

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 17, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:03 PM. Mayor Minkoff read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler, Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Councilman George; Borough Administrator Kovach.

Representatives were unavailable to present the Main Street Minute and the Department of Public Works Minute.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that an ordinance amendment for no parking on Denison Street will be adopted later in the meeting.

Councilman Fine reported that on February 5, 2015, the Highland Park Board of Health met and voted unanimously for a resolution recommending that the Governing Body adopt an ordinance to make it unlawful for any business to sell tobacco products or electronic devices to anyone younger than 21 years of age. On February 10, 2015, the Health and Human Services Committee, which he chairs, met and decided to recommend that the Council consider the Board of Health's recommendation. Over the past few weeks, the Governing Body has had an opportunity to debate and discuss adopting such an ordinance. Main Street Highland Park has reached out to local businesses to get feedback on the proposed ordinance. In 2006, the State of New Jersey raised the legal age of smoking from 18 to 19. In a 2013 article in the New England Journal of Medicine, Dr. Michael Steinberg, Director of the Rutgers Tobacco Dependence Program, who is here with us tonight, stated that 90% of cigarettes purchased for minors are done so by people aged 18 to 20 years. An online editorial published on February 23, 2015, on nj.com stated that "In December, the National Institute on Drug Abuse issued some good news: A report indicated that the use of tobacco had fallen 8 percent the previous month among 8th, 10th and 12th graders in a survey of nearly 50,000 young people. The news here at home was less rosy. The executive director of Summit-based Global Advisors on Smoke free Policy said state figures had not declined, and the New Jersey Department of Health said 13.6% of the state's high school students had smoked in the previous 30 days." This past Thursday, March 12, 2015, the Institute of Medicine issued a report that Congress required the US Food and Drug Administration to commission that provides support for Highland Park raising the minimum age of sale for tobacco products and electronic smoking devices to 21 years of age. Dr. Richard Bonnie, a professor of medicine and law at the University of Virginia, and the Chair of the Institute of Medicine that wrote the report, has stated that increasing the minimum age to 21 will prevent or delay 15 to 17 year olds from taking up the smoking habit. Younger teens often get older teens to buy cigarettes for them and they may know a lot of friends who are 18 and 19. However, they are unlikely to have as many 21 year old friends, and that's why raising the age to 21 seems to have the most public health benefit. The Institute of Medicine report urges us to consider the public health benefit of not having adolescents become addicted to nicotine while their brains are still developing. I know that there are those who will argue that we are creating a "nanny state", and that 19 and 20 year olds should be able to smoke if they want to. However, by leaving the minimum age to purchase cigarettes at 19, the Highland Park community, the health system, and anyone forced to inhale second-hand or even third-hand smoke pays a price. There are those who will argue that 19 and 20 year olds will just go to neighboring towns to purchase cigarettes so banning the purchase of cigarettes to 19 and 20 year olds in Highland Park won't matter. To those who make such an argument, I would say that making it less convenient for 19 and 20 year olds to purchase tobacco products is a good thing. Nicotine is "dangerous" and "addictive" and I think it is important to do whatever we can to prevent kids from smoking tobacco products. I have also heard arguments made that this ordinance will cause small business owners in Highland Park to not only lose customers to their competitors in neighboring towns but that it will also impact their sales from customers who purchase additional items when they go to the store to purchase tobacco products. Do I believe that Highland Park business owners who sell tobacco products may lose some business? Yes, I do. I understand that every small business owner rightfully cares about their bottom line. However, I am in favor of this ordinance because I believe raising the minimum age to purchase cigarettes will save lives. So, for the future health of our community, my hope is that business owners in our Borough will partner with us. Therefore, I believe that this Governing Body should adopt an ordinance that makes it unlawful for any business to sell tobacco products or electronic smoking devices to anyone younger than 21 years of age. I agree with the March 2015 report of the Institute of Medicine that we need to consider the public health benefit of not having adolescents become addicted to nicotine while their brains are still developing. I urge this Governing Body to vote in favor of adopting this new smoking ordinance, which will protect our youth and the future health of our community.

Councilman Potts reported that sports registration is ongoing. The Department of Community Services is providing free tax service through the United Way on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. There will be a spaghetti dinner on March 19, 2015 at 7PM at the Highland Park High School to support Christina Stevenson, a 2012 Highland Park High School alumna, who is waging a battle against non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The cost is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults. Proceeds raised will help with medical expenses.

Councilman Erickson – no report.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that the Earth Day event will be held on April 19th at the Environmental Education Center. The Hitkvah Charter School in East Brunswick has added additional classes and grade levels. In January, the Borough Council issued a letter to the Department of Education Commissioner Hespe to deny the expansion. She asked residents to contact Commissioner David Hespe at 609-292-5887 to voice their concerns. Charter schools are paid for by tax dollars and are financially unsustainable. It costs \$16,000 per child to send them to the Charter School and 27 children from Highland Park attend the school.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer reported that the New Jersey Supreme Court issued a decision regarding COAH (Council on Affordable Housing). They recognized that COAH is not functioning. All town compliance plans will be considered by the Courts. Highland Park has settled both Mt. Laurel litigation matters and we are working on compliance plan with Judge Paley. Final hearing will be in July to present plan to Judge Paley.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the municipal band performed on Sunday afternoon and there performance was great. Residents should check the Borough website for upcoming performances. Highland Park recognizes the fact that they could not do everything without volunteers. They plan to host a Volunteer Recognition Event on April 15th. The event will feature samplings of different ethnic foods from the vendors in town. They will highlight the accomplishments of the volunteers and present certificates. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Borough was asked to submit the name of an Irish American Hero to the County. On Sunday, March 15th, the County Freeholders honored our Irish American resident, Frank Corcoran. Mr. Corcoran has lived in Highland Park since 1997 and Middlesex County since 1971. He was born and raised in the Bronx to Irish Catholic parents Anna and George Corcoran. Frank is the 4th of 5 brothers. He was educated at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic School by the Sisters of Mercy from Ireland. Frank's professional career was in telephone company management in New Jersey. Frank survived some serious drug and alcohol addictions in the 80's and 90's. In the mid 90's, he got help and turned his life around. Frank is very active in the NJ Gay Pride Center in Highland Park, participating in groups and supporting individuals who have recently come out. He is also active in the Dignity movement, an effort to create acceptance of LGBT individuals within the Roman Catholic Church. He is active in the Reformed Church of Highland Park, running the Tower Thrift Shop that serves the needs of hundreds of county-wide residents every year. Under Frank's leadership the shop has grown 4 fold, open 21 hours a week, run by 20+ volunteers. Frank makes sure the Highland Park community calls to mind Irish culture and history, many years hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Reformed Church.

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

Michael Steinberg, 12 Woodgate Drive, South Brunswick, commented that he is a medical school intern at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. He supports the tobacco ordinance. 90% of adults who smoke did so by the age of 18. He thanked the Governing Body for considering this ordinance.

Jay Crosson, 113 Harper Street, commented that he has been a member of the Board of Health since 2008. He supports the ordinance banning the sale of tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21. Highland Park has done a lot to reduce smoking with outdoor ban on smoking and banning cigarette machines.

Matt Hersh, 333 Felton Avenue, thanked Councilman Fine for taking the lead on this ordinance. He wondered from a public health standpoint if this conversation is happening with neighboring towns and on the County level.

Jay Crosson, 113 Harper Street, responded to Mr. Hersh by noting that they have not had discussions with other Boards of Health. He thinks it is a great idea. The Board of Health has a relationship with the County Health Department through their Health Inspector.

Councilman Fine noted that to date the towns of Englewood, Sayreville, Teaneck and Bogota have passed ordinances at the local level.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 7 CONCERNING PARKING ON DENISON STREET 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 Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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. 15-1882, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilman George.

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

No. 3-15-115

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010” CHAPTER 7 CONCERNING PARKING ON DENISON STREET, 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.

Prior to casting her vote, Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that this ordinance addresses issue of no parking during snow emergencies. Chief Rizco added that parking will be prohibited on the south side of Denison Street. Parking signs will be put up in the next two weeks. Councilwoman Welkovits added that this was brought to their attention due to the logistics of getting emergency vehicles and plows through that area.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Governing Body will be voting on the Tobacco ordinance on first reading. The Governing Body has been discussing this ordinance at length and will be fine tuning sections A and E prior to final adoption.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010”, CHAPTER 165 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III CONCERNING RETAIL SALE OF TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, 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 Councilman Fine, 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, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilman George.

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

No. 3-15-116

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010”, CHAPTER 165 BY ADDING THERETO ARTICLE III CONCERNING RETAIL SALE OF TOBACCO AND 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 Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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

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

Resolution Nos. 3-15-117 through 3-15-129 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilman George.

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

No. 3-15-117

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 3/3/2015 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 3-15-118

WHEREAS, Coppa's Service Center & Towing Inc. has 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 applicant and has reported favorably upon said application;

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.

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

No. 3-15-119

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

Indus Grill

BUSINESS LOCATIONS

314 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-CD3-210 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,051.28, 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

Indus Grill

AMOUNT

\$1,051.28

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 3-15-120

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has concluded negotiations with the Superior Officers Association of Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local #64 on a Collective Bargaining Agreement for January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Highland Park as follows:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Superior Officers Association of PBA Local #64, said agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney;
2. The Borough Finance Department is authorized and directed to make payment of 2015 retroactive pay adjustments to members of the Superior Officers Association of PBA Local #64, upon receipt and approval of formal Collective Bargaining Agreement, and adoption of the appropriate salary ordinance amendments, if necessary.

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

No. 3-15-121

WHEREAS, Treetops @ Highlands, LLC, specifically Building 3-1, 201-216 Walnut Court, received an extremely high water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the water meter malfunctioned thereby causing the issuance of an erroneous water and sewer bill; 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 # 30230849-0 of \$7,518.76 for water and \$4,544.17 for sewer for a total amount of \$12,062.93 to the water and sewer account of Treetops @ Highlands, LLC, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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

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

No. 3-15-122

WHEREAS, Dr. Irving Brown has paid the amount of \$100.00 for a CO inspection; and

WHEREAS, the inspection was not needed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4 of Highland Park Resolution No. 01-15-19, adopted by the Borough Council on January 6, 2015, the Borough Clerk shall charge a \$5.00 administrative fee for all Resolutions approving refunds for fees paid to the Borough, which charge shall be deducted from the refund by the Finance Department;

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 Dr. Irving Brown, 39 Cleveland Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904, the amount of \$100.00, the same being the amount of refund due for canceled CO inspection, less a \$5.00 administrative fee for same.

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

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

No. 3-15-123

WHEREAS, Doron & Adi Avidar, 421 South 9th Avenue, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that there was an error in meter reading for the 4th quarter of 2014; 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 # 20150720-0 of \$176.84 for water and \$23.56 for sewer for a total amount of \$200.40 to the water and sewer account of Doron & Adi Avidar, 421 South 9th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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

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

No. 3-15-124

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 5th and continuing through mid-December, 2015, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 3-15-125

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 3-13-116, adopted by the Borough Council on March 19, 2013, a contract was awarded to A-Team Concrete, Inc., South River, NJ, for the 2011 Sidewalk Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 4 and Final Close-Out Change Order, filed by Borough Engineer David J. Samuel, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, resulting in an overall decrease in the original contract in the amount of \$19,012.43; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends acceptance of the work and approval of the Amended Close-Out Change Order and Final Pay Estimate No. 4 for work on the above project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is due the amount of \$747.62 from A-Team Concrete, Inc., due to an overpayment made to A-Team Concrete, Inc. in 2014; and

WHEREAS, A-Team Concrete, Inc., submitted a reimbursement check to the Borough dated August 28, 2014 in the amount of \$747.62, said check being returned by the bank for insufficient funds; and

WHEREAS, A-Team Concrete, Inc., was notified regarding returned check and has not yet submitted reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, A-Team Concrete, Inc., received notification from the Borough's Attorney via regular mail and certified mail and has yet to submit reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Amended Close-Out Change Order and Final Pay Estimate No. 4 are hereby approved and the Contractor shall post a one year maintenance bond in the amount of \$22,585.11;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Highland Park reserves their right to pursue reimbursement from A-Team Concrete, Inc.

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. 3-15-126

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough of Highland Park hereby endorses the submission of the 2014 recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Frank Troy to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

No. 3-15-127

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 6, 2015 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:

CLAUDIA RONDOS, Library Page, at an hourly rate of \$8.38, effective March 19, 2015.

RODNEY CAMERON, Medical Driver, at an hourly rate of \$16.20, effective March 23, 2015.

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 Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 3-15-128

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to said resolution a contract was duly executed; and

WHEREAS, the Architect, The Goldstein Partnership, has prepared the attached Change Order Nos. 143 and 144 to the said contract for the additional work outlined below; and

<u>CHANGE ORDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
143	\$(-85,821.00)	Credit owner for Reroofing of Fire House
144	\$(- 7,000.00)	Credit owner for reduction in landscaping

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Change Orders results in a decrease of \$92,821.00 in the contracted amount;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the proposed Change Orders for this contract and has approved the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order Nos. 143 and 144 to the contract of H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Goldstein Partnership, H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc., and the Finance Director forthwith.

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

No. 3-15-129

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

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 28, filed by the Goldstein Partnership, architects that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$60,104.54 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from December 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$60,104.54, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$60,104.54, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 28, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

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

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Keven Freidman to serve as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term expiring April 17, 2016.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Jim Walsh to serve as a member of the Environmental Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2016.

The Clerk reported receipt of notification of the election of Volunteer Firefighter Tzvi Teitelbaum to the rolls of the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the above confirmation was confirmed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilman George.

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented about sidewalks and invited the Mayor to come and walk with her around the Borough. There isn't one street that doesn't need repairs. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that new issues have developed over the winter due to the weather. The Department of Code Enforcement will check on those issues. There are still some sidewalks that need repair as part of the sidewalk program. Ms. Bickhardt spoke about the marked bicycle path on the street, yet she has not seen bicyclists off the sidewalks. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that they will put out information again with a link. They are planning to do some education on this issue in the schools and host a bike rodeo. Ms. Bickhardt complained that the garbage collectors throw the garbage containers, which then get cracked, and they park in the middle of the street. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that she will relay her concerns to the Department of Public Works. Ms. Bickhardt spoke about street cleaning and suggested alternate side of the street parking. Councilwoman Welkovits commented that some people don't move their cars and it is difficult to sweep. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin added that this issue has been discussed by the Public Safety Committee. The idea of alternate side of the street parking is a great idea. However, there are issues with religious holidays, emergency situations and people going out of town for a length of time. Ms. Bickhardt commented that she has family in the city and they make it work. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin added that all residents have a responsibility to keep our streets clean.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned to the Conference Meeting at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk