

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday April 5, 2016 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:04 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler read a proclamation in recognition of National Service Recognition Day and Parkinson's Awareness Month.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that new stop signs were installed on Columbia Street and Cherry Street. Public safety is important as Highland Park is a walking community. They will be looking at other areas of the Borough to install traffic calming devices. The Police Department is in the process of hiring new Police Officers and final decisions to be made soon.

Councilman Fine reported the he is happy that the Clerk will be reporting on an E-Cigarette Licensing Ordinance for consideration of passage on final reading by title. The purpose of this ordinance is to license establishments that sell electronic smoking devices. The funds collected by licensing such establishments will be used to fund the development and maintenance of a tobacco age of sale enforcement program and other smoking cessation and prevention or control programs. He is also glad that this evening the Council will be considering adopting a resolution designating the Borough of Highland Park as the first municipality to be designated as a HeartSafe Community in the State of New Jersey. He is pleased that the Council will consider adopting a resolution to renew the Health Services Contract with Middlesex County; an important shared service which will once again provide Highland Park with various public health services. He encouraged all Highland Park residents interested in enhancing the quality of life in the Borough to consider volunteering to serve on a board or commission. If you are interested in volunteering, you can pick up a volunteer application with a list of the boards and commissions that help make decisions for our Borough at Borough Hall or at the Borough's website, www.hpboro.com.

Councilman Walsh reported that the Highland Park Municipal Band Spring Concert will be held April 10th at 2:00 PM at the Senior Center. This is a fun activity for people of all ages and refreshments will be served. The Highland Park Arts Commission will be meeting on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 PM. They will be discussion activities for the upcoming Highland Park Street Fair and an event they plan to coordinate this summer. The first trip to Atlantic City is set for April 18th. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 8:15 AM and return by 6:00 PM. The cost is \$35 per person and you receive \$25 back in slot pay. It is open to all residents of Highland Park. The Borough is also coordinating an AARP Driver Safety Program. It is set for Tuesday, April 19th and Tuesday, April 26th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. By taking the driver safety program you can deduct 2 points from your license and receive a 5% discount on car insurance. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. It is a 2-part class and you must attend both sessions to get the certificate. The program is open to all Highland Park residents. They are looking to hire 45-50 seasonal employees for the summer camp programs. Applications are available on the Borough website or at the Recreation Center. Program information for Youths and Adults can also be found on the Recreation Center Facebook Page and at the Recreation Center. Summer camp registration is ongoing. The camp runs from July 5th to August 19th. The registration deadline is June 14th. The camp is for children Kindergarten through 12th grade and they will also have a new special needs camp for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th. All the camps have a variety of activities including pool visits, sports, theaters, day trips and music. There are ongoing Chess classes at the Recreation Center on Thursdays from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Spring tennis for youths and adults is on Sundays in May and the registration deadline is May 4th. The Mayor will be appointing Ms. Guzman to the Council on Aging and he urged the Council to approve this important appointment.

Councilman George encouraged residents to attend the meetings of the Redevelopment Agency, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Main Street Highland Park. The Parking Study Group will hopefully meet before the end of April. The documents prepared for the group to review are being copies and will be distributed shortly. The Planning Board has recommended an ordinance change for the redevelopment act for one of the redevelopment projects that is ready to move forward and will be put on an agenda soon. The Planning Board has come back with a positive recommendation. It was good to see that the Planning Board and the Redevelopment Agency created a sub group so that they could sit down and discuss the project and come up with a compromise that works better.

Councilman Erickson – No report.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that in their continuous efforts to provide efficient and cost effective services throughout 2016, the bulk trash pickup has been changed to occur on Wednesdays for all parts of town. This will provide a more efficient and complete service at no additional cost. In April, the North Side and Triangle pickup will be on April 6th and the South Side will be on April 13th. The next pickups will be in June. Sunday, April 17th will be the Annual Earth Day Celebration sponsored by Sustainable Highland Park from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Environmental Education Center. There will be lots of activities, music and food. This Thursday, they will hold their 2nd meeting for the Sustainable Jersey Recertification. Three years ago they earned the silver certification, which is the highest level of certification for a community. This has helped Highland Park in their efforts to continue to strive to bring about sustainable programs and initiatives in the community. It is also important for environmental issues

to reduce waste, bring about environmental and economic and communications equity in the community. They have invited representatives from every board and commission and all Department Heads to join them in this endeavor.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the Council will be voting on a resolution to propose that the State restore funding to Planned Parenthood. There are millions of women in New Jersey who are in need of contraceptive services and supplies. 33% of those living with HIV Aids in New Jersey are women. 2,172 individuals are living in Middlesex County with HIV Aids and there are 609 women in Middlesex County that have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. The work that Planned Parenthood does for all women within the State, especially those women who cannot afford their regular doctors, saved in 2010 in New Jersey, approximately \$275,766,000 in public funds. This Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM they have their HP Gives a Hoot Youth Roots Fundraiser at the Turkish Grill on Raritan Avenue. Funds for the Give a Hoot program go to help keep the children fed, healthy lunches during the school year, and when school is out and parents are not home. They also use these funds to send five high school students to a mentorship program in the summer. On April 12th, they will be honoring all of the Highland Park volunteers at 7PM at the Senior/Youth Recreation Center. Wednesday walks with the Mayor are in the evenings at 6PM. Tomorrow's walk is postponed. The next walk will commence at the entrance to Donaldson Park. Lastly, the Council will be voting on a resolution to make Highland Park New Jersey's first HeartSafe Community. Special thanks go out to Dr. Lacy and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign Committee who have worked diligently over the last few years to make this happen. A big thank you also to the residents and to those who donated the devices that Highland Park will be using in this program. Also a big thank you to her Assistant, Bea Adler, who worked very hard with Dr. Lacy to make this happen; Josh Fine, the Council Liaison, and Stacy Kaplan, Communications. She asked Councilman Fine and Dr. Lacy to come up to explain more about the program.

Councilman Fine explained that HeartSafe Communities is a program designed to promote survival from sudden out of hospital cardiac arrest. Municipalities can become designated as HeartSafe Communities by establishing and meeting a set of criteria, including availability of public access Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), CPR instruction and aggressive resuscitation protocols for first responders. Communities with comprehensive AED programs that include CPR and AED training for rescuers have demonstrated survival rates of nearly 40% for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Making AED's more available to lay responders that are trained in AED use could save many additional lives. The Chair of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Dr. Cliff Lacy, has championed the idea of Highland Park being designated as a HeartSafe Community for some time. He introduced Dr. Lacy so that he could inform Highland Park residents about the program and the criteria that has been established and met and that will enable the Council to consider designating our municipality as the first one in New Jersey to be a HeartSafe Community.

Dr. Clifton Lacy commented that it is an honor to be able to participate tonight in this important event for the people of Highland Park for their health and for their safety. He is the past Chief of Cardiology of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He has expertise in cardiovascular diseases and that is one of the reasons he can address this issue. Sudden cardiac arrest is the sudden and unexpected loss of cardiac function due to life threatening cardiac rhythm disturbances. This is a very common phenomenon and it happens to 425,000 to 500,000 people per year outside of the hospital setting. Unfortunately, only about 5.2% of people who have cardiac arrest outside of the hospital survive. That calculates to 1 death in every 1.7 minutes here in the United States. It is the most frequent cause of death in adults, even more than all deaths from cancer. About 75% to 80% of these cardiac arrests occur in the home and up to 20% of them occur in community areas such as malls, sporting events, schools, or public places. Unfortunately, if you do develop this cardiac arrest rhythm, your chances of survival drop by 7% to 10% for every minute that your heart remains in that lethal arrhythmia. Fortunately, devices have been developed, Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) that have electronic circuits in them and detection algorithms that can detect rhythms that can be shocked and people can be brought back to life. These devices are extremely valuable tools and use of them immediately significantly improves the survival capabilities of cardiac arrest victims. If these were appropriately used around the country today, 40,000 additional lives in the United States could be saved every year. Many of these lives can be saved by lay individuals who are not trained. Tonight, the Council will pass a resolution that will make Highland Park the 1st HeartSafe Community in New Jersey. A HeartSafe Community is, the community embracing the program that promotes survival from out of hospital cardiac arrest by doing five things from the American Heart Association's chain of survival. (1) recognition of cardiac arrest and activation of the emergency response system; (2) early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with an emphasis on chest compressions; (3) rapid defibrillation; (4) basic and advanced emergency medical services; and (5) advanced life support and post-cardiac arrest care. Fortunately for Highland Park we have two superb hospitals in the area to provide excellent care. These municipalities can become designated as HeartSafe Communities by establishing and meeting a set of criteria: (1) availability of CPR instruction; (2) public access to defibrillators; and (3) aggressive resuscitation protocols for first responders and area hospitals. All of those criteria are in place for Highland Park to be designated as a HeartSafe Community. The first HeartSafe program began in Massachusetts in 2002 and there are over 600 HeartSafe Communities in the United States. So far, no municipality in New Jersey has taken the steps to become a HeartSafe Community. Highland Park will be the first in New Jersey and this Council has the authority to designate the municipality as a HeartSafe Community based on established criteria of other HeartSafe Communities. That criteria is: (1) EMS and community partners offer CPR training; education and cardiovascular awareness activities; (3) emergency designated vehicles that are equipped with an AED device; (3) devices being located in public/private areas where people congregate; (4) ACLS is dispatched and (5) the chain of survival is continually reviewed to make sure that the processes are the best and optimal that they can be. The Borough of Highland Park meets all of the criteria and requirements for designation as a HeartSafe Community. Upon approval by the Governing Body, they

will schedule a Borough wide celebration for this designation. He thanked the Mayor and Council, especially Councilman Fine, for the support and leadership in protecting the health and safety of the residents of Highland Park. He thanked the Mayor's Wellness Campaign members for their efforts. He also thanked the four other cardiologists, besides himself, that donated the funds to purchase the AED's. Finally, he thanked Chief Rizco, Joan Hullings, Stacy Kaplan, Kathleen Kovach, Bea Adler and Rucha, the Mayor's former intern, Diane Heimlich, Susan Gross, and Ari Lewitter for all of their assistance.

Mayor Brill Mittler opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves. He would like to limit each presentation to three to five minutes. Anyone wishing to speak about the e-cigarette ordinance, she asked that they address their comments during the public hearing for that ordinance.

Three representatives from the New Jersey Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association appeared to thank the Governing Body for the proclamation that will hopefully make more people aware of Parkinson's disease. Two of the representatives actually have Parkinson's Disease. It is a terrible disease and everyone suffers in a different way. One of the new statistics notes that every 9 minutes someone is diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. There is no cure for the disease and they do not know what causes it. Mayor Brill Mittler presented them with the proclamation.

Nicole Matos, Public Affairs Manager, Planner Parenthood of Central and Northern New Jersey, thanked the Mayor for providing statistics earlier in the evening and showing why state family planning is very much needed. The funding doesn't just go to Planned Parenthood clinics; it also went to family planning clinics across the state. There have been six closures of family planning centers since the funding was lost. The 7 ½ million dollars is a small part of the state budget, but it has made a big impact with the loss of funding. Sexually transmitted infections have gone up 27% across the state; and have gone up 25% in Middlesex County since they lost the funding. She thanked the Council for considering this resolution and being leaders on women's health issues and for continuing to put the pressure on State Legislators.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that he is seeking your vote to take into consideration a ban on anyone entering the meeting room and bringing in laptop machines and computer devices. People are scared that their remarks are being taped on these machines. The Borough has a fine gentleman that tapes the meetings and puts it on television.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III LICENSING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES 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 Fine, seconded by Councilman Walsh, 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.

Alex Weiner, Highland House, 2 Woodbridge Avenue, commented that he read that the fine for violation of this ordinance is less than the fee and wondered whether they could raise the fine. Borough Attorney Schmierer advised that the section of the ordinance that deals with violations is enforced in the Municipal Court. The Judge would have the discretion to fine someone up to \$2,000.

Chimmy Onwumelu, 110 Montgomery Street, commented that she has been following this issue and is truly happy that Highland Park is, as usual, being a leader in matters that affect health and its residents and the environment. The use of e-cigarettes by youth has tripled according to the US Centers of Disease Control report. People are moving from cigarettes to electronic cigarettes. There are no regulations for e-cigarettes and this ordinance would be helpful.

Michael Steinberg, 12 Woodgate Drive, South Brunswick, commented that he is the Director of the Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program and Chief of Internal Medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In those two capacities he deals with a lot of tobacco caused illnesses and they have been doing research on electronic cigarettes and have found that e-cigarettes are not entirely safe products. They contain nicotine and other chemicals that are found in the vapor. He would support a licensing fee for these products as they probably carry some health risk and as they learn more about electronic cigarettes it will become clearer what the long term effects might be.

Dan Bianchini, 106 Woodbridge Avenue, commented that he smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for about four years. He definitely wants to see something go through to discourage the use of electronic cigarettes, but he always wants to be encouraging people who are trying to quit. He asked that the Council look into a distinction between e-cigarettes that look like traditional cigarettes that are tobacco flavored which could be used to quit smoking and the e-cigarettes that are advertised to children with crazy flavors.

No one else appearing to be heard and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all councilpersons present, the ordinances entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III LICENSING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES was tabled from consideration until the April 19th meeting.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH 10TH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE. 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 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.

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 George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 16-1906, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-16-118

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH 10TH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE., 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman Fine and carried by affirmative voice vote of all councilpersons present, the ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247, BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE II LICENSING MASSAGE PARLORS was withdrawn from consideration.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SENIOR CENTER, POLICE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$190,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$180,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF 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 Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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 Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-16-120

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SENIOR CENTER, POLICE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$190,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$180,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF 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 Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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, 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 Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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 Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-16-121

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, April 19, 2016, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247, BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE II LICENSING MESSAGE PARLORS, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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 Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-16-136

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247, BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE II, LICENSING MESSAGE PARLORS, 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, April 19, 2016, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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.

Resolution Nos. 4-16-122 through 4-16-135 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-16-122

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has a need to purchase defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, donations in the amount of \$6,059.50 were provided to the Borough for the purchase of five (5) defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended the purchase of said defibrillators from Physio Control Inc. at \$1,186.50 per defibrillator, \$125.00 for shipping and handling for a total amount not to exceed \$6,057.50; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. T-12-56-816-EMP as reflected by the certification of funds available by the Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the purchase of five (5) defibrillators is hereby authorized for a total not to exceed \$6,057.50; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council As A Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-16-123

WHEREAS, HeartSafe Communities is a program designed to promote survival from sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, HeartSafe Communities programs promote this by enhancing the American Heart Association’s Chain of Survival, a series of five links that give victims of a medical emergency the best chance to survive: immediate recognition of cardiac arrest and activation of the emergency response system, early CPR with an emphasis on chest compressions, rapid defibrillation, effective advanced life support, and integrated post-cardiac arrest care; and

WHEREAS, municipalities can become designated as HeartSafe Communities by establishing and meeting a set of criteria including availability of CPR instruction, public access defibrillators, and aggressive resuscitation protocols for first responders and area hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey has the authority to designate the community as a HeartSafe municipality based on established criteria of existing HeartSafe Communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has established and met the criteria for designation of a HeartSafe municipality by offering CPR training to community members, offering cardiovascular-related education and/or awareness activities to the community, having emergency designated vehicles equipped with automated external defibrillators (AEDs), having AEDs located in public and/or private areas where people at risk for sudden cardiac arrest are likely to congregate, having Advanced Cardiac Life Support dispatched to priority medical emergencies, and having an ongoing program to evaluate and improve Chain of Survival in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey that Highland Park be designated as New Jersey’s first HeartSafe municipality.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded forthwith to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-16-124

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 4/5/2016 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-16-125

WHEREAS, Highland Park Conservative Temple, 201 South 3rd Avenue, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the bill should not have been generated due to an incorrect meter reading; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited for the erroneous charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a credit to Account #302220370-0 of \$1,079.99 (water) and \$652.72 (Sewer) for a total of \$1,732.71 to the water & sewer account of Highland Park Conservative Temple, 201 South 3rd Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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. 4-16-126

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works obtained quotations for the 2016 Fall Tree Planting Project; and

WHEREAS, two companies were contacted, with the below listed companies responding, as follows:

NAME	AMOUNT
NJ Tree Foundation	\$9,490.00
Chestnut Arboricultural and Forestry Service	\$9,610.00
And	

WHEREAS, after review by the Shade Tree Committee and Department of Public Works, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to New Jersey Tree Foundation, Jackson, NJ based on their bid; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for tree planting in the amount of \$9,490.00 in Account No. T-12-56-806-100, as reflected by the certification of funds by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach;

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 NJ Tree Foundation, Jackson, NJ in the amount of \$9,490.00, for the planting of trees as listed in the contract, said contract to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-16-127

WHEREAS, Suzanne Glovak has filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate a taxicab under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and/or his designee has investigated said applicant and has reported favorably upon said applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of said Licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Operator License to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-16-128

WHEREAS, M. Z. Contractors has heretofore submitted an invoice totaling \$11,100.00 for services in connection with the Highland Park Home Improvement Program for work performed at the home of Nancy L. Gault, Case No. HP-1518, 1136 Raritan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the said invoice and have approved the same for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment in the amount of \$11,100.00 to M.Z. Contractors, 13 Bahama Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753, for construction services rendered to date in connection with the renovation of the above aforementioned property;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and CGP&H forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-16-129

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 5, 2016 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:

ROGER J. PACCONI, Substitute Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$17.89, effective April 6, 2016.

DONNA FRICKE, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$33.60, effective January 1, 2016.

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

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

No. 4-16-130

WHEREAS, David Glanz and Deborah Rebhuhn, 410 Graham Avenue, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the bill should not have been generated due to an incorrect meter reading; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited for the erroneous charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a credit to Account #20190250-0 for water and sewer for a total of \$155.40 to the water & sewer account of David Glanz and Deborah Rebhuhn, 410 Graham Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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 Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-6-131

WHEREAS, advertisement was made for receipt of bids on March 17, 2016 for a Teen Center; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received as follows:

BIDDER	AMOUNT
Cypreco Industries Inc., Neptune, NJ	\$443,823.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough chooses to reject the bid 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 bid received for the above described Teen Center on March 17, 2016 shall be and hereby is rejected.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESEOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby directed to readvertise for receipt of bids for a Teen Center, on a date and time to be determined by the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-6-132

WHEREAS,, publicly supported family planning services provide access to contraceptives and include screenings for sexually transmitted infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and HIV; cervical cancer prevention services, including Pap tests, and testing and vaccination for human papillomavirus (HPV); clinical breast exams; and other key preventive care services;

WHEREAS, the contribution of family planning services in assisting women in the planning and spacing of their pregnancies is linked to a reduction in infant mortality, and the ability to plan, prevent, and

space pregnancies is directly linked to benefits to women, men, children, and society, including more educational and economic opportunities, healthier babies, more stable families, and a reduced taxpayer burden;

WHEREAS, in 2013, 1,102,640 women in New Jersey were in need of contraceptive services and supplies, and 39 percent are in need of contraception that is publicly funded, a 5 percent increase since 2010;

WHEREAS, in 2014, Middlesex County reported 2,489 of bacterial sexually transmitted infections (including chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis) which is an 25.1 percent increase from 2009;

WHEREAS, through June 2015, 33 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey are women, four out of five women living with HIV/AIDS are women of color, and 45 percent of women living with HIV are currently 20-49 years old;

WHEREAS, through June 2015, 2,172 individuals in Middlesex County are living with HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, in 2012, 609 women in Middlesex County were diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer;

WHEREAS, the absence of the publicly supported family planning services provided at safety-net health centers would lead to the rates of unintended pregnancy, unplanned birth and abortion being 26 percent higher in New Jersey, and the teen pregnancy rate would be 38 percent higher ;

WHEREAS, the services provided at publicly funded family planning centers in 2010 in New Jersey helped save \$275,766,000 in public funds, and nationally for every dollar spent on family planning, we save approximately \$7 in associated health care costs ;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park:

There is a significant unmet need for family planning services and funding across New Jersey and these services should be a critical component of the New Jersey public health care system in order to provide high-quality family planning services and other preventive health care to low-income or uninsured individuals who may otherwise lack access to health care.

The Borough of Highland Park strongly encourages the New Jersey State Legislature and the Executive Branch to restore funding for this important program.

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

No. 4-16-133

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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex has agreed to contract with the Borough of Highland Park for said public health services in the amount of \$42,712.77 for the year 2016 and in the amount of \$43,567.03 for 2017; and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract shall be made available upon adoption in the 2016 Municipal Budget in an amount not to exceed \$42,712.77 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the certification of funds by Finance Director Kathleen Kovach, 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-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Twelve dollars and seventy seven (\$42,712.77), for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and Forty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty Seven dollars and Three cents (\$43,567.03), said contract to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney, for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

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

No. 4-16-134

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Resolution No. 1-15-08, adopted by the Council on January 5, 2016, shall be amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, it is critical that the Borough of Highland Park strive to better communicate with its residents so that they are aware of events, programs, requirements and other public issues; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently addresses the need for public communication through a variety of channels; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council deem it in the public interest that resident communication efforts be helpful, consistent and coordinated for the good of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to establish a commission for the purpose of advising and assisting the Borough with its public communication efforts.

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

1. The Borough of Highland Park Public Information Commission be and the same is hereby created.
2. Said Commission shall be comprised of nine (9) at-large members, all of whom must be residents of the Borough of Highland Park. The Mayor and Chair will identify non-voting liaisons representing the following agencies:
 - A. Main Street Highland Park.
 - B. Highland Park Public Library.
 - C. HPTV.
 - D. Highland Park Public Schools.
 - E. Highland Park Police Department.
3. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council to a two (2) year term, however, four (4) of the at-large members shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year and the remaining five (5) at-large members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years.
4. The Commission shall be charged with providing advice to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park concerning the development of a comprehensive public communications

