A regular meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 and was called to order by Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler at 7:06 p.m. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: Councilman Erickson.

On motion made by Councilman George seconded by Councilman Potts, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on October 7, 2014 and November 12, 2014, the Adjourned and Organization Meetings held on January 6, 2015 and the Regular and Conference Meetings held on January 20, 2015, were approved as distributed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None. Absent: Councilman Erickson. Abstain: Councilman Fine.

Mayor Brill Mittler recognized the Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Semi-Finalist Miriam Rosenbluth. Award will be presented to her at the next meeting.

Mayor Brill Mittler read a proclamation in recognition of Wear Orange – National Gun Violence Awareness Day – June 2, 2015.

Main Street Minute – no report.

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

<u>Councilwoman Foster-Dublin</u> reported that when she came on Council one of the things she wanted to work on was improving communications with Police and the youth in the Borough. She wanted to develop a relationship with the Police Department, especially with young black males. She recalled an incident involving her son who would ride his bike to and from summer camp at the age of 9. Someone stole his bike and when he left camp he stopped a Police Officer and filed his own police report. She did not know about the incident until the Police Department called her to say that they recovered his bike. She is excited to announce that the Juvenile Officer in the Borough will be Jose Curbelo. He will work with all the youth in town and be involved with the schools. The Click or Ticket enforcement program is in effect and enforcement is being done. For the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, Highland Park Police Officer Sean Bibby will be the Grand Marshall. Officer Bibby is a Navy Veteran.

<u>Councilman Fine</u> reported that the next Mayor's Wellness Campaign meeting will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in Borough Hall. The Library Board will not meet in May and will hold their next meeting in June. The Friends of the Library book sale raised a record breaking amount of money. He thanked all the volunteers who helped sort the books in preparation of the sale.

<u>Councilman Potts</u> reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> and begin at Livingston Avenue/George Street and proceed up Route 27 to the doughboy monument in Highland Park. The Senior Prom date has been changed to June 17<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 vacancies on the Recreation Advisory Committee. The fireworks event will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with festivities beginning at 5PM. Fireworks will be set off at approximately 9PM. The rain date for the fireworks will be July 5<sup>th</sup>. Summer camp begins July 6<sup>th</sup> and registration is ongoing.

<u>Councilman George</u> reported that the Redevelopment Agency is completing their review of the reconciliation of the zoning ordinance and redevelopment plan. They will meet again on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board did not hold a meeting this month. The Board of Adjustment approved the final resolution for the Highland Cliffs project. The Borough is working with the DOT to resolve issues with the wall near the old Y property. The zoning reconstruction task force completed their work and submitted their report to Council and hopes to discuss on future agenda. Mayor Brill Mittler thanked Councilman George for staying on top of the redevelopment agency and zoning ordinance regulations.

Mayor Brill Mittler thanked Councilman George for staying on top of Red Agency and the Zoning Board of Adjustment regulations, project is long overdue.

<u>Councilwoman Welkovits</u> reported that there was a water main break earlier today on Raritan and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The water main has been repaired but traffic on Route 27 north is being diverted. She and the Mayor attended a breakfast for Keep Middlesex Moving. In 2013, Highland Park initiated the Complete Streets Group. Highland Park received Bronze Level recognition for NJ Safe Routes to School. Irving, Bartle and Middle Schools received high honors. This group continues to promote bike and pedestrian safety. New garbage collection truck will be utilized soon and new 95 gallon toters will be handed out. The new truck will be utilized in the Triangle on a trial basis and will begin collections mid-July. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Special Education Teachers will be organizing a special class with a beekeeper down at the Environmental Center. On May 23<sup>rd</sup> a program will be featured at the Environmental Center on how to adopt a stream. The program is sponsored by the Raritan River Partnership. They are looking for volunteers.

Borough Administrator Kovach – no report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – no report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that she is very excited about the new Juvenile Officer position. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin has been asking for this for many years. She had an open community meeting when she became Mayor and parents wanted more police presence in their children's lives. The position of Juvenile Officer within the Highland Park Police Department serves as a Police Liaison to all youth in Highland Park. The position was designed to address the numerous issues that face our children today. The Officer, Patrolman Jose Curbelo, visits all of the borough schools under the direction of the Borough Superintendent and School Administrators, to keep in contact with the students. This allows for an open, honest and direct conversation between the Police and our youth. Patrolman Curbelo serves as a positive role model for the youth of our community and provides a positive image of a Police Officer. He is tasked with investigating all juvenile related incidents, including but not limited to, crimes against children, crimes involving children, and missing children. He also coordinates and assists many youth oriented programs such as every 15 Minutes, Drinking and Driving Awareness, Law Enforcement Against Drugs "L.E.A.D.", Junior Police Academy and the Juvenile Justice Committee. The Borough is in the process of formulating an after school program in which Patrolman Curbelo is an integral part. The Capital Improvements Task Force is acutely aware of new developments in Highland Park; expecting an increase of 12% in population. It is imperative that the Borough plan for growth. The group is chaired by Dr. Clint Andrews, a well-respected Planner at the Bloustein School and responsible for green urban development. This group is in the process of finalizing their presentation and when it is completed, they will have an open public meeting. Water mains in the Borough were built in the 1920's out of materials no longer used. The water mains on Raritan Avenue are located below ground and are impacted by the amount of traffic on Route 27. A few years ago the Borough had repairs done to the largest water main on Montgomery Street. She thanked everyone who called about the blocked windows at Rite Aid. Last Friday, she met with the Vice Presidents of Rite Aid, the Planning Board Chair, the Planning Board Attorney, the Code Enforcement Director and the Borough Attorney to voice their displeasure about the blocked windows. They were informed of an agreement that dates back to 2007. Lastly, she announced that the Borough's Employees, as part of the Wellness Initiative, won 1st prize in the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Initiative for most participation by employees. She congratulated the employees and the Human Resources Coordinator for coordination of this program.

Borough Administrator Kovach added that the Wellness Program initiative is tied to the health insurance plan. A healthy employee is a safe employee and it benefits everyone with cheaper rates.

Mayor Brill Mittler continued her report by noting that they are making steady progress on the Y wall. She and Councilwoman Welkovits went to the DOT and met with the Commissioner. The meeting went very well and their ideas were well received. Lastly, tomorrow night at 7PM is the Roots Fundraiser at Tete's. The fundraiser is to raise money to help send deserving students to the Youth Roots Program (summer camp). The students get to learn mentorship and leadership skills. When they come back from camp they are required to develop clubs and mentor other children. There is no money at the school level or borough level to send these students to camp. There will be a DJ from 92.3 to provide entertainment and food will be served. It is \$75 to attend and there is a link on Facebook to make donations.

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

Jason Rowe, 74 Raritan Avenue, thanked the Council for their swift consideration of the wage theft ordinance. It is good for workers, businesses and the local economy.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Garden Apartments, indicated that he had an issue with Councilwoman Foster-Dublin's report. He did not hear anything in her report about improving relationship with Veteran's. He is faulting every member of the Council for not mentioning Veteran's. He demanded respect as he is a Veteran. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin responded that she has worked tirelessly with Veteran's groups for every parade. The Council was responsible for getting a Jewish War Veteran monument near the Doughboy Monument. On Wayne Street, they dedicated the street to be "Heroes Way". She has the utmost respect for those who served and continue to serve. Mr. Gross advocated that they open a Veteran's Bureau to service those that need help and he would be glad to serve. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that on Benner Street there is a home for Veteran's. She works with the Veteran's Alliance in Middlesex County and New Brunswick. She thanked him for serving and for his dedication. Councilman George thanked him for his comments. His family was all military. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and former Councilwoman Timmons had negotiated in the past to have a Veteran's Bureau at the senior center. The State was not willing to do so at that time.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CHAPTER 9, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, ARTICLE I, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION 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 Councilman Fine, 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 Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 15-1886, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilman Erickson.

The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote: No. 5-15-172

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 9, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, ARTICLE I, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VALENTINE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$360,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman George, 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 Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Erickson.

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

<u>No. 5-15-173</u>

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VALENTINE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$360,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 9, 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.

Mayor Brill Mittler indicated that the funding for this project came from a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund. The Legislature was able to find a way to fund it in 2015. She urged residents to reach out to their Legislators and encourage them to keep the funding alive.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CHAPTER 9, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, ARTICLE VII, BOARD OF HEALTH, 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 Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits

Opposed: None

Absent: Erickson

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

<u>No. 5-15-174</u>

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CHAPTER 9, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, ARTICLE VII, BOARD OF HEALTH 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, June 9, 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 247, "LICENSING", had been introduced in writing by Council as a Whole for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Erickson.

The following resolution, introduced by Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

<u>No. 5-15-175</u>

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND SUPPLEMENT THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 247, "LICENSING", 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, June 9, 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. 5-15-176 through 5-15-182 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 Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Erickson.

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

<u>No. 5-15-17</u>6

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Section 3 of Resolution 1-10-19, adopted by the Borough Council on January 5, 2010, shall be amended by the addition of the following fees: MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMPLEX FEE (STRUCTURE)

<u>MUNICIPAL RECREATION COMPLEX FEE (STRUCTURE)</u>				
Turf Field	Full Field	1/2 Field	Light Charges	
Out-of-town Groups	\$150/hour	\$50/hour	\$10/hour	
Out-of-town Groups (non-profit)	\$100/hour	\$34/hour	\$10/hour	
Running Track	Full Field	1/2 Field	Light Charges	
Out-of-town Groups	\$100/hour		- 0	

Out-of-town Groups (non-profit) \$60/hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Recreation Program Coordinator.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above: <u>No. 5-15-177</u>

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has concluded negotiations with the Middlesex Council No. 7 New Jersey Civil Service Association (hereinafter known as Middlesex "Council 7"), on a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Calendar Years 2015 thru 2017;

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

- 1. The Mayor and Borough Council hereby approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and Council 7, which is attached hereto;
- 2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest Collective Bargaining Agreement with Council 7, said Agreement in a form having been approved by the Borough Attorney;
- 3. The Borough Finance Department is authorized and directed to make payment of 2008 retroactive pay adjustments to members of Council 7, upon receipt and approval of formal Collective Bargaining Agreement, and adoption of the appropriate salary ordinance amendments, if necessary.

The following resolution, introduced by Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above: <u>No. 5-15-178</u>

WHEREAS, JK Estate Management, LLC ("Taxpayer"), is the owner of the retail strip center located at 1161-1169 Raritan Avenue, Block 123, Lot 13 on the Borough of Highland Park Tax Assessment Maps (the "Property"), filed appeals of its 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 tax assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 011546-2011, 011503-2012, 011545-2013 and 012189-2014; and

WHEREAS, the Property was assessed in each of the years at a total tax assessment of \$495,100 which, based upon the common level ratio for each year, equalized to a value of \$1,328,414 in 2011 (37.27% ratio), \$1,251,833 in 2012 (39.55% ratio), \$1,253,417 in 2013 (39.50% ratio), and \$1,175,172 in 2014 (42.13% ratio); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer presented an appraisal opining that the market value of the Property was \$940,000 in the 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax years, based upon the common level ratio for each year, would result in assessments of \$350,300 in 2011, \$371,800 in 2012, and \$371,300 in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor has reviewed the relevant market data for the Property, and determined that the Assessment should be reduced and adjusted the 2015 assessment to a total tax assessment of \$400,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeals and the recommendations of its Borough Tax Assessor and Special Tax Attorney; and

WHEREAS, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal was negotiated which results in the withdrawal of the 2011 and 2012 tax appeals, the reduction of the 2013 tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$435,000, a reduction of the 2014 total tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$400,000, as more specifically set forth in the Stipulations of Settlement annexed to this Resolution, which have been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Taxpayer has agreed to waive interest subject to any refunds being paid within 60 days of entry of the judgments made payable to Taxpayer's attorney "Michael A. Vespasiano, Attorney Trust Account"; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid settlement has no general application to other properties within the Borough as a result of the aforesaid specific fact situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council make this settlement with Taxpayer without prejudice to its dealing with any other Borough taxpayer's request for tax assessment reduction.

**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 Special Tax Attorney is hereby authorized to execute the Stipulations of Settlement, copies of which are annexed hereto relative to the tax appeals captioned <u>JK Estate Management, LLC vs.</u> <u>Highland Park</u>, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 011546-2011, 011503-2012, 011545-2013 and 012189-2014, which settlements result in the 2011 and 2012 cases being withdrawn, and which further result in the 2013 total tax assessment being reduced to \$435,000 and the 2014 total tax assessment being reduced to \$400,000 for the Property, at the allocations between the lots, land and improvements, and pursuant to the terms and conditions, as more fully set forth in the annexed Stipulation of Settlement, and that the Taxpayer waives the payment of interest if refunds, if any, are paid within 60 days of the entry of judgment by the Tax Court to the Taxpayer's Attorney's Trust Account..
- 2. The settlement outlined above shall be without prejudice to the Borough's dealings with any Borough's taxpayers' request for tax assessment reductions.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above: <u>No. 5-15-179</u>

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership, the Project Architect for the renovation of the Public Safety Building, had heretofore submitted an invoice totaling the amount of \$2,467.50 for services in connection with the said project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the said invoice and have approved the same for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director shall be and hereby authorized and directed to issue payment in the amount of \$2,467.50 to The Goldstein Partnership, for architectural services in connection with the renovation of the Public Safety Building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above: <u>No. 5-15-180</u>

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 5/19/2015 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: <u>No. 5-15-18</u>1

WHEREAS, Highland Investments, 1018 Raritan 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 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 # 14-00062 of \$2,011.98 for water and \$583.60 for sewer for a total amount of \$2,595.58 to the water and sewer account of Highland Investments, 1018 Raritan 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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 5-15-182

WHEREAS, Neil and Gerilyn Kessler, 211 North 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 # 10010520-0 of \$272.14 for water and \$164.50 for sewer for a total amount of \$436.64 to the water and sewer account of Neil and Gerilyn Kessler, 211 North 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as members of the Public Information Commission for terms to expire May 1, 2016: Ana Pairet Vinas Shelby Holliman Mason Resnick

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Erickson.

Abstained: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as members of the Community Emergency Response Team for terms to expire December 31, 2015:

Rodolfo Juliani	Shari Larsen	Paul Scharf
Susan Winter	David Larsen	Bruce Nadler
Ann-Sheryl White	Nancy Wolf	

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following as members of the Environmental Commission for terms expiring April 1, 2018: Karen Swaine

Jonathan Abrahams

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.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present:

No. 5-15-183

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are mindful of the right of the public to attend and witness meetings of governmental bodies at which public business is discussed, and to be involved in all phases of governmental action; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act nonetheless recognizes the authority of a public body to exclude the public from meetings in certain enumerated instances in which disclosure of matters discussed could endanger public safety, property or other public interest, or invade individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B), the Mayor and Council have a need to meet in private session to discuss one matter affecting pending or anticipated litigation to which the public body may be party; matters within the attorney client privilege.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will meet in private session at 6:08 P.M. on May 19, 2015, to discuss the above mentioned items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public when no longer deemed confidential.

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 at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings Borough Clerk