

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday January 19, 2016 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:01 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 reported that there was a tragic loss over the weekend. A 6 year old boy was killed and his mother was injured. She asked for a moment of silence. Whenever events like this occur, the Highland Park Police Department immediately responds. They assisted with all aspects of this tragic accident. She expressed the thanks of the Mayor and Council to Lt. Panichella, Lt. Hammill, Ptl. Curbelo, Ptl. Garrity, Ptl. Garley, Ptl. O'Mara, and Dispatcher Marcik.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits and seconded by Councilman George, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meeting held November 10, 2015, December 1, 2015 and December 16, 2015, and the Special Meeting held October 13, 2015, were approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Councilperson Walsh.

Main Street Minute – none.

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

Councilman Jim Walsh thanked the Highland Park Theatre Company for their production of Shrek Junior. The play was a lot of fun and well attended. He looks forward to the next production of Zeussical.

Councilman George reported that Main Street Highland Park will hold their 1st meeting of 2016 next Wednesday, at 6:30 PM at Unity Bank. They plan to present theoretical plan to utilize municipal property parking lot by the Reformed Church in a more creative way. They formed a working group to formalize the plan. The Planning Board will begin hearing the American Properties Application at their next meeting on February 11th at 7:30 PM. The Redevelopment Agency is working amendment to Redevelopment Plan that needs to go to the Planning Board for review and approval. There is a proposed developer looking for some conditions to move forward. The developer has posted escrow for professional studies.

Councilman Erickson – No report.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin thanked Public Safety for their assistance this past weekend; specifically the 1st Aid Squad, the CERT team, the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Councilman Fine thanked Ashton Burrell, Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission and his group for a wonderful and meaningful MLK program.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that new garbage/recycling magnets were delivered to all residents by the Department of Public Works. The magnet includes new logo to remind people to properly dispose of litter. The magnets were paid for by Clean Communities grant money. She encouraged residents to check out the current issue of the e-news that features a message from her. The Department of Public Works brought recycling costs down to zero in 2015. Bulk pickup is very expensive and usable goods can be donated to various organizations and charities. Middlesex County publishes a "Reuse Book" and information can be obtained on the website. Sustainable Highland Park is working on "Smart Homes Program" where residents can get energy audits done at their homes. They plan to schedule a meeting to discuss financing options for improvements. Sunday, April 17th will be the Earth Day Celebration. The Habitat for Humanity House continues to be built and residents are encouraged to register to offer assistance. Residents are encouraged to bundle up their cardboard before they put it out, as the Borough can make money on cardboard recycling. Lastly, she asked that residents refer to last newspaper article on snow removal that will be available on the website in the next few days.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that she attended the MLK celebration organized by the Human Relations Commission. She thanked Supt. Taylor and Principal Lassiter for use of the Highland Park High School Auditorium. It was an incredibly moving event. They were privileged to have Sarah Collins Rudolph be a part of the celebration. She survived church firebombing in 1963 and she shared her life story. The event featured art, poetry, dance and honoring the MLK recipient, Sharice Richardson. She thanked everyone for their efforts in organizing this event, especially Bruce and Deborah Morgan, for reaching out to the speaker. Lastly, she spoke about the HP Gives a Hoot program. The program is dedicated to insuring that children have nutritional needs that they require. Last year, they sent five high school students to a sleep away camp. This will fall under this program again. The fireworks in the park will be a celebration of the HP Gives a Hoot fund. They are entering into year three of the Park Partners give back. 10 grant applications have been submitted and the date for the community vote is February 21st at 3:00 PM.

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

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that back in October he was told a citation was issued in the 1st Avenue affair. He asked who the citation was issued to. Mayor Brill Mittler advised that indeed a citation was issued and the Construction Official went back out to the site again. Borough Administrator Kovach advised that the person the Construction Official spoke to was not the current owner, but the previous owner. He is working on something in town and will be coming to fix it on 1st Avenue. Mr. Gross again asked if a citation was issued and the name of the person the citation was issued to. Mayor Brill Mittler and Borough Administrator Kovach both advised Mr. Gross that the Construction Official was at the last meeting to provide information to Mr. Gross, but he was not in attendance. Mr. Brescher has all the information and Mr. Gross can contact him directly or they can have Mr. Brescher contact him.

Sherry Rubel, Kendall Park resident, commented that she is humbled and honored to be here to hear wonderful things being done in Highland Park. She grew up here and spent many years in homeless encampment in Lakewood. She brought up Senate bill S2571 for a tiny home pilot program, which would provide tiny homes to homeless people. Senator Lesniak is offering support for this program and told her to find a Mayor to support this program. She had provided a copy of the legislation to Councilman Fine. She hopes the Governing Body will consider passing a resolution in support of this legislation. Mayor Lankey in Edison as expressed his support and she has met with the Mayor's office in New Brunswick. She is hoping to find great support in Middlesex County. The program is created and funded by grants. There is one available that is due in March. Highland Park could make history with this program by thinking outside the box.

Mayor Brill Mittler thanked her for bringing this matter to the Governing Body. Councilman Fine will be in contact with you to get more information on the project and will discuss with the Governing Body.

The Clerk reported that 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", had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 1-16-26

WHEREAS, 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" 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, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SANITARY SEWER RENTS AND FEES AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK", had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 1-16-27

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SANITARY SEWER RENTS AND FEES AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK" 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, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, 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 Welkovits, 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 Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 1-16-28

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 Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on February 2, 2016 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. 1-16-29 through 1-16-63 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 Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

1-16-29

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 1/19/2016 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 36.

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

1-16-30

WHEREAS, Ayre Zeilberger, 118 Washington 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 #10050110-0 of \$1,393.08 (water) and \$841.95 (Sewer) for a total of \$2,235.03 to the water & sewer account of Ayre Zeilberger, 118 Washington 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:

1-16-31

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 7-12-218, adopted by the Borough Council on July 17, 2012, a contract was awarded to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. Elizabeth, NJ, for Highland Park New Police Building Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 31, filed by the Goldstein Partnership, architects that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$7,500.00 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$7,500.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, 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 H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$7,500.00, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 31, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

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

1-16-32

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 7-12-218, adopted by the Borough Council on July 17, 2012, a contract was awarded to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. Elizabeth, NJ, for Highland Park New Police Building Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 31, filed by the Goldstein Partnership, architects that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$7,500.00 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$7,500.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, 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 H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$7,500.00, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 31, 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 Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach and the Goldstein Partnership forthwith.

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

1-16-33

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 8-13-242, adopted by the Borough Council on August 13, 2013, a contract was awarded to Mario's Concrete & Paving Company, Inc. Parlin, NJ, for the 2013 Residential Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Program; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 5 and Final Close-Out Change Order, filed by Borough Engineer David J. Samuel, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, resulting in an overall decrease in the original contract in the amount of \$145,059.78; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends acceptance of the work and approval of the Close-Out Change Order and Final Pay Estimate No. 5 for work on the above project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is due the amount of \$64,923.30 from Mario's Concrete & Paving Company, Inc., due to a duplicate payment made to them; and

WHEREAS, Mario's Concrete & Paving Company, Inc., submitted a reimbursement check to the Borough dated December 28, 2015 in the amount of \$64,923.30;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Final Close-Out Change Order and Final Pay Estimate No. 5 are hereby approved and the Contractor shall post a one year maintenance bond in the amount of \$59,716.91;

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

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

1-16-34

WHEREAS, THE Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities through New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages' and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials by upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Middlesex; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Highland Park Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2017 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$21,551.00
Cash Match	\$ 5,387.75

In-Kind \$16,163.25

2. The Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

1-16-35

WHEREAS, Jonathan Saucedo & Catherine Rominger, 200 Columbia Street, 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 #10061650-0 of \$190.82 (water) and \$115.32 (Sewer) for a total of \$306.14 to the water & sewer account of Jonathan Saucedo & Catherine Rominger, 200 Columbia Street, 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:

1-16-36

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee would like to institute a tree planting program for the spring of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee has a list of interested residents; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee would like to purchase said shade trees utilizing funds from the Tree Replacement Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Shade Tree Advisory Committee is hereby authorized to purchase said trees utilizing funds from the Tree Replacement Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee forthwith.

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

1-16-37

WHEREAS, Robert Schickner, Saukat Ali Bhatti, James Roy Thomas, Tanveer Ahmad Qureshi, David Paul Presseisen, and Edward Beyder have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs 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 applicants 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 Council As A Whole, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-38

WHEREAS, Kaplan & Sons have received preliminary and final major site plan approval and variance approval for the Development known as Merriewold at Highland Park from the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board on October 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, that approval memorialized by said Planning Board on January 8, 2015 requires public sanitary sewer service for the proposed construction of 196 rental units together with a clubhouse and swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, Kaplan & Sons have arranged for said public sanitary sewer service by connecting said development to the nearby sanitary sewer system maintained by the adjacent township of Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Piscataway has confirmed capacity in their public sanitary sewer system to treat the effluent from said development and has also adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of the NJDEP form, Section A-1 required for New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection TWA permit.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of Kaplan & Sons Construction Corp. the NJDEP, A-1 consent by governing body for a treatment works approval (TWA) application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Merriewold at Highland Park Development.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to:
 - A. Melissa A. Seader, Clerk, Township of Piscataway, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854
 - B. Ronald S. Blumstein, Esq., Kaplan Companies, 433 River Road, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

1-16-39

WHEREAS, the following business/property owners have submitted a completed application to the Borough of Highland Park for matching grant under the Highland Park Façade Improvement Program and/or the Highland Park Awning Promotion Program, both funded through the Community Block Development Grant and further described on the Purchase Requisition attached to the original of this resolution for the location designated, to wit:

APPLICANT

Jerald Blum, DMD

BUSINESS LOCATIONS

729 Raritan Avenue

and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Design Committee has reviewed the applications and has recommended that the above applications be approved by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be available in Account No. G-02-13-CD2-210 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,416.55, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the application from the above named business/property owner be approved for funding under the Highland Park Façade Improvement and Awning Promotion Program in the amount set opposite, to wit:

APPLICANT

Jerald Blum, DMD

AMOUNT

\$1,416.55

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the applicant, Finance Department and the Main Street Executive Director forthwith.

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

1-16-40

WHEREAS, Michael & Michele Meiner, 484 Lincoln 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 a malfunctioning water meter; 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 #10090470-0 of \$110.42 (water) to the water & sewer account of Michael & Michele Meiner, 484 Lincoln 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-41

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer") by resolution previously adopted a Deferred Compensation Plan (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan") for the purpose of making available to eligible employees the accrual of tax benefits under a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, the 2005 final regulations issued under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, final Treasury Regulation §1.457-4, the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008, the Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 and the Small Business Act of 2010 amended sections of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and the rules and/or regulations issued thereunder affecting Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans (cumulatively referred to as the "Acts and Regulations");

WHEREAS, the Employer desires its Plan to conform with the changes in the Code and Treasury regulations brought about by the Acts and Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to adopt a restated Plan that conforms with the changes in the Code and Treasury regulations resulting from the Acts and Regulations;

WHEREAS, such revised Plan shall supersede the previously adopted Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Employer hereby adopts a revised Plan 82-PD-Lincoln-050812.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, has agreed to continue to be the provider of the Deferred Compensation Program for employees and elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group it's agent, will continue to provide, for the benefit of the participants the Multi-Fund Variable Annuity contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, in the selection of a provider pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37 - 5.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director or Business Administrator is authorized to execute an Administrative Services Agreement with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, (12-SA-Lincoln-072595) and such other agreements as are necessary to implement the Deferred Compensation Program. It is implicitly understood that there is to be no cost or contribution by the Employer to the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director or Business Administrator is authorized to serve as the "Administrator" of the plan, represent the Employer, and execute individual deferred compensation agreements with each said employee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Employer that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Finance Director or Business Administrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services at P.O. Box 803; Trenton, NJ 08625-0803.

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

1-16-42

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record services in connection with one or more bond issuances to provide certain financial and other information and notices; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 6-01-20-130-200 in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by Chief Financial Officer 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 are hereby directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough the AGREEMENT providing for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record services with Phoenix Advisors, LLC., 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Phoenix Advisors, LLC forthwith.

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

1-16-43

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency has entered into a conditional Redeveloper Agreement for the redevelopment of property designated as Block 173, Lots 36 and 37, Borough of Highland Park Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency has further requested that the Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan dated September 13, 2005 be amended to establish redevelopment standards for said Property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park wish to refer the proposed amendment to the Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan to the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board for its consideration and recommendation for the adoption of an ordinance approving said plan amendment.

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

1. The proposed amendment to the Highland Park Downtown Redevelopment Plan for the redevelopment of Block 173, Lots 36 and 37, Borough of Highland Park Tax Map is hereby referred to the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board for its review, recommendation and for a potential ordinance approving said plan amendment.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency and the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board.
3. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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

1-16-44

WHEREAS, advertisement was made for receipt of bids on December 20, 2015, for an annual contract for repairs and maintenance of the water distribution and sanitary sewer systems in the Borough of Highland Park for the years 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received as follows:

J Fletcher Creamer and Son Inc, Hackensack, NJ

2015:	\$244,985.00
2016:	\$244,985.00
Total	\$489,970.00

B&W Construction Co, South River, NJ

2015:	\$253,125.00
2016:	\$253,125.00
Total	\$506,250.00

Montana Construction Corp., Inc., Lodi, NJ

2015:	\$300,334.35
2016:	\$300,334.35
Total	\$600,668.70

Rock Solid Construction Inc., Newark, NJ

2015:	\$294,745.00
2016:	\$303,005.00
Total	\$597,750.00

Reivax Contracting Corp., Newark, NJ

2015:	\$310,435.00
2016:	\$329,435.00
Total	\$639,870.00

John Garcia Construction Corp, Clifton, NJ

2015:	\$338,837.50
2016:	\$348,743.75
Total:	\$687,581.25

Joseph Jinogli & Son, Inc., Lawrenceville, NJ

2015:	\$386,715.00
2016:	\$400,270.00
Total:	\$786,985.00

WHEREAS, the bid for the annual contract for repairs and maintenance of the water distribution and sanitary sewer systems in the Borough of Highland Park was awarded to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., as per Resolution No. 2-15-70, adopted by the Highland Park Borough Council on February 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in Account No. 6-05-55-500-423 upon adoption of the 2016 Municipal and Water & Sewer Budgets in the amount of \$244,985.00, as reflected by the certification of funds by Chief Financial Officer, Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

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 remit to the above the amount indicated, the same being the amount due for said services.

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

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

1-16-45

WHEREAS, advertisement was made for receipt of bids on December 18, 2014 and again on April 1, 2015, for the 2015/2016 Annual Maintenance Contract for Tree Pruning, Tree Removal, Stumps Removal and/or Root Grinding; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received as follows:

Chestnut CAFS, LLC., Old Bridge, NJ

2015-2016

Pruning of various shade trees	\$130.00 2 person crew per hour
Removal of trees	\$198.00 3 person crew per hour
Grinding of stumps	\$135.00 per hour
Optional root grinding	\$150.00 per hour
Consulting	\$ 90.00 per hour

Rich Tree Service, South Plainfield, NJ

2015-2016

Pruning of various shade trees	\$132.00 2 person crew per hour
Removal of trees	\$200.00 3 person crew per hour
Grinding of stumps	\$135.00 per hour
Optional root grinding	\$146.00 per hour
Consulting	\$ 20.00 per hour

Greenscape Landscape Contractor Inc., Glenside, PA

2015-2016

Pruning of various shade trees	\$130.00 2 person crew per hour
Removal of trees	\$190.00 3 person crew per hour
Grinding of stumps	\$135.00 per hour
Optional root grinding	\$100.00 per hour
Consulting	\$ 80.00 per hour

High Tech Landscape Inc., Branchburg, NJ

2015-2016

Pruning of various shade trees	\$ 80.00 2 person crew per hour
Removal of trees	\$120.00 3 person crew per hour
Grinding of stumps	\$ 40.00 per hour
Optional root grinding	\$ 40.00 per hour
Consulting	\$ 40.00 per hour

WHEREAS, the bid for the annual maintenance contract for tree pruning, tree removal, stumps removal and/or root grinding was awarded to High Tech Landscape, Inc., as per Resolution No. 4-15-140, adopted by the Highland Park Borough Council on April 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, funds for said contract shall be made available in Account No. 6-01-26-290-237 upon adoption in the 2016 Municipal Budget in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, as reflected by the certification of funds of Chief Financial Officer, Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

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 remit to the above the amount indicated, the same being the amount due for said services.

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

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

1-16-46

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to use Balken Risk Management Consulting Services, LLC for risk management consulting services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the agreement for aforesaid services, attached to the original of this resolution, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Balken Risk Management Services, LLC forthwith.

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

1-16-47

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Attorney for the calendar year of 2016; 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, Edwin Schmierer, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Attorney for 2016;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide a written agreement providing for the compensation of the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$45,000.00 and an additional \$20,000.00 for litigation, without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$65,000.00 in Account No. 6-01-20-155-233, upon adoption of the 2016 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 Edwin Schmierer, Esq., a copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-48

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Tax Appeal Counsel for the calendar year 2016; 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, Martin Allen of the Law firm of Di Francesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in tax appeal matters and has heretofore been appointed as Tax Appeal Counsel for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide compensation for the Tax Appeal Counsel; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be available in the amount of \$10,000.00 in Account No. 6-01-20-155-2TA, upon adoption of the 2016 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 Martin Allen, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of hereof, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-49

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Labor Consultant for the calendar year of 2016; 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, Arthur Thibault, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in labor relations matters and has heretofore been appointed as Labor Consultant for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said Labor Consultant; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$40,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$40,000.00 in Account No. 6-01-20-155-2LA, upon adoption of the 2016 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer 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 are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Arthur Thibault, Esq., Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, 25 Independence Boulevard, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-50

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Bond Counsel for bonding and related matters the calendar year of 2016; 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, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., is a firm of attorneys at law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in bonding and related matters and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Bond Counsel for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be made available for this purpose in all capital ordinances as the same are adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-51

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Auditor for the calendar year of 2016; 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, Andrew G. Hodulik of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., is a certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal auditing and has heretofore been appointed Borough Auditor for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation for the Borough Auditor; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$43,500.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$29,000.00 in Account No. 6-01-20-135-235, and \$14,500.00 in Account No. 6-05-55-500-4AE, upon adoption of the 2016 municipal

budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 Andrew G. Hodulik of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., a copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-52

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Engineer for the calendar year of 2016; 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, David J. Samuel, of CME Associates, is a licensed engineer of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal engineering and has heretofore been appointed Borough Engineer for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation for the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed \$9,500.00 or the amount specified in agreements for specific projects; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$9,500.00 in Account No.6-01-20-165-2EN, upon adoption of the 2016 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 J. Samuel, CME Associates, a copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-53

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Counsel for Affordable Housing for 2016; 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, Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, is an Attorney at Law Firm of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Special Counsel for the above mentioned period; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide a written agreement providing for the compensation of the Special Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation for the Special Counsel as per the attached Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-54

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Planning Consultant for the calendar year of 2016 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, Philip B. Caton is a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and has heretofore been appointed as Special Planner for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide a written agreement providing for the compensation of Special Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the a method of compensation for the Special Planner as per the attached Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 Philip B. Caton, Clarke Caton Hintz, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, a copy of which is attached hereto, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-55

WHEREAS, the following employees are entitled the following payouts in the amounts listed below:

NAME	AMOUNT DUE
Mohab Hannout	\$316.90
Joseph Olarra	\$290.57
David Soden	\$100.83

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the comp time payouts be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

1-16-56

WHEREAS, Margarita Guzman, Violations Clerk, has retired from the Borough of Highland Park effective December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Borough’s Personnel Manual, Margarita Guzman is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

	Calculation	Amount Due
Vacation	103.0 hrs. x \$21.383	\$2,202.45
Sick	109.8 hrs. x \$21.383	\$2,348.81
Total Payment		<u>\$4,551.26</u>

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the unused accrued time payment in an amount not to exceed \$4,551.26 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

1-16-57

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:

KIMBERLY MCGRAW, Clerk Typist, at an hourly rate of \$14.76, effective January 1, 2016 **(amended amount)**.

ANDY RANMREKHA, Seasonal Recreation Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$8.38, effective January 1, 2016.

AMIR WRIGHT, Seasonal Recreation Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective January 1, 2016.

JOSEPH DIEZ, Library Page, at an hourly rate of \$8.38, effective January 1, 2016.

SIMON GARCIA, Library Page, at an hourly rate of \$8.38, effective January 1, 2016.

JENNIFER LARSEN, Circulation Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$29.03, 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 Council As A Whole, was duly adopted as above:

1-16-58

WHEREAS, Kaplan & Sons Construction Corp. have received preliminary and final major site plan approval and variance approval for the Development known as “Merriewold at Highland Park” from the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board on October 23, 2014 (See Application No. P2014-01); and

WHEREAS, said Planning Board Approval requires that Kaplan & Sons Construction Corp. enter into a Developer’s Agreement with the Borough of Highland Park to ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of said approval.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Developer’s Agreement with Kaplan & Sons Corporation for the development known as “Merriewold at Highland Park.” The Developer’s Agreement authorized for execution by this Resolution is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board Secretary and Ronald S. Blumstein, Esq., Kaplan Companies, 433 River Road, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904.
3. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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

1-16-59

WHEREAS, Kaplan & Sons Construction Corp. have received preliminary and final major site plan approval and variance approval for the Development known as “Merriewold at Highland Park” from the Borough of Highland Park Planning Board on October 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a condition of approval requires that there be made available to the Development public sanitary sewer service for the 196 rental units approved within said development; and

WHEREAS, Kaplan & Sons Construction Corp. made arrangements for said public sanitary sewer service by connecting said Development to the nearby sanitary sewer system maintained by the adjacent Township of Piscataway; and

WHEREAS, in order to have said township furnish public sanitary sewer service to a Borough property, a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:65-1 et seq. may be required.

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

1. If the Borough of Highland Park is advised that a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. is required to provide and facilitate public sanitary sewer service for the Merriewold at Highland Park Development, the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough are hereby authorized and directed to execute same. The form and content of said Shared Services Agreement shall be reviewed and approved as to form and content by the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer before being executed by the Mayor and Clerk of said Borough.
2. A certified true copy of this Resolution shall be furnished upon its adoption to:
 - A. Melissa A. Seader, Clerk, Township of Piscataway, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854; and
 - B. Ronald S. Blumstein, Esq., Kaplan Companies, 433 River Road, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904.

3. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

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

1-16-60

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park was the holder of Tax Sale Certificate No. 11-00087 for the premises known as Block 137, Lot 28 on the Highland Park Tax Map; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2012, said Tax Sale Certificate was assigned by Resolution No 1-12-33 to Hayden Hsiung;

WHEREAS, a typographical error in the assignee's name has been discovered and warrants correction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Highland Park that a corrected Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate document for Tax Sale Certificate No. 11-00087 shall be created and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said document.

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

1-16-61

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2015 a payment totaling \$2,904.97 was remitted from Weichert Relocation Services on behalf of John Carmichael & Gregory Jackson whose property is known as Block 166, Lot 30 203 Lawrence Ave.; and

WHEREAS, due to an error in the application of this payment said property was deemed delinquent and subsequently Tax Sale Certificate #15-00099 was sold by the Borough of Highland Park on December 15, 2016 to TTLBL, LLC, located at 4747 Executive Drive-Suite 510, San Diego, CA; and

WHEREAS, said tax sale certificate was erroneously sold and is in need of cancellation; and

WHEREAS, there is due to TTLBL, LLC, the amount of \$3,146.25 as reimbursement for the erroneously sold tax lien plus the return of their premium in the amount of \$20,200.00;

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 to remit to TTLBL, LLC located at 4747 Executive Drive-Suite 510, San Diego, CA 92121, the amount of \$3,146.25, which amount is payment in full of the principal and interest due on Tax Sale Certificate No. 15-00099 and return of their Premium in the amount of \$20,200.00; and

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

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

1-16-62

WHEREAS, JSJ#4 LLC, (Edward Beyder) has filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for an Owners License to operate taxicabs in this Borough 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 application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby determined that said applicant is qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of such License.

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

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

1-16-63

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following shall be and is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Highland Park Housing Authority for a term to expire as indicated:

Matthew Hersh

September 1, 2018

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Lila Frost to serve as a member of the Council on Aging for a term expiring April1, 2017.

The above appointment was confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Councilman George noted that Main Street Highland Park and the Redevelopment Agency are looking for citizen volunteers for a parking study. Anyone interested should contact him.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk