

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, June 9, 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 Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked for a moment of silence for the passing of New Jersey State Trooper Anthony Raspa.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits seconded by Councilman George, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on February 3, 2015, February 17, 2015, March 3, 2015 and March 17, 2015, were approved as distributed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler recognized the Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Semi-Finalist, Miriam Rosenbluth. She presented her with a Certificate of Honor from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Ms. Rosenbluth explained that she wrote an essay about what her government does best. She wrote about the walkability of the town and how it promotes healthiness.

Chief Rizco introduced new Police Officer Daniel Ramos. He was born in Brooklyn and moved to Jersey City. He completed the Essex County Police Academy in 2012 and has a 14 year old daughter.

Mayor Brill Mittler administered the Oath of Office and Allegiance to new Police Officer Daniel Ramos.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

No. 6-15-184

WHEREAS, the position of Police Officer became available due to retirement/promotions; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ramos has applied for and is qualified to fill the position; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Board recommends that Daniel Ramos be hired as a Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that Daniel Ramos be hired for the position of Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department, effective April 16, 2015 at a base salary of \$50,966.00.

Chief Rizco, Capt. Golden, Lt. Panichella, and Lt. Hammill asked Detective John Sachau and Detective Theodore Pardo to come forward to be recognized for their efforts in solving and apprehending the suspects in a robbery case. Sgt. Jason Culver is also to be recognized, but was unable to attend the meeting. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin read proclamation honoring them for their efforts. Mayor Brill Mittler presented them each with an embossed copy and they were presented with departmental ribbons.

Chief Rizco, Capt. Golden, Lt. Panichella, and Lt. Hammill asked Ptl. Kevin Shiffner and Ptl. Sean Bibby to come forward to be recognized for their efforts in saving a life. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin read proclamation honoring them for their efforts. Mayor Brill Mittler presented them each with an embossed copy and they were presented with the lifesaving award. Chief Rizco noted that the individual they saved was in the audience and she wanted to personally thank the Officers. She presented them each with a bouquet of roses and thanked them for their efforts, because without them she would not be here today.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Community Emergency Response Team has been re-established under the Office of Emergency Management under the direction of Freeholder Polos and Sgt. Olarra. Freeholder Polos noted that they were encouraged to put this team together by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and Chief Rizco. He thanked Sgt. Olarra for his assistance in assembling the group and considers him to be his Co-Coordinator. He thanked the Highland Park Police Department and congratulated the Officers who were honored. He also thanked the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Highland Park First Aid Squad for all their efforts. It is an honor and a privilege to work with first responders; it makes his job easier. The team that they put together is a great makeup of the community. The group consists of a Radio Operator, IT people, Corrections Officers, BPU Representative, etc. The group is receiving 24 hours of training and will take a practical exam in the next 10 days. Sgt. Olarra introduced the members of CERT: Elissa Kaplan, Matthew Hersh, David Tawil, Pamala Plastock, Brian Douches, Roberto Munoz, Shari Larsen, Susan Winter, David Larsen, Bruce Nadler, Ann-Sheryl White, Nancy Wolf and Rodolfo Juliani. Paul Scharf, Joanna Joseph and Muriel Haber were unable to attend.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, there was a brief recess taken at 7:32 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:49 PM with all those previously in attendance still present.

Main Street Minute – Councilman George reported that Main Street Highland Park presented their budget for 2015 to the Governing Body at the Conference Meeting. The budget will be introduced at the July 7th meeting with the public hearing scheduled for September. The Street Fair held in May was very successful and the 5K run was the best one yet.

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

Councilwoman George reported that the residential reconstruction ordinance will be introduced on first reading. Volunteers from the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment did a great job on this ordinance. The ordinance will permit the borough to be more contemporary; preserving the character of homes from the 1920's.

Councilman Erickson reported that the Administration Committee met with Dr. Clint Andrews to review the report prepared by the Capital Improvements Planning Task Force. The report prepared was well done and they are working on revisions incorporating information from the school district and the County.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be fully trained in the next couple of weeks and certificates will be presented to them at a future meeting. There will be fireworks in Johnson Park between 9:00 and 10:00 PM as Rutgers is dedicating a new building. She reminded residents to consider bike safety and wear their helmets and use bells.

Councilman Fine reported that he is glad that the Governing Body is considering ordinance to add Board of Education liaison to the Board of Health.

Councilman Potts thanked everyone for their assistance with the Memorial Day Parade activities. The Senior Prom will be held on June 27th from 5-8PM at the Senior Center. They will crown a prom king and prom queen. Fireworks festivities will be held on July 2nd in Donaldson Park. The summer camp begins on July 6th and registration is ongoing.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that a beekeeping program was held last week at the Environmental Education Center for special education children, ages 11-16. She received a lovely thank you card signed by the students. Residents should have received letter regarding garbage collection and guidelines for the new toters. Information is posted on the Borough's website. This is a pilot program and will commence in July. The Borough purchased a one armed automated truck to save on manpower and to be able to utilize them for other functions. The Borough has no plans to lay off any staff members. The pilot program will begin in the Triangle section of town on specific streets wide enough to accommodate the larger vehicle and the swing of the arm. Sharrows were painted on Raritan Avenue by the DOT to alert drivers that the roadway is shared by bicyclists. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee will be listing deer proof/deer tolerant plant information on the website.

Borough Administrator Kovach reported that the Borough Offices will be closed on July 3rd for the 4th of July holiday. The following week, the Borough Offices will begin summer hours. They will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 AM until 5:30 PM and on Thursday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. The offices will be closed on Fridays during July and August. She thanked Dr. Andrews and his students for the work they did on the report for the Capital Improvements and Planning Task Force. She was impressed by the comprehensive report and it will help the Borough plan for the future.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – no report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that one of the reasons she loves the job of Mayor is she loves the community. She thanked the Highland Park residents for their support of the Youth Roots Fundraiser where funds were raised to send 7 high school students to camp. She hopes to have them attend a future Council meeting. Tomorrow morning, the Mayor's walk will start guided walks in the Native Plant Reserve. She will meet any interested walker at 6:30 AM at the Environmental Education Center. The first tour will be led by Mary Denver. This month's issue of the League Magazine features an article "Hitting the Hills in Highland Park". It talks about how Highland Park is keeping its residents and employees healthy. The Governing Body will be adopting an ordinance regarding Wage Theft and she thanked Tara Marlowe for bringing this issue to the Council's attention.

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

Tara Marlowe, 310 South 2nd Avenue, commented that she moved to Highland Park because this town embodied a lot of the values she holds dear. The tipped minimum wage is \$2.19 on the national level and has not been raised since 1991. She felt this was unacceptable and became important to her especially as a single mother. She hopes the Council gives good consideration to this ordinance.

Germania Hernandez, New Labor, commented that Highland Park will be the 3rd town in the state to adopt this ordinance. They came to show support for this ordinance against wage theft. A lot of workers from New Brunswick come to Highland Park to work. She helped a worker recover wages from a business in Highland Park over a year ago and it took a while.

Myrna Gonzalez, New Brunswick, commented that she too benefitted from this ordinance being adopted in New Brunswick so that she could be paid. It is very important to help those not getting paid. The ordinance is equally important here in Highland Park.

Luke, New Labor, thanked the Governing Body for taking the time to make this happen. This tool will benefit workers and help businesses too.

Sarah Heimowitz, 216 Graham Street, commented that she came to show support for New Labor and for workers in this town and for the ordinance. In her professional life she is an Attorney and deals with this issue too often. This is an epidemic not only in New Jersey, but nationwide. It is an important issue and shows employers that are not following wage laws.

Jean Stockdale, 27 South 7th Avenue, commented that for the past five years she has been assisting people exploited for their labor for the Reformed Church of Highland Park. In Middlesex County, 1 out of 3 people are immigrants. Wage exploitation is prevalent in low paying jobs such as landscaping, house cleaning, restaurants, gas stations, hotels and nail salons.

Tina Weishauss, 143 North 5th Avenue, thanked the Council for being so supportive of this ordinance. It is an important issue and she is glad that Highland Park is once again being a leader.

The Clerk reported advertising 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, for consideration of passage on final reading by title and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that the ordinance had been posted and made available to the public, as required by law.

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

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

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Potts, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 15-1887, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 6-15-185

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

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

The Clerk reported advertising 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, 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 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 Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, was tabled from consideration until the August 11th meeting, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The Clerk reported advertising 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", 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. 15-1889, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 6-15-187

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 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", 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, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CHAPTER 230, LAND USE CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RECONSTRUCTION, had been introduced in writing by the Economic Development and Planning 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: Erickson

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

No. 6-15-188

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CHAPTER 230, LAND USE CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RECONSTRUCTION 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, July 7, 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. 6-15-189 through 6-15-198 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 6-15-189

WHEREAS, Guaranteed Motor Towing Service and Majestic Towing & Transport Inc. have filed with the Clerk of this Borough for a Wrecker/Towing License to operate heavy duty wreckers in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such license; and

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

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

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

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

No. 6-15-190

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Laws of the State of New Jersey and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Treasury of said State, Homestead Rebate check for properties upon which taxes for the preceding year remain delinquent are sent to the Tax Collector instead of the homeowner in the municipality where said taxes are delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Treasury forwarded to the Borough a Homestead Rebate check for the property upon which taxes were delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Collector has certified that the owner of the property has paid in full the interest and principal due on said property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the owner of the following described property the amount of the Homestead Rebate allowed for the Year 2012, the wit;

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF REFUND</u>
151	42	Paula Getzin	\$962.10
423 Lincoln Avenue		107 Savage Farm Drive Ithaca, NY 14850	

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

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

No. 6-15-191

WHEREAS, the below listed taxpayer a submitted check, which amount represented the amount due for quarterly taxes; and

WHEREAS, the below listed taxpayer was notified in writing of a problem with said checks and were advised to resubmit the amount owed for taxes; and

WHEREAS, the below listed taxpayer incurred fees from their banking institution for resubmittal of the check;

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 below listed taxpayer, the amount set forth below, the amount charged to them by their banking institution;

BLOCK	LOT	AMOUNT
8	33	\$30.00

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

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

No. 6-15-192

WHEREAS, Middlesex County Parks, Johnson Park, River Road, received an incorrect water bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the bill should not have been generated; 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 # 30230820-0 of \$35,387.16 for water, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of Middlesex County Parks, Johnson Park, River Road, 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. 6-15-193

WHEREAS, Raya & Shlomo Benhaim, 419 Grove Avenue, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the bill should not have been generated; 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 # 20140110-0 of \$87.37 for water and \$52.56 for sewer for a total amount of \$139.93, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of Raya & Shlomo Benhaim, 419 Grove 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-15-194

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record services in connection with one or more bond issuances to provide certain financial and other information and notices; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 5-01-20-130-200 in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds 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 Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough the AGREEMENT providing for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record services with Phoenix Advisors, LLC., 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Phoenix Advisors, LLC forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-15-195

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk shall 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 annual basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

Title	Name		Total Annual Salary 2015	Effective Date
Building Inspector	Scott	Brescher	\$61,787	1/1/2015
Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector	Patrick	Valente	\$12,539	1/1/2015
Fire Subcode Official/Inspector	Dennis	Van de Mark	\$12,539	1/1/2015
Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector	Michael	Rossi	\$12,539	1/1/2015
Mstr Code Enforce/Housing Inspector	Diane	Reh	\$71,147	1/1/2015
Mstr Code Enforcement Officer	Douglas	Sipos	\$69,797	1/1/2015
Senior Clerk Typist	Karen	Valente	\$38,917	1/1/2015
Bus Driver	Ella	Taliaferro	\$40,267	1/1/2015
Clerk Typist	Janet	Molina	\$40,267	1/1/2015
Senior Outreach Coordinator	Nicole	Huff	\$34,384	1/1/2015
Deputy Court Administrator	Linda	Simons	\$47,126	1/1/2015
Violations Clerk	Margarita	Guzman	\$38,917	1/1/2015
Public Safety Dispatcher	Patrick	Keogh	\$42,997	1/1/2015
Public Safety Dispatcher	Karen	Connors	\$50,713	1/1/2015
Public Safety Dispatcher	Janet	Marcik	\$50,713	1/1/2015
PD Records Clerk	Diane	Seiboldt	\$38,917	1/1/2015
Public Safety Dispatcher	Kaitlyn	Cox	\$40,161	1/1/2015
Administrative Assistant	Linda	Monte	\$55,645	1/1/2015
Deputy Tax Collector	Anita	Bansal	\$48,476	1/1/2015
Deputy Treasurer	Daphne	Gamboa	\$54,295	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Nancy	Bernstein	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Catherine	Ciorciari	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Reva	Kaufman	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Mary Ann	Kinsey	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Kibby	May	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Barbara	Kubey	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Lucille	Morris	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Charlene	Rayside	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Beverly	Robinson	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Michael	Stazeski	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Willis Ivan	Thomas	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Crossing Guard	Margaret	Toman	\$10,460	1/1/2015
Administrative Assistant	Joann	Kopetsky	\$55,645	1/1/2015
Principal Clerk Typist	Barbara	Fromhold	\$47,126	1/1/2015
Police Officer	Patrick	Keogh	\$36,057	7/1/2015
Police Officer	Gaetano	Palumbo	\$64,148	6/1/2015
Police Officer	Sean	Bibby	\$50,966	6/11/2015

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:

Title	Name	2015 Rate	Effective Date
Community Service Receptionist	Maria Austin	\$14.18	1/1/2015
PT Clerk Typist	Kimberly McGraw	\$14.47	1/1/2015
PT Medical Driver	Rodney Camron	\$16.41	1/1/2015
PT Crossing Guard	Gjejrane Bicaj	\$17.54	1/1/2015
Substitute Crossing Guard	Elfrida Gooding	\$17.54	1/1/2015
PT Dispatcher	Nicole Errico	\$19.94	1/1/2015
PT Dispatcher	Stefanie Acquisto	\$19.94	6/15/2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director be and he 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 Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-15-196

WHEREAS, David Paszamant, 320 North 5th Avenue, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the bill should not have been generated; 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 # 10030451-0 of \$1,256.73 for water and \$758.80 for sewer for a total amount of \$2,015.53, plus any interest charges, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of David Paszamant, 320 North 5th 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. 6-15-197

WHEREAS, Tree Top Apartments, Cedar Lane, received an incorrect water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the bill should not have been generated; 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 # 30230842-1 of \$6,428.11 for water and \$3,885.00 for sewer for a total amount of \$10,313.11, plus any interest charges, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of Tree Top Apartments, Building 2-2, 17-32 Holly 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 the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 6-15-198

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (hereinafter referred to as the "Borough") was a participating municipality in the New Jersey Council of Affordable Housing (hereinafter referred to as "COAH") for the First and Second Round having received substantive certification for the affordable housing plans associated with said rounds; and

WHEREAS, with regard to Third Round compliance, the Borough has successfully participated in two Fairness Hearings leading to the settlement of Mount Laurel litigation which enabled the Borough to return to Court to secure approval of the Borough's Third Round Plan (*River Road HP, LLC et al.*, Docket No.: MID-L-9377-10 and *American Properties, LLC v. The Borough of Highland Park, et al.*, Docket No.: MID-L-006943-09); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued a decision entitled In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 NJ 1 (2015) in which the Court (1) found that COAH had violated its March 14, 2014 Order by failing to adopt new Third Round Regulations, (2) held that, without Third Round Regulations, COAH could not process petition for substantive certification, (3) directed trial courts to resume COAH's functions, (4) authorized municipalities to file Declaratory Judgment actions along with a motion for temporary immunity by July 8, 2015 or risk exposure to exclusionary zoning lawsuits and (5) ruled that municipalities would have five months to prepare and file a Fair Share Plan and Housing Element to address its Third Round obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to participate in the process outlined by the New Jersey Supreme Court in the above-referenced March 10, 2015 decision and to have the court review and approve the Borough's Third Round Compliance Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Borough hereby reaffirms its commitment to satisfy its realistic affordable housing obligation, however said obligation may be ultimately defined by the Court in a voluntary fashion and in the absence of any additional costly Mount Laurel lawsuits.
2. The Borough hereby authorizes the Borough Attorney and the Borough Special Counsel for Affordable Housing to file a Declaratory Judgment action on or before July 8, 2015 and to simultaneously file a motion seeking temporary immunity while the Court reviews the Borough's Affordable Housing Program as same will be amended and resubmitted to the Court within a five month period authorized by the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision on

- March 10, 2015 once the Borough's realistic Third Round Affordable Housing obligation is determined.
3. The Borough further authorizes the Borough Attorney, Special Borough Counsel for Affordable Housing and the Borough's planning professionals to seek a judicial determination of the Borough's realistic Third Round Affordable Housing obligation and take all reasonable and necessary actions to address said obligation for the period 1999-2025 expeditiously.
 4. The Borough is further authorized to join with other similarly situated municipalities and authorize its legal and planning professionals to join with a consortium of municipalities to seek out an expert to develop a realistic approach to the Borough's Third Round Affordable Housing obligation and to share the cost of retaining said expert with other municipalities, said cost estimated to be approximately \$2,000.00 and authorize the Borough to further enter into a Shared Services Agreement and a Municipal Joint Defense Agreement, both of which as reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney and the Borough Special Counsel for Affordable Housing.
 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Rucha Phadtare as a Student Member of the Arts Commission for a term to expire August 1, 2017.

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 Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

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 that she experienced wage theft when she grew up on a farm. She asked about sidewalk repairs and enforcement. Borough Attorney Schmierer commented that Councilman George has been working with a sidewalk study committee and the Governing Body will review that report and get back on track with enforcement. Property owners are responsible for repairs that need to be done. Ms. Bickhardt commented that the same sidewalks are still broken that she told the Borough about 2 ½ years ago. The corner on her street still has not been repaired. The intersection of Magnolia and South 3rd Avenue needs to be paved. Cannot walk safely around town and she encouraged the Mayor to walk with her on a Wednesday morning and she will show her the things that need to be fixed. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that the Department of Public Works is working on filling potholes and she will look to see where that street is on their schedule. They are working on getting the County and another town in to do some paving. Ms. Bickhardt asked about garbage pickup and whether there is an ordinance against putting out trash early. Property owners need to teach their tenants about the rules.

No one else 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 Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present:

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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 6:43 P.M. on June 9, 2015, to discuss the above mentioned items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public when

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 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk