

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
REGULAR MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016 - 7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday May 17, 2016 and was called to order by Council President Welkovits at 7:05 PM. Council President Welkovits read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, George, Walsh, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

Council President Welkovits made the following statement - "At this time, in light of the senseless tragedy of our LGBTQ family and friends in Orlando this past weekend, let us take a moment of silence to honor the victims. Let us all stand together in support of the victims and their families, and let us all maintain strength and resolve to fight for changes necessary to prevent any further tragic events". She noted that this evening, the Pride Center has organized a vigil, a gathering, for our community to meet, heal and show our support to the LGBTQ community. The vigil will begin at 8:00 PM inside the Reformed Church of Highland Park on South 2nd Avenue.

Council President Welkovits asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilman Walsh reported that the annual 4th of July celebration will be held on July 3rd at Donaldson Park. There will be vendors, music, and a special kid's area to benefit HP Gives a Hoot. The Recreation Advisory Committee met and evaluated a flag football program and will bring the matter to the Council when details are finalized.

Councilman George congratulated Sgt. Olarra on his retirement. He is personally proud of him and it was a pleasure to work with him. He wished him all the best. He is a great man and a great friend. The Planning Board is working with Sustainable Highland Park on the silver recertification. Recommendations were sent to the Planning Board to then forward to the Governing Body. The Farmer's Market opened this year on June 3rd and Mayor Brill Mittler was there to officiate the grand opening. They will be having cooking demonstrations at the Farmer's Market this year and he announced that he will be taking part in the NJ Tomato Challenge. Participants will have to gather ingredients from the market and prepare their dish on site. The Redevelopment Agency is working with two developers on redevelopment plans.

Councilman Erickson reported that the Mayor has been active in promoting digital data and he is happy to work with this group. They are well on their way to doing meaningful and innovative projects.

Councilman Fine reported that the Friends of the Library held their annual book sale in May. He congratulated the organizers for their efforts in raising \$8,600.

Borough Administrator Kovach – no report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – no report.

Council President Welkovits reported that residents may have noticed that work has begun on the reconstruction of Valentine Street from funds awarded to the Borough through the NJDOT transportation funds. The reconstruction continues work completed earlier this year and will improve the remainder of Valentine Street from South 3rd to South 5th Avenues. The work includes rebuilt curbs, addition of Borough sidewalks, ADA curb cuts, storm basins, and repaving. Work is slated to be completed on or about July 4th. In the Borough's continuous efforts to improve public safety, road sharing and walkability, the Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Police Department had Volkert Street painted with a strip down the middle of the road to help drivers stay on their side of the road through the curve and the curb is also highlighted to improve general visibility. The Department of Public Works is also planning to paint safety striping on important intersections by the schools. This will include the three-way intersection between the high school and library, Mansfield Street in front of Bartle School, and McCallum Place between Irving School and the First Aid Squad. The painting is scheduled while school is closed during mid-July, weather permitting. Keep Middlesex Moving is preparing our Schools Walkability Study, due June 24th. A team of staff, resident volunteers and planning professionals walked the neighborhoods around the schools several weeks ago. They noticed areas which they may be able to improve on. This plan is one of the first steps necessary to act as a basis for grants or technical assistance from the State, and as a plan for further improvements to bicycle routes. The Public Schools have embarked on a three-year strategy. Residents are encouraged to participate in the survey and in the community-wide action planning meeting on June 28th and June 29th. Lastly, she encouraged residents to join the Governing Body next week, Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 PM for an important presentation by PSE&G on proposed plans for a new environmental initiative, a cash positive lease arrangement for installation of a solar field.

Council President Welkovits opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, thanked all the residents of Highland Park for their supporting him as a candidate for Council in the Primary Election. Mr. Gross was reminded that there is no campaigning allowed in the Municipal Building and at a public meeting.

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

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The Clerk reported advertising a summary of the 2016 Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution, introduced and approved on first reading May 20, 2016, with the public hearing scheduled for June 14, 2016, and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that copies of the budget were made available to the public in Borough Hall and the Highland Park Library.

On motion made by Council man George, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget was opened.

No one appearing to be heard, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget was closed.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

5-16-174

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 5-16-162 adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park on May 17, 2016, that approved the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2016; and

WHEREAS, said Budget was advertised in the Home News Tribune issue of May 20, 2016 together with a notice of the public hearing on the Budget scheduled for June 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ; and

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

WHEREAS, notice had been served on all property owners within the Special Improvement District as certified by the Tax Assessor and as shown by the affidavit of the Borough Clerk attached hereto and a public hearing on the Budget was held on June 14, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 2016 Main Street Highland Park Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of

Income

Government Grants	25,000.00
Special Assessment (BID)	157,000.00
Sponsorships	66,900.00
Total Income	\$248,900.00

Expense

Administration and General	153,200.00
Program Expense	95,700.00
Total Expense	\$248,900.00
Budget Surplus/Carryover	\$0.00

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MISCELLANEOUS WATER AND SEWER EQUIPMENT, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Erickson, 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, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

6-16-175

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MISCELLANEOUS WATER AND SEWER EQUIPMENT, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on July 12, 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.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution No. 6-16-179 was separated from the Consent Agenda.

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Resolution Nos. 6-16-176 through 6-16-178 and Resolution Nos. 6-16-180 through 6-16-191 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, George, Walsh, Welkovits.
Opposed: None.
Abstained: None.
Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 6-16-176

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that all claims presented prior to this meeting as shown on a detailed list prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and which have been submitted and approved in accordance with Highland Park Ordinance No. 1004, shall be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall include in the minutes of this meeting a statement as to all such claims approved as shown in a Bills List Journal in accordance with said Ordinance.

The bills approved for payment at this meeting, Bills List 6/14/16 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

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

No. 6-16-177

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

PHILLIP LANGON, Fire Subcode Inspector, at an annual salary of \$9,360.00, effective June 15, 2016.

DAVID LUXENBERG, Day Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$8,500.00, effective June 15, 2016.

DAVID LUXENBERG, Teen Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$2,000.00, effective June 15, 2016.

DAVID LUXENBERG, Pre-Camp Setup, at an annual salary of \$1,000.00, effective June 15, 2016.

RICHARD MCGLYNN, Sports Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$6,000.00, effective June 15, 2016.

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:

HYE MIN SHIN, Desk Assistant, at an hourly of \$12.71, effective June 6, 2016.

GRACE LANARIS, Desk Assistant, employment reinstated, effective June 15, 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 Community Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-16-178

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Middlesex County Department of Human Services for the provision of Municipal Alliance related activities in the Borough of Highland Park for the period covering July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, said Agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

No. 6-16-180

WHEREAS, the following have posted Road Opening Performance Bonds in the amounts indicated for various projects as indicated below:

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME	AMOUNT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
T-12-56-832-076	Isaac & Edna Soloman 214 Hilton Street Highland Park, NJ 08904	\$500.00	214 Hilton Street

WHEREAS, the Construction Official of the Department of Code Enforcement has determined that Road Opening Performance Bonds can be released;

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 amounts indicated, the same being the amount of refund due for return of performance bond for the Road Opening Permits referenced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Construction Official and the Finance Director forthwith.

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

No. 6-16-181

WHEREAS, Richard Jason Woznicki and Salah S. Badran have 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 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 the Public Works & Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-16-182

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute and attest the NJDEP Treatment Works Application attached to this resolution.

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

No. 6-16-183

WHEREAS, Main Street Highland Park has requested permission to engage in merchandising fresh fruits, vegetables, and related products, more commonly known as a Farmers Market, on the public parking lot at 220 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, Main Street Highland Park has also requested permission to engage in an Artisan's Market on the public parking lot at 220 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that approval is hereby given to Main Street Highland Park to conduct a Farmers Market and Artisan's Market, every Friday beginning at 11:00 a.m., commencing June 3rd and continuing through mid-December, 2016, on the public parking lot at 220 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby waives the Transient Merchant permit fees for vendors who participate in this Farmers Market/Artisan's Market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Main Street Highland Park, the Department of Public Works and the Highland Park Police Department.

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

No. 6-16-184

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to apply for and obtain a Kars4Kids Small Program Grant for the Teen Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application for the Kars4Kids Small Program Grant on behalf of the Borough.

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

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

No. 6-16-185

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to apply for and obtain the Northstar NJ/GTECH After School Advantage Program Grant for the Teen Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application for the Northstar NJ/GTECH After School Advantage Program Grant on behalf of the Borough.

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

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

No. 6-16-186

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

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

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

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

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

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

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

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

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

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

ARTA LLC, d/b/a The Italian Bistro, 441 Raritan Ave., - 1207-33-010-009

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2016 and shall expire June 30, 2017.

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

No. 6-16-187

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

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

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

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

CLUB LICENSES

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2016, and shall expire June 30, 2017.

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

No. 6-16-188

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

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

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

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

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

Kiadan Inc. t/a Pino's Fruit Basket Shoppe, 12 North 4th Avenue – 1207-44-006-009 (Inactive)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2016 and shall expire June 30, 2017.

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

No. 6-16-189

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has a need to make various repairs to the solar crosswalks on River Road, as more fully described on the attached quotation; and

WHEREAS, quotes were solicited and one quote was received as follows:

Maul Electric, Inc. \$5,849.60
and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available for this purpose in Account No. C-04-55-813-220 in an amount not to exceed \$5,849.60 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 Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for said repairs from Maul Electric Inc., PO Box 386, Dayton, NJ 08810, at a total price of \$5,849.60; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Public Works, forthwith.

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

No. 6-16-190

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park desire to establish the "HP Gives a Hoot" Committee, a non-profit fund that will contribute to the well-being of Highland Park students in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the "HP Gives a Hoot" Committee is hereby established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "HP Gives a Hoot" Committee will consist of the following:

1. Seven (7) Regular Members, to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, for terms to expire December 31, 2016; and

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

No. 6-16-191

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park established the Digital Data Government Task Force by Resolution 11-15-317 to include five (5) Regular Members, to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, for terms to expire one hundred twenty (120) days from date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Membership was further amended by Resolution 4-16-135 to include 7 Members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the Digital Data Government Task Force is hereby amended as follows; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Digital Data Government Task Force will consist of the following:

1. Seven (7) Eight (8) Regular Members: Chair, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, IT Coordinator, Public Information Committee member, Council Liaison, resident, and a Representative from the Bloustein School to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, for terms to expire one hundred twenty (120) days from date of appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Digital Data Government Task Force shall be to research and identify ways to digitize the Borough's data.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Councilman Fine.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

No. 6-16-179

WHEREAS, the Congregation Ahavas Achim has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct a 50/50 Off-Premises Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on December 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Raffles in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Congregation Ahavas Achim for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefor, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

No. 6-16-192

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such item of revenue in the budget of the county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2016 in the sum of \$1,500.00, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,500.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

ANJEC Grant	\$1,500.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of the certification of adoption of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

The appointments for the HP Gives a Hoot Committee was postponed until the next meeting.

On behalf of Mayor Brill Mittler, Council President Welkovits appointed Samuel Zwetchkenbaum to serve as the Alternate #2 Member of the Board of Health for a term to expire January 1, 2018.

On behalf of Mayor Brill Mittler, Council President Welkovits appointed Sophia McDermott to serve as a Student Member for Sustainable Highland Park for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, George, Walsh, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

Council President Welkovits opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for honoring her at the last meeting. She has been approached by people on Raritan Avenue. She noted that for the traffic light on Raritan Avenue and 4th Avenue, only one of the buttons works, except for Saturdays when it is preset. Chief Rizzo noted that he had the traffic lights checked by the NJDOT, but will have them rechecked. Ms. Bickhardt commented about the driveways at the Rite Aid parking lot. This is where she walks her dogs and she would like to see lights/cameras there. She would also like to see some speed bumps put in that area. Councilman George noted that he spoke to the Managers at Rite Aid as well as their attorneys. This is private property and speed bumps will not happen.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk