

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 7, 2015

A regular meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 and was called to order by Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler at 7:04 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 and Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

Main Street Minute – Rebecca Hersh appeared and noted that on July 22nd from 9AM to 4PM they will be holding a Downtown Design and Place Making Workshop at the Reformed Church. The workshop is free to Highland Park residents and information is posted on their website. On July 18th, the Outdoor Movie Theater begins. They are recruiting artists for the Arts in the Park Event to be held on September 20th. The Farmer's Market is open on Fridays and will continue until December. On July 31st, there will be a tomato festival, with cooking demonstrations and a mobile health unit. Main Street Highland Park will be featuring music on Friday nights at various corners throughout the downtown. Kinetics has relocated to the corner of North 4th and Raritan. There are a couple of food establishments interested in spaces in town, specifically the space3 near the former Main Street office and the corner of North 2nd Avenue.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits seconded by Councilman Potts, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on April 14, 2015, May 5, 2015, May 19, 2015 and June 9, 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 noted that seven (7) high school students were selected to attend Camp Learn to become mentors as part of the Youth Roots Initiative. They will go to camp and bring back what they learned to the high school to mentor other students. She introduced the high school recipients: Piney Arp, Dylan Boynton, Kyle Hagin, Ogemdi Nwadke, Patricia McDaniel, Olivia Ruiz and Amiri Tulloch.

Chief Rizco noted that the Patrick Keogh started as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Highland Park Fire Department in 2006. He also worked as a Police Dispatcher and as a Paid Part-Time Firefighter. He graduated from Edison High School and attended Middlesex County College. He got married in January and resides in North Arlington, NJ. He will begin six months of training on Monday at the Morris County Police Academy and will graduate December 13th.

Mayor Brill Mittler administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officer Patrick Keogh.

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

No. 7-15-200

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

WHEREAS, the position of Police Officer became available due to retirement/promotions; and
WHEREAS, Patrick Keogh has applied for and is qualified to fill the position; and
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Board recommends that Patrick Keogh 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 Patrick Keogh be hired for the position of Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department, effective July 7, 2015 at a base salary of \$36,057.00.

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

Councilman George reported that the Redevelopment Agency is working on a developer's agreement. Main Street Highland Park is working on some great events. The Design Committee Meeting tomorrow night will focus on wayfinding signs. The Planning Board is considering ordinance for residential reconstruction at their next meeting on Thursday.

Councilman Erickson reported that the property tax bills will be mailed out next week.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin asked PBA President Brian O'Mara to talk about a new initiative that they are involved in. Office O'Mara noted that they have begun a senior registry for information/emergency contacts. They are also compiling a special needs registry (ex: child w/autism, senior citizen with dementia, oxygen users, etc.) for use in emergencies. The information is collected through the borough's website and Facebook page. Kim Perkins at the senior center has been very helpful in compiling this information. Need to reach out to those citizens that do not electronic media. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that last Tuesday, the motorcycle patrol unit was put in place with Officer Sachau. They hope to have the bicycle patrol up and running shortly so that more police are visible and having more contact with the residents. The 4th of July celebration was a wonderful event. The CERT team was in full uniform and deployed after their graduation on June 22nd. National Night Out will be held on August 4th from 5-9 PM and she encouraged everyone to participate. It is a chance to meet the Police Department, get safety tips, view equipment on display, have food, refreshments, relax and have a chance to win prizes.

Councilman Fine reported that the Council will be voting on a resolution regarding the 25th anniversary of ADA being held on July 26, 2015.

Councilman Potts reported that the Senior Prom was held on June 17th and he thanked Kim Perkins and all the volunteers. He gave a special thanks to Chief Rizco and Lt. Panichella from the Police Department for attending and being dance partners for the seniors. This was the 11th annual prom and attendance has gone from 24 people to 130 people. The 4th of July celebration was great and they lucked out with the weather. He thanked all the volunteers and the sponsors. Summer camp begins on July 6th and runs through August 21st. Summer hours will continue for Borough Hall and the Senior Center through Labor Day. He congratulated the PBA on their fundraising event that he attended, where Freeholder Polos was the Master of Ceremonies. The PBA paid special tribute to fallen NJ State Trooper Anthony Raspa.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that the pilot program for the new automated garbage truck will begin on Monday. Residents in the Triangle section of town were provided with garbage containers and instructions for placement. Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grants of \$2,000.00 were awarded to Bartle School and Irving School. She thanked Pam from Rutgers Forestry for the survey her and a group of volunteers were doing in town for Emerald Ash Trees. There are dangerous pests infesting these trees and this survey is helping check on the health of the trees in town.

Borough Administrator Kovach – no report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – no report.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that they received a Public Safety Grant in the amount of \$12,600.00 for enforcement education and awareness. They also received a grant from AAA of 60 helmets that will be distributed for free to residents.

Mayor Brill Mittler thanked Mary Denver and Belinda Beetham for being the guides at the Wednesday walks at the Native Plant Reserve during the month of June. She learned a lot about native plants.

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

Herb Gross, Adelaide Garden Apartments, indicated that there is a dangerous situation and nothing has been done to his knowledge. On 1st Avenue by the bank there are 12 sidewalks uprooted with branches and shrubbery on the side. He spoke with officials at the bank and they indicated it is not their responsibility. Mayor Brill Mittler instructed Borough Administrator to have Code Enforcement Department inspect the area. Mr. Gross wanted to know who is responsible. Mayor Brill Mittler indicated that the property owner is responsible. Ms. Kovach indicated she will have Code Enforcement check the area and they will notify the property owners if repairs are necessary. Mr. Gross indicated that he has seen people cross the street to avoid this area.

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 the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Home News Tribune, Asbury Park, NJ, in the issue of July 11, 2015.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby approve the following as the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2015:

Income	
Government Grants	25,000.00
Special Assessment (BID)	157,000.00
Sponsorships	57,360.00
Total Income	\$239,360.00
Expense	
Administration and General	\$ 152,563.65
Program Expense	86,796.35
Total Expense	\$239,360.00
Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 0.00

Notice is hereby given that the Main Street Highland Park Budget and Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, on July 7, 2015.

A hearing on the Main Street Highland Park/Business Improvement District Budget will be held at Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park on September 1, 2015 at 7:00 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to said Budget and Resolution for the year 2015 may be presented.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010”, CHAPTER 230, LAND USE CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RECONSTRUCTION, 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 George, 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.

Councilman George noted that the Planning Board has not yet met to review the ordinance and therefore it needs to be tabled from consideration.

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 and carried by affirmative voice vote of all councilpersons present, the ordinance, entitled as above, was tabled from consideration until the August 11, 2015 meeting.

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 I, HUMAN RELATIONS had been introduced 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 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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. 7-15-203

WHEREAS, 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 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, August 11, 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 OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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

No. 7-15-204

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2015 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, 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, August 11th, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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 Community Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-15-209

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Middlesex County Department of Human Services for the provision of Municipal Alliance related activities in the Borough of Highland Park for the period covering July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, said Agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

No. 7-15-210

WHEREAS, Kimeron McCombs applied for a business license for a property on Raritan Avenue, Highland Park; and

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

WHEREAS, subsequent to applying for said license, the lease agreement fell through and a business license is not needed and therefore a refund of said fee is due to the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the administrative fee for refunds charged by the Borough Clerk pursuant to Section 5 of Highland Park resolution No. 01-15-19 adopted by the Borough Council on January 6, 2015 shall be waived;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to Kimeron McCombs, 18 Country Meadow Drive, Colts Neck, NJ 07722, the amount of \$50.00, the same being the amount of refund due for error in submittal of business license application

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

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

No. 7-15-211

WHEREAS, Highland Park values the contributions of all residents, including immigrants, to the economic health, cultural diversity, and public safety of the Borough of Highland Park, Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park recognizes the fundamental importance of all of our residents' ability to participate in civic life, ensure the health and safety of their families, and to move freely across this State; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law currently prohibits undocumented residents from obtaining a driver's license; and

WHEREAS, other states, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Nevada, New Mexico, Vermont, Washington, and Utah, as well as Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico do not prohibit access to driver's licenses based on immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Highland Park's roads would be enhanced if all residents of appropriate driving age were tested, trained, licensed, and insured, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has documented that car crashes rank among the leading causes of death in the United States and that approximately one in five fatal crashes in the United States involve an unlicensed or invalidly licensed driver; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey would become safer with fewer uninsured and unlicensed drivers on the road, resulting in a predicted decrease in fatal traffic accidents and fewer hit-and-run crimes; and

WHEREAS, the public safety of Highland Park would be enhanced by helping bring immigrant communities out of the shadows to participate more fully in civic life, building trust and cooperation between immigrant communities and law enforcement and strengthening the ability of police to investigate and solve crimes; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP) estimates that if New Jersey law were changed to expand access to driver's licenses to undocumented residents, between 153,000 and

278,000 New Jersey residents would apply for a driver's license within the first three years of eligibility; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to driver's licenses would enhance New Jersey's and Highland Park's economy; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants pay and estimated \$476 million in state and local taxes in New Jersey each year; and

WHEREAS, NJPP estimates that New Jersey insurance companies would take in over \$200 million in additional premiums per year, saving money for existing policyholders by expanding the pool of policyholders and reducing the number of claims against uninsured drivers; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey would take in millions in new revenue from fees paid by new driver's license applicants and license renewals; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park's local economy would be bolstered by strengthening the mobility of its workforce and enhancing economic participation in undocumented communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park, that Highland Park supports expanding access to driver's licenses to undocumented New Jersey residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Highland Park urges the New Jersey State Legislature to pass legislation and urges the Governor to sign legislation expanding access to driver's licenses to undocumented New Jersey residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the offices of Senator Peter Barnes, III, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr., Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin and Governor Chris Christie.

The following resolution, introduced by the Recreation and Arts Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-15-212

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 1630 has created a Department of Code Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexity of their duties, limited staff, and the multiple demands on staff members' time, the Department of Code Enforcement cannot always provide borough residents and organizations who seek to work with the department with a personalized orientation to the language, paperwork, work-flow, expectations, and requirements of code enforcement concerns; and

WHEREAS, the limitation described above applies to other borough departments that work with the public on matters related to borough ordinances, state and county laws, and other concerns; and

WHEREAS, borough residents and organizations may experience frustration in trying to work with borough departments whose language, paperwork, work-flow, expectations, and requirements, are unclear to them, potentially discouraging those borough residents and organizations from addressing important concerns in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the borough has an impressive cadre of well-educated, skilled, and personable retirees, some of whom may have prior professional experience that is directly related to the work of the Department of Code Enforcement and other borough departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that a Volunteer Retirees Service Corps is hereby established for the year 2015 to consist of 12 members who are residents of the Borough as follows;

- Retiree Chairperson
- A co-chairperson to assist with organization and promotion
- Eight (8) retirees with skills or experience related to borough departmental work
- Two (2) non-residents who work for either the Department of Code Enforcement, the Fire Department, the Board of Health, Department of Economic and Redevelopment, Administration, and other departments who can serve in an advisory capacity

All of said members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, based on recommendations from borough staff from the Office of Aging and the Senior/Youth Center and said members will serve until the borough reorganization meeting in January 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Volunteer Retirees Service Corps shall meet at least quarterly and shall have the following responsibilities;

- Serve as the initial contacts for borough residents and organizational representatives seeking to address code, ordinance, and other concerns with the borough; corps members will advise borough residents and organizational representatives as to which department is suited to address their concerns and will provide a orientation as to the expectations, requirements, paperwork, timetables, and work-flow of the appropriate department;
- Liaison with the appropriate departmental officers to track the progress of different cases and help to resolve any bottlenecks or delays that may result, by serving as a go-between with the borough residents and organizational representatives;
- Assist in publicizing the work of the Volunteer Retirees Service Corps;

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

No. 7-15-213

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the furnishing of natural gas deliveries; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, desires to participate in a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the furnishing of natural gas deliveries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:11-11(5), the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland

Park is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission for the furnishing of natural gas deliveries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

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

No. 7-15-214

WHEREAS, Milton & Frieda Frant, 151 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 # 10030450-0 of \$300.00 for water and \$200.00 for sewer for a total amount of \$500.00, plus any interest charges, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of Milton & Frieda Frant, 151 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-15-215

WHEREAS, applications for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicants, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants:

1. Said applications are complete in all respects.
2. The applicants and the premises are qualified to be licensed in accordance with Title 33, all regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and local ordinances as amended and supplemented pertinent to and consistent with Title 33.
3. The applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has ascertained and reviewed, the source of any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said applications should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

Arta, LLC., 441 Raritan Ave. – 1207-33-010-009

Eisigian LLC, 247 Raritan Ave. – 1207-33-004-008

Highland Park Wine and Liquor LLC, 97 Woodbridge Ave. WITH BROAD PACKAGE PRIVILEGE-1207-32-003-007

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

Rite Aid, 332 Raritan Avenue – 1207-44-001-005

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective September 19, 2015 and shall expire June 30, 2016.

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

No. 7-15-216

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to submit the application for a PSE&G Solar-for-all Grant.

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

No. 7-15-216A

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 7/7/15 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 35.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was 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, George, Potts, Welkovits.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

No. 7-15-217

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such item of revenue in the budget of the county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2015 in the sum of \$26,861.88, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$26,861.88 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Clean Communities \$26,861.88

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of the certification of adoption of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as members of the Community Food Pantry for terms to expire December 15, 2015:

Janice Ballou, Chair	Bruce Bush	Carlie Andrews
Evelyn Sedehi	Susan McKinnon	Alex Warner
Deborah Convery	Kathi Lombardi, Alt.	Miriam Lefkowitz, Alt.

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilman Fine, 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.

Matt Hersh, 333 Felton Avenue, commented that he is excited about the creation of the CERT Team and it was cool to see them at the July 4th celebration. He thanked the Borough for Office Curbelo's involvement. He's been amazing working with Borough staff with communications and social media posts. It is nice to have a source for communications as it relates to public safety. He is working with the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and with Freeholders Polos and Armwood on commemorating the year of the volunteer. They are working on a rewards car initiative for 1st responders. He will provide more details as they become available. Mayor Brill Mittler thanked him for his work with communications and congratulated him on the newest addition to his family,

Herb Gross, Adeline Gardens, again spoke about sidewalks. Mayor Brill Mittler again advised that sidewalk repairs are the responsibility of the homeowner. Mr. Gross commented that he has not seen anyone from the Governing Body down on 1st Avenue. He wants to see them there. Mayor Brill Mittler advised that Highland Park is a Complete Streets Community and sidewalks are important and that all members of the Governing Body walk around town. The matter will be handed over to Code Enforcement.

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 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk