

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 15, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday March 15, 2016 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:02 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 declared March as American Red Cross Month and read proclamation that will be forwarded to them.

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

Councilman Jim Walsh reported that the seniors will have an Irish lunch for St. Patrick's Day on March 18th at 11:00 AM. Entertainment to be provided by John Gallagher. The April spring luncheon will be Tuesday, April 5th at 12:00 PM. The Bartle School 5th Grade band will do a musical performance. The seniors will be going on a bus trip to Atlantic City on April 18th, leaving the Senior Center at 8:15 AM and returning at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$35 per person and you receive \$25 back in slot pay options when you arrive in Atlantic City. The AARP Driver Safety Program is set for Tuesday, April 19th and Tuesday, April 26th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The Driver Safety Program deducts 2 points from your license and you receive a 5% discount on your car insurance for attending this program. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP Members and \$20.00 for non-members. It is a two part class and you must attend both days to get the certification. This open to all residents and you should contact the Senior Center for more information. Beginning March 28th, the Senior Center will be starting a free six-week workshop series called "Take Control of your Health". This beneficial and informative workshop will teach the participants ways to manage symptoms they suffer from chronic diseases such as arthritis and diabetes. The Senior Center also offers free tax assistance that is provided by United Way and it is available to all residents that meet the required guidelines. Appointments can be made every Wednesday during tax season from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Applications are being accepted for employment for the upcoming summer camp program and interested parties can obtain the application on the website or from the Recreation Center. Information about spring programs and the summer camp can be found on the borough website or the Recreation Department's Facebook page, HighlandParkNJRecreation. The registration deadline for summer camp is June 14th. This year they are also offering a Special Needs Camp for grades K-6. The Girls on the Run program is available for 3rd to 5th grade students and will begin on April 5th. Basketball training clinics will begin soon and the deadline to register is March 30th. The clinics will run twice a week from April 4th thru April 27th. Every Thursday, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM there is a chess league at the Senior/Recreation Center. The Highland Park Arts Commission held their first meeting of the year. They plan to do outreach to artist networks in Highland Park to learn how the newly formed Arts Commission can best serve the art community. They have planned an event for the Street Fair where they will create a community banner and ask participants to draw something on the banner related to the theme. The theme will be decided at the next Arts Commission meeting on April 11th at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall. All those interested in creating a sustainable, vibrant art community in Highland Park are encouraged to attend.

Councilman George reported that Main Street Highland Park is actively planning the 5K Run and the Street Fair. This year there will be a record breaking number of vendors in attendance. The Redevelopment Agency reached an important milestone this week. The Planning Board considered their proposal to amend the Redevelopment Act to facilitate a small development, the Popov development. The Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Board teamed up cooperatively to form sub-committees to review the proposal. The proposal was voted upon favorably by the Planning Board last week. Waiting for the written recommendation that has to go to the Mayor and Council. The Parking Group that the Mayor formed has finalized its membership and the primer to give the members a background on what modern parking is really about. On March 10th, the first board chairs meeting was held for 2016. He previously circulated a copy of the checklist for Sustainable New Jersey and Sustainable Highland Park so that the Board members could pay more specific attention to items that fall in their area.

Councilman Erickson reported that the CAP Rate Ordinance and the 2016 municipal budget are on tonight's agenda for introduction.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin - No report.

Councilman Fine reported

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Highland Park Library Ceil Energy will be doing a presentation on the new Smart Homes program. The Borough did this program about three years ago and it was very successful and asked that everyone please take advantage of this opportunity. They are offering a discounted home energy audit for \$49.00, the report is very comprehensive and many people in the community have already had this done, following the analysis Ceil Energy will come to your home and discuss the results with you and make you aware of the various cash rebates and low interest loans available through the New Jersey Home performance with energy star program should you decide to make improvements or upgrades to your home. The automated garbage collection will begin to expand to the Northside; notification will be given out as soon as tomorrow, as well as on the Borough's web-site. Reminded everyone to save the date, Sunday, April 17, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Environmental Center will be the Earth Day celebration. She indicated that if anyone was interested in participating in the program or to have the interactive displays, there is usually a bunch of kids that come as well so if you or your organization is interested please contact Council President Welkovits or call the Borough Clerk's office.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the weekly walks with the Mayor will begin on March 23rd at 6:00 PM and will start at South 2nd Avenue entrance to Donaldson Park. The Highland Park Gives a Hoot fund was established to take care of children in the community. The first event will be held on April 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Bridge Turkish Grill. Cost will be \$25 per person for food and entertainment. Funds raised will be used to send five students to camp program for leadership skills. The 2016 Municipal Budget, prepared by Chief Financial Officer/Administrator Kathleen Kovach, will be introduced tonight. The CFO and Governing Body worked very hard to minimize the impact of increase on residents. This year, the average increase for the municipal portion of the budget is \$37.50. The tax rate is 1.25%. The tax levy is less than 2.5%. Questions about the budget should be directed to CFO Kathleen Kovach. She is really proud of the Governing Body, the Department Heads and auxiliary organizations that took to heart efforts to control taxes better. Thanks to 6.7 million increase in assessed value for two new Pulte developments, the impact that revenues has on taxes is so significant that she is calling upon all residents to join her and volunteer to work on getting to Legislators to insist on returning energy tax rebate funds to municipalities and other funds held over the last five to seven years.

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

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VALENTINE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$330,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available to the public, as required by law.

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

Mayor Brill Mittler declared the public hearing on the ordinance open to all officials and persons present and called upon all those wishing to speak for or against the ordinance to do so.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 16-1907, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 3-16-101

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VALENTINE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$330,00.00, passed on final reading at this meeting, be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in "The Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law and that said Clerk shall annex to and publish with said Ordinance a Notice in substantially the following form –

The ordinance published herewith has been finally passed and the ten (10) day period of limitation within which suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance may be commenced has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, CALENDAR YEAR ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14), had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 3-16-102

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14) has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221, South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

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

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

The Clerk reported that the 2016 Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution were introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading. Copies of the full text will be available at the Highland Park Public Library and Borough Hall. The full final budget as adopted and approved will appear in the minutes of the meeting at which the budget is finally adopted.

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the 2016 Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution were duly adopted on first reading 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 Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 3-16-103

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2016;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Home News Tribune, Neptune, N.J. in the issue of March 18, 2016.

The governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2016:

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| General Appropriations | |
| Appropriations Within "CAPS" | |
| Municipal Purposes | \$11,468,006.00 |
| Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS" | |
| Municipal Purposes | 3,282,424.00 |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – Based on | |
| Estimated 99+ Percent of Tax Collections | 200,000.00 |
| Total General Appropriations | 14,950,430.00 |
| Less: Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current | |
| Property Tax | 3,313,795.00 |
| Difference: Amount to be Raised by Taxes | |
| For Support of Municipal Budget: | |
| Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including | |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | 11,210,452.39 |
| Minimum Library Tax | 426,182.61 |
| Water & Sewer Utility Operating Fund: | |
| Total Water & Sewer Utility Revenues | \$3,641,000.00 |
| Total Water & Sewer Utility Appropriations | \$3,641,000.00 |

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, on March 15, 2016.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Borough Hall on April 19, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2016 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III LICENSING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by the following roll call vote, to wit:
 Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, George, Walsh, Welkovits.
 Opposed: None.
 Absent: None.
 Abstain: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 3-16-104

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III LICENSING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SELL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES 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 April 5, 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH 10TH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, had been introduced in writing by the Council as a Whole 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 Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 3-16-105

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN INTEREST IN PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH 10TH AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE 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 April 5, 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE II LICENSING MASSAGE PARLORS, had been introduced in writing by the Health and Human Services 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 Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 3-16-105

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 247 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE II LICENSING MASSAGE PARLORS has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on April 5, 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution No. 3-16-113 was tabled from consideration..

Resolution Nos. 3-16-107 through 3-16-114, except Resolution No. 3-16-113, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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:

No. 3-16-107

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 3/15/16 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

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

No. 3-16-108

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2016 pursuant to a duly advertised Notice to Bidders, the Borough of Highland Park ("Borough") received four (4) bids for the Improvements to Valentine Street – Phase II Project ("Project"). Which bids are as follows;

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| JADS Construction South River, NJ | \$357,804.60 |
| Z Brothers Sayreville, NJ | \$382,371.36 |
| Top Line Construction Corp. Somerville, NJ | \$541,984.73 |
| Stilo Excavation Inc. South Plainfield, NJ | \$407,421.10 |

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Borough Engineer and review by the Borough Attorney, the Borough desires to award the contract for the Project to JADS Construction Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for the award of the contract purpose in Account No. C-04-55-822-210 in the amount of \$27,804.60 and Account No. C-04-55-822-405 in the amount of \$330,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$357,804.60 as reflected by the certification of funds, shown below.

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 contract for the Project is hereby awarded to JADS Construction Company, Inc., P.O. Box 513, South River, NJ 08882 in the amount of \$357,804.60, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with JADS Construction Co., Inc. consistent herewith.

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

No. 3-16-109

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 7-11-204, adopted by the Borough Council on July 19, 2011, a contract was awarded to ConQuest Industries, LLC, Westwood, NJ, for Highland Park Streetscape: Raritan Avenue Phase I Project; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Final Pay Estimate No. 14 and Final Close-Out Change Order, filed by Borough Engineer that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to ConQuest Industries LLC the sum of \$73,393.11 upon receipt of a one (1) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$308,625.32 in accordance with said Pay Estimate No. 14 for work performed from December 13, 2013-February 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-801-200, in the amount of \$73,393.11, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below; and

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 to ConQuest Industries, LLC the sum of \$73,393.11, upon receipt of a one (1) year maintenance bond in the amount of \$308,625.32, as certified by the Borough Engineer in Final Pay Estimate No. 14 and Final Close-Out Change Order, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary.

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 the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 3-16-110

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to apply for and obtain a 2016 NJ Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant from the Division of Parks and Forestry of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$10,000.00, which application has been prepared by the Borough's Shade Tree Advisory Committee;

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 application for the 2016 NJ Community Stewardship Incentive Program Grant on behalf of the Borough to the Division of Parks and Forestry of the New Jersey Forest Service in the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

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

No. 3-16-111

WHEREAS, the borough of Highland Park desires to apply for and obtain an Open Space Stewardship Grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) in the amount of \$1500 with a local requirement of 80 hours of in-kind labor. The grant application, which has been prepared by the Highland Park Environmental Commission, provides for building signage for and performing restoration work in the Meadows. The Grant provides \$1000 on approval and the additional \$500 on completion of the grant activities.

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Environmental Commission has endorsed the submission of the application; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission and its associated volunteers have committed to provide a minimum of 80 hours of in-kind services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Highland Park Environmental Commission is hereby authorized to make application for the grant, on behalf of the Borough, to the Association of New Jersey Environment Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if such a grant is approved, the Borough Council shall allocate \$500 to the Environmental Commission for the grant project, which ANJEC will reimburse to the Borough at the completion of the project.

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

No. 3-16-112

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park has determined that an inter-local services agreement with the County of Middlesex would permit reimbursement to the Borough for manpower, equipment and supplies when the Borough's emergency response personnel respond to a Hazardous Materials Incident; and

WHEREAS, under such agreement, the County of Middlesex would provide NJ Department of Environmental Protection certified programs within the Borough of Highland Park to carry out Hazard Emergency Response and Cost Recovery Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an inter-local services agreement with the County of Middlesex for purposes of coordinating response and cost recovery efforts in the County, said agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded forthwith to the Borough Attorney, the Borough Administrator, the Highland Park Board of Health, the Highland Park Environmental Commission, the Highland Park Office of Emergency Management, and the Middlesex County Department of Health.

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

No. 3-16-114

WHEREAS, Coppa's Service Center & Towing, Inc., Majestic Towing & Transport Inc., Carguys Auto Repair LLC, Rich's Towing Service, Inc., George Logan Towing, Inc., Edison Auto Repair, and Oasis Towing have filed with the Clerk of this Borough for a Wrecker/Towing License to operate heavy duty wreckers in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such license; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has investigated said applicants and has reported favorably upon said applications;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue Heavy Duty Wrecker/Towing Licenses to the aforesaid applicants.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Dr. Marc Scheiner to serve as a member of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Romona Ross to serve as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire April 1, 2017.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

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

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk