

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
REGULAR MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2016 - 8:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday October 18, 2016 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 8:02 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler; Councilpersons Foster-Dublin (8:12 PM), George, Walsh, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Councilman Fine.

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

Councilman Walsh reported that registration for youth basketball (K-8th grade) is ongoing and teams will be forming with games on Sundays and a mid-week practice. The Halloween costume parade and festival will be held on Sunday, October 30th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Highland Park High School gym for children in pre-k through grade 6. Join them for spooky and fun music by DJ John, the Wizard's Castle Bounce House, activities, crafts and refreshments. Prizes and giveaways will be awarded following the costume parade. The event is sponsored by the Borough of Highland Park, Over the Moon Toys, Ziran Martial Arts, Yellow Brick Road Preschool, Stop & Shop and a grant from the Middlesex County Development Block Grant. The Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 11th beginning at 11:00 AM at the Doughboy Statue. There will be a short ceremony and then the parade will proceed down Raritan Avenue towards New Brunswick. Residents are encouraged to come out and support the veterans. Operation Take Back will take place on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center for those who wish to turn in unused prescriptions safely. The senior fall luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 12:00 PM and will feature a mind reading game show by Flavian. The next Atlantic City bus trip to the Tropicana Casino will take place on Tuesday, November 1st. Bus departs from the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center at 8:30 AM and will return by 6:30 PM. Cost is \$40 per person and you get \$25 back in slot cash. Trip is open to all residents. He met with the Mayor, Councilwoman Welkovits and the County of Middlesex to discuss a bike path, but the Mayor also brought up the idea of putting sculptures in Donaldson Park. They need specific plans (what materials sculptures will be made of, how deep they'll be embedded in the ground, etc.). The Commission agreed that sculptures in Donaldson Park would be great and they would like to help make that happen. As to the particular materials and depth of the sculptures into the ground, it was agreed that it depends on the permanence of the sculptures, the proximity to the bike path and the intention of the artist(s). The Improv workshop is set to happen at the Senior Center on Tuesday evenings from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM starting November 22nd. He invited residents to come tell their stories of "How I Got to Highland Park" at the Highland Park Public Library on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that she is excited and happy about the new Arts Commission and it is a pleasure to read about new programs. She thanked Pandora Scooter and John Marron for their efforts.

Councilman George dedicated his report tonight to Jon Erickson. His reports were always very succinct. The Borough, in conjunction with Planner Jim Constantine, held a presentation several weeks ago for the public to share their thoughts about the area in need of rehabilitation. It was a successful meeting with approximately 45-50 people in attendance. They broke out into sessions after a short demonstration. It was good to meet the public and actually sit down and discuss the issues. Main Street Highland Park held an event last Sunday called "A Taste of Highland Park". It was an event for the restaurant owners to come out and demonstrate their wares. They blocked off a small section of North 4th Avenue in front of Pino's. He attended the event and was struck by the varied demographic of the group in attendance. This is the new face of Highland Park. He thanked Main Street Highland Park for organizing this event and they plan to do it again next year. The Planning Board met last week and approved the area in need of rehabilitation recommendation that will be before Council in the coming months. They made some recommendations for some guidelines and he was happy to see that. The Board of Adjustment meeting was cancelled yesterday in Jon's memory. They have an interesting application for an arts studio on Woodbridge Avenue. The Redevelopment Agency met and briefly discussed the area in need of rehabilitation.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that Operation Take Back will take place on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday, October 23rd from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Highland Park Senior/Youth Center for those who wish to turn in unused prescriptions safely. With a grant from the State, the Highland Park Police Department was able to purchase body cameras. All Police Officers will be equipped with these cameras.

Councilwoman Welkovits reminded any homeowner that is interested in having solar panels installed to please take a look at Highland Park's new solar program. They have partnered with EnergySage, a longtime advocate and source of knowledge and education in solar power and installations. They are available to answer your questions and they also provide a website/marketplace where you can list your home and have contractors bid on your business, creating competition and best pricing. She thanked Sustainable Highland Park and Sustainable Jersey for customizing the program for Highland Park.

Borough Administrator Kovach – no report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – no report.

Mayor Brill Mittler mentioned the empty seat to her right next to Councilman George. It was a very difficult day for many of us in Highland Park as we attended a memorial service for Councilman Jon Erickson, who served this community for the last 14+ years. She had the pleasure of first meeting Jon in 2000 and working very closely with him. Jon was the man she went to for advice on municipal governance. He was a brilliant, although quiet in public, gentleman and we will surely miss him every day here in Highland Park. She asked for a moment of silence to remember Jon. Lastly, she reminded everyone that November 8th is Election Day. We live in the greatest country on the face of this earth and in a democracy and it is our obligation to go to the polls and exercise our right to vote.

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 about affordable housing that will be built at the Roosevelt Care Center and that he will be meeting with veteran's administration officials next week.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK," CHAPTER 380 TAXICABS," REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB LICENSES, 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 for public inspection 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 Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 16-1915, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-269

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 380, "TAXICABS", REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAXICAB LICENSES, passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

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 Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-270

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 November 1, 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 REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 407, "WRECKERS", had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-271

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 407, "WRECKERS", 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 November 1, 2016 for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-272

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 November 1, 2016 for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

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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 Walsh, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits and carried by affirmative voice vote of all councilpersons present, Resolution No. 10-16-285 entitled Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Middlesex Water Company, Licensed Operator Services was tabled from consideration.

Resolution Nos. 10-16-274 through 10-16-284 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Foster-Dublin, George, Walsh, Welkovits.
Opposed: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-274

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 9/20/16 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

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

No. 10-16-275

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Edward H. Herman, Esq. is hereby appointed as Judge of the Municipal Court of the Borough of Highland Park for a term of three years expiring October 23, 2019 and until his successor is appointed and qualifies.

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

No. 10-16-276

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-12-56-832-075	Robert Holzapfel 431 South 7th Avenue Highland Park, NJ 08904	\$500.00	431 South 7th Avenue
T-12-56-832-082	Roberts Plumbing 26 Evergreen Avenue Fords, NJ 08863	\$500.00	120 South 1st Avenue
T-12-56-832-075	Construction Services 891 Cranbury South River Road Monroe, NJ 08831	\$500.00	504 South 4th Avenue
T-12-56-832-075	Gold Medal 11 Cotters Lane East Brunswick, NJ 08816	\$500.00	425 South 8th Avenue

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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 10-16-277

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following shall be and are hereby appointed to serve as Commissioners of the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency for terms to expire as indicated:

Name	Term to Expire
Marcia Wagner Levinson	July 11, 2021
Randall Solomon	July 11, 2021
Jeff Perlman	July 11, 2021

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

No. 10-16-278

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Department of Public Works has a need to make repairs to the Wheel Loader, as more fully described on the attached quotation; and

WHEREAS, quotes were solicited and only one quote was received as follows:
Jesco, Inc. \$11,678.76

And

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended that said repairs be done by Jesco, Inc. based on their quote; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the amount of \$11,678.76 in the following account, as reflected by the certification of funds by Finance Director Kathleen Kovach shown below:

ACCOUNT NO.	AMOUNT
6-01-26-315-2PW	\$11,678.76

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for said repairs from Jesco, Inc, 118 Saint Nicholas Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, at a total price of \$11,678.76; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Superintendent of Public Works Donald Rish and Finance Director Kathleen Kovach, forthwith.

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

No. 10-16-279

WHEREAS, Jianmin Li applied for a business license for a property on Raritan Avenue, Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the annual business license fee of \$50.00 was paid for said license; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to applying for said license, it was determined that said business was not permitted in that location and a business license is not needed and therefore a refund of said fee is due to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the administrative fee for refunds charged by the Borough Clerk pursuant to Section 5 of Highland Park Resolution No. 01-16-19 adopted by the Borough Council on January 5, 2016 shall be waived;

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 Jianmin Li, 104 Idlewild Road, Edison, NJ 08817, the amount of \$50.00, the same being the amount of refund due for submittal of business license application

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

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

No. 10-16-280

WHEREAS, Highland Park is applying for funding to conduct [type of project] along the school route for [name of school(s)] [or type of transportation alternatives project] within Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to continue and improve the promotion and encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle access and safety for [school children, resident, commercial district, etc.]; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the facility, once constructed, will be assumed by Highland Park with the exception of (1) local ordinances that places maintenance responsibility with each individual property owner, and (2) those crosswalks on State or County Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that it hereby supports the submission of a grant application for the [Safe Route to School Program or Transportation Alternatives Program] within the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and authorizes the Mayor, Borough Administrator and Municipal Clerk to execute any and all documents necessary and related to the submission of said grant application or grant agreement.

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

No. 10-16-281

WHEREAS, Regina Mermelstein, 9 Elbert Court, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that there was a leak in her sprinkler system and sprinkler system water does not enter the sewer system; 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 #20110480-0 of \$124.16 (water) to the water & sewer account of Regina Mermelstein, 9 Elbert Court, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 10-16-282

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:

KIM A. MCGRAW, Senior Program Coordinator, at an annual salary of \$65,000.00, effective January 1, 2016.

ANDREA BAAY, Recreation Coordinator, at an annual salary of \$65,000.00, effective January 1, 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:

JEFFREY REAP, Master Laborer, at an hourly rate of \$25.26, effective January 1, 2016.

RUDOLPH ROHAN, Master Laborer, at an hourly rate of \$25.26, effective January 2, 2016.

GABRIELA SANCHEZ, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.38, effective October 6, 2016.

NOAH POINTER-GAMORY, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective September 18, 2016.

AMIR WRIGHT, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective September 18, 2016.

DYLAN BOYNTON, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective September 18, 2016.

REBECCA TAYTS, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective September 18, 2016.

ISHMAEL ZUBAIRU, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.38, effective September 18, 2016.

DYLAN POWELL, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective September 18, 2016.

ANDY MARC REMREKHA, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective September 18, 2016.

BE IT 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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 10-16-283

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	BUSINESS LOCATIONS
The Panda's Barn	229 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 \$3,000.00, 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 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	AMOUNT
The Panda's Barn	\$3,000.00

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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 10-16-284

WHEREAS, Torah Guru applied for a business license for a property on South 1st Avenue, Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the annual business license fee of \$50.00 was paid for said license; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to applying for said license, it was determined that said business was not permitted in that location and a business license is not needed and therefore a refund of said fee is due to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the administrative fee for refunds charged by the Borough Clerk pursuant to Section 5 of Highland Park Resolution No. 01-16-19 adopted by the Borough Council on January 5, 2016 shall be waived;

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 Torah Guru, 26 So. 1st Ave., #2, Highland Park, NJ 08904, the amount of \$50.00, the same being the amount of refund due for submittal of business license application

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

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilman Fine.

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

No. 10-16-286

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 \$5,000.00, 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 \$5,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program	\$5,000.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2016; 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 following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-287

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 \$2,745.56, 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 \$2,745.56 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Body Armor Fund \$2,745.56

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2016; 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 following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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

No. 10-16-288

WHEREAS, 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 Casino Night 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 Congregation Ahavas Achim for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefore, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Judy Targove, Elizabeth John, Ester Adiv, and Jan Verstraete to serve as members of the Safe Walking & Cycling Committee for terms to expire January 1, 2018.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Alan Kluger to serve as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire September 2, 2020.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Stephany Kim to serve as the Alternate #1 member of the Planning Board for a term to expire September 2, 2018.

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 public discussion.

The following resolution, introduced by Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Fine.

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WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at beginning of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
(Litigation: (a) 35 Harrison Avenue; 17 So. 10th Avenue; Borough Highland Park v. JSM at Highland Park, LLC). (Personnel Matter)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk