

SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 22, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and was called to order at 8:15 AM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Resolution Nos. 3-16-115 and 3-16-116 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Erickson.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 3-16-115

WHEREAS, due to the increased use of cell phones and other mobile devices available to teen pedestrians, distracted walking is becoming an increasing concern in regard to safety; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to address this important issue, Safe Kids Worldwide (SKW) is undertaking a national project to determine the prevalence of distracted walking and driver behavior in school zones across the country; and

WHEREAS, as part of this initiative, they will evaluate the effectiveness of a public health message informing pedestrians crossing the street and drivers in drop-off and pick-up locations in school zones on the dangers of distracted walking and driving; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park's Middle and High Schools have agreed to partner with Safe Kids Middlesex County and the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Injury Prevention Program on this project; and

WHEREAS, one of the actions necessary to complete the project is the painting of a stencil near crosswalks and the installation of lawn signs at drop-off and pick-up locations with the safety message "Heads Up, Phones Down";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Safe Kids Worldwide (SKW) is hereby authorized to paint the sidewalks at each of the corners around the Highland Park Middle and High Schools, utilizing the stencil provided during the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. They will also "install" lawn signs with the same message.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Safe Kids Worldwide, Safe Kids Middlesex County and the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Injury Prevention Program.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 3-16-116

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 3/22/16 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk