified by the Engineer in Pay Estimate No. 1, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

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

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

No. 10-17-324

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 10/17/2017 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 36.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman Hersh, 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.

No. 10-17-319

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, on behalf of the Borough, the Internship Contract with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Social Work, a copy of which is attached to the original of this resolution.

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

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Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, complained about the volume of the microphones and that it is difficult for her to hear. Borough Administrator Jover to investigate this issue. Ms. Bickhardt asked if they were considering reusable garbage bags. Borough Administrator Jover noted that they are focused solely on single use shopping bags and have no plans to target garbage bags. Ms. Bickhardt asked about trees and maintenance. Councilman George noted that when trees are planted at the request of the homeowner, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to water them. The Borough's arborist and the Department of Public Works due the maintenance on the mature trees that are planted in the verge. He noted that if she sees a problem with a tree she can report it through the use of the Recycle Coach app. Ms. Bickhardt noted that the sidewalks near South 3rd and Magnolia are in need of repair.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk