

REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015 - 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, August 11, 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 and Borough Deputy Clerk Santiago.

Absent: None.

On motion made by Councilman George and seconded by Councilman Fine, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meeting held July 7, 2015, and the Special Meeting held July 30, 2015, were approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Potts, Welkovits
Opposed: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Main Street Minute – Councilman George reported that the New Jersey Downtown Institute helped placement making and street development program on July 22, 2015 at the Reform Church and was very well attended, upwards of 150 people from all over the State. The events and promotions committee is working on the 2016 events, they are looking at moving some of the events up to Woodbridge and other areas of the bid, which is a great expansion of their mission. Their signage committee was working on their signs but there has been some confusion with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, which controls too much of the Borough's downtown area. They are beginning a work group to work on plans for a permanent space for both the Farmers Market and the Main Street office which is a beneficial thing because the building that they currently occupy is up for sale and has some accessibility issues. Their programs are moving along well, the budget was recently passed and approved, and looks to be on track and very successful in staying with this plan for the rest of 2015 and 2016. The enrollments are already up for Arts in the Park which is September 20th.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that National Night Out was a huge success, well attended and raised over a \$1,000 for the food bank, 2,000 hot dogs given out as well as large screen televisions and bikes. A grant was received from the Red Cross that they allowed the Borough to hand out bike helmets, and encouraged everyone to wear a helmet. The fire, first aid, police and PBA again were all there to help out and the CERT Team was there in uniform, pictures were taken, as well as the different divisions of public safety so that will be on the Borough's web-site and in the upcoming newsletter. The CERT Team also helped with the fire in North Brunswick, and a letter was received from the Salvation Army thanking everyone for the recent help in the North Brunswick warehouse fire. The Borough received a \$5,000 Drive Sober, Get Pulled Over grant to crack down on drunk driving and happy to be participating in the program and helping our Police Department to do their jobs much more efficiently.

Councilman Potts reported that the summer camp program was a great success this year and will continue to the end of next week and that will conclude the summer camp program this year. He indicated that he would report more in the future with actual numbers. He reminded everyone that it was time to register for Fall sports such as soccer.

Councilman George reported that the Planning Board recently had the hearing on the residential reconstruction and it was not favored. Part of the problem was that the formulas that were supplied. Ms. Hammon and the Chairman of the Board and I had asked the Planner to actually do some calculations on what some footprints would look like and found that the ratios were actually significantly lower. The Planning Board rejected that and believes that they will have an appropriate application with regards to the Ordinance when we come up to it on the agenda. He reminded everyone to come out to the Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings where you see the nuts and bolts of the town being constructed, Thursday is the hearing on the Rite-Aid application and encouraged everyone to come. He said that the Zoning Board has been kind of quiet, there are some applications pending but none before the Board right now. With regard to redevelopment kudos to Roseanne Baruh, Chair and the members of that agency, they have been working on their first redevelopment agreement which is a small project on Raritan Avenue, but things are moving along, the negotiations with other developers for other projects as well. We hope to be able to see some proposed amendments to the plan very shortly. He introduced Amber Gene Leese, a student from Edison as part of his firm's and his own mentoring program, Amber has been interested in government and the law since her and father Richard went to visit Trenton and saw what government looked like and she has been interested ever since. She is at a point where she will be sitting in on some depositions and to attend a Prosecutors night as well, she volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, facilitator for the ROPES course, silver star girl scout working on her gold star and looks forward to making her suffer the indignities of my profession.

Council President Welkovits reported that the Highland Park Environmental Commission will soon be the recipient of Eagle Scout Mr. Abraham's donation of bird houses. He constructed nine (9) birdhouses, three (3) for blue birds and six (6) for wrens which are hung up in the Borough's Meadows Trails. This is a wonderful addition to the Meadows and congratulated him on all his efforts to be an Eagle Scout. The reconstruction of Valentine Street is moving along swiftly, Valentine from Cedar through Third Avenue has been repaved, curbs have been repaired, and the roads have been repainted. The automated garbage collection system is moving along nicely, in the triangle section, additional information for

residents that are in the triangle, that have already been identified and have already received their cans can look on the Borough web-site, there are FAQ's and if there any other question please call the Department of Public Works. The Borough's Habitat project is moving along as well, a couple of weeks ago the actual build began, they will be building on Sunday's from 12-5 p.m., please go to the Habitat web-site at www.gphabitat.org and sign yourself up to volunteer, if you have any questions please call the Borough and they can get you in touch with the right people.

Borough Administrator's no report.

Borough Attorney's no report.

Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler read an e-mail that she had received from a resident Mr. William Swift commending the fire department and police department for the professional response to a grill fire behind his house on Sunday, July 12, 2015. She asked the Chief of Police to forward the Mayor and Council's congratulations and warm appreciation, as well as Mr. Swift's appreciation to the Borough's fire officials and the police department. National Night Out was packed, there were so many residents and visitor's out. She had the pleasure of speaking with Assemblywoman Pinkin and her staff who were going from municipality to municipality in the 18th district and indicated that Highland Park Borough has the best Night Out event. She thanked the PBA and all the folks on their team who helped in making National Night Out a success. She asked Borough Administrator Kovach to thank the recreation staff for all that they did to pull this event off. The Borough will be voting on tonight the first four-way stop sign in the history of the Borough, on the corner of Cleveland and Second Avenue as requested by the residents, the police investigated the area and found that this would be an appropriate use of a four-way and thanked the police department for their swift work and the residents of that area for bringing this to the Borough's attention. There is a resolution on the agenda tonight that has been 12 years in the making but have come to an agreement with the NJ Department of Transportation allowing the Borough to paint the retaining wall by the former Y, it is the first thing you see when come off River Road. It will now be painted with a lovely motif to reflect the Highland Park logo and thanked the NJ Department of Transportation, who took the Borough seriously on this. The Mayor's walk for tomorrow is going to be postponed until next Wednesday because the park is very wet.

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

Goldie Grossman, 1602 Central Avenue, said that she and her family love and appreciate the many things Highland Park does for the community but the prevailing spirit is so unaccommodating to the housing of families such as hers, that they have decided to move out. She said that she wondered if there was any point in attending tonight but felt it was owed to the town that she speak out. She is deeply concerned with the lack of vision to ensure the futures of the families of this town, she indicated that she lives in the triangle in a ranch home but it is tiny and when she looked into expanding they had to go through multiple zoning board hearings and spent enormous amounts of money all on pre-existing variances. Between the pre-existing variances and the FAR proposal aging homes similar to hers would have tremendous difficulty in being expanded in a way to accommodate a typical orthodox family. The architect that she has been working with, has worked with over 20 other municipalities throughout New Jersey and every time a topic comes up she indicates that she has never encountered a township that imposes so many difficulties on homeowners seeking to expand their homes. When she learned about the FAR proposal it just confirmed her feelings that this town does not understand or appreciate the needs of orthodox families, it is too late for her family but would really like to see this lovely town change their attitudes in a way that respects all demographics of the community including orthodox families.

David Filler, 1603 Central Avenue said that he is equally concerned with the FAR, he has not had to do the type of work that the other speaker is talking about but has watched what she has gone through and it is frightening. He asked who would move into her house after she is gone, that home was being rented before she moved in and someone moved in that wanted to improve the home and the Borough would not let her do it so she is moving out and we are going to get more renters in there. He has lived here for twenty one years and owned here for fourteen years, lived in an apartment for a long time and looked for a house, a lot of the homes are dilapidated, he was fortunate enough to find an old house and the contractor had already built it back up, its 2500 sq. ft. He indicated that he wishes it could be bigger but the lot is it what it is but his home would be better if the FAR proposal would allow it. He said that is as small as the home is, its actually bigger then the Borough would allow, so with these rules in place he and his family would not be here, moved into another Township with much lower property taxes and the Borough would have two homes not paying property taxes. He lives in an older part of town, the homes are small and in need of work and he fears that development is going to freeze if the town is going to stand in the way of that work being done, the houses are going to sit without people and they will start to rent. He does not know if the Borough wants to become a town of renters of dilapidated homes but we are on the path. He said that he is not sure if this is correct but he was told that there were about 100 homes for sale in Highland Park which seems like a lot, if he wanted to sell his home he would have to get in line behind 100 other people trying to sell their homes. Why are people moving out, property taxes are too high, school costs, it's a small town, not a big industrial base but to add to that the restrictions on making your house livable nobody is going to want to live here. If people don't want to live here but they can't move out cause they can't sell their house, they are going to rent. What is the purpose here, if we are trying to get rid of mc-mansions, we don't have them here, on top of that we say we are going to make exceptions if your neighbors are large so places that started earlier tearing down and building up are going to be able to continue but the rest of us are stuck. The town is going to have poor maintained area where nobody is going to want to live. He said that he heard that this was put into place was to simplify things, avoid having exceptions, so your saying that if your neighbors houses are larger you could

also get exceptions far from getting less exceptions there are going to be more. He is terribly concerned about the investment that he has made in his house, the investment he has made in the town and what it says to the buyers in this town moving forward.

Lisa Goldstein, 40 Harrison Avenue, a lifelong Highland Park resident, asked that with the new automated garbage system are homes going to be limited to one can.

Council President Welkovits said to the best of her knowledge, Harrison Avenue has not been addressed yet. The Borough looked at the map and found the streets that are the most accommodating by the new garbage system, which is a little bit larger and needs a little bit more width in order for the arm to move well, Harrison may turn out to be one of those. She asked Ms. Goldstein not make any purchases right now, she will be advised on the neighborhoods that will be addressed. In general the Borough is giving out one large 95 gallon toter to each resident that has been identified as part of the program and that is for garbage only right now and believes that was adequate for a family. The Borough had reached out to neighboring communities that are similar to Highland Park and this system is what they are using as well. If persons would like to purchase an additional toter you can and strongly recommend you evaluate what it is that is being thrown into the trash and encouraged people to continue to recycle. The Borough has had many incidents and reminded everyone to please check their garbage, and not to dispose of twigs, cans, newspapers in the regular garbage.

Lisa Goldstein indicated that she lives with seven (7) people and garbage once a week even with recycling especially in the summer the smells and the rodents are terrible. She indicated that she could not see how on earth she would survive on one or two garbage cans with pick-up once a week including recycling when having to tie up branches, newspaper, cardboards make it a little more burdensome, as opposed to getting large recycling cans the size of the toter that comes the next day living with four children, a husband, and her mom, one 95 gallon toter is just not enough.

Council President Welkovits indicated that there is not going to be any change in recycling right now, and believes that everyone was given a small recycling can so newspapers can go in there as well. The Borough has a fleet of five trucks, four are the old trucks and one new automated truck and that is not enough to do the whole Borough and all the recycling in the Borough. The Borough is taking this step by step right now. There is no change in the recycling, the rodent problem that was mentioned unfortunately is something everyone is dealing with but concluded that the new cans in this respect were beneficial because the raccoons cannot jump into the larger toters and it has an attached lid that stays closed so she believes there is some benefit.

Lisa Goldstein indicated that she does not know how she is going to get all her garbage in one can with seven people living in her home.

Council President Welkovits indicated that she could purchase another toter. The web-site has a FAQ section and specs so that persons wishing to purchase additional cans can do so. Garbage pick-up will still be once a week there was no change in the schedule and suggested that she not go out and make that purchase until Harrison Avenue has been addressed.

Lisa Goldstein indicated that the rodent problem and everyone is dealing with it, she pays \$20,000 in property taxes the situation is gross. There were rats where she has called the Health Department and the garbage men are screaming and there should not be rats on Harrison Avenue. She would like to have it considered that the residents be permitted to purchase additional garbage cans.

Mayor Brill Mittler said that this is all good information for us, the Public Works Dept. is using this as a pilot and there is a lot we are learning and have to learn from this new system, which is why the Borough is proceeding cautiously and slowly. She is confident that Council President Welkovits and the DPW team will be studying all the information that is received from the area in which the truck is going and input from residents such as yourself.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Apartments, said that last month he brought to the Mayor's attention a terrible situation on First Avenue, there are twelve (12) blocks that are uprooted and there is shrubbery all over First Avenue by the bank. He asked the Mayor and the Members of Council to go down and take a look at it and since last month he has been out there everyday for a couple of hours each day in order to see one member of the Council or the Mayor in which he did not see.

Mayor Brill Mittler indicated to Mr. Gross that she was at the location; Councilman George was there as well as Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer.

Herb Gross, indicated that he has not gotten any kind of answer from the Mayor or any Member of the Council on who is responsible for the situation down on First Avenue. In Highland Park the Borough had somebody put X's on each of the slabs of concrete that had to be fixed by every homeowner which is a terrible insult to every homeowner in Highland Park, madam Mayor and every Member of Council had no right to force people to come into court and pay fines, the sidewalks do not belong to the homeowners you know madam Mayor and so do I.

Borough Attorney Schmierer indicated to Mr. Gross that he was right the sidewalks are owned by the Borough but they are the responsibility of the adjacent or abutting property owner.

Borough Administrator Kovach indicated that when they went out to the site, she was told that they were in compliance and if they were not the owners of the adjacent properties were notified to fix them.

Mayor Brill Mittler said that the Borough was out there and took a look at them and the homeowners adjacent to the sidewalks were notified. The Mayor thanked Mr. Gross for bringing that to the Borough's attention.

Herb Gross asked the Mayor if this situation will be taken care of.

Mayor Brill Mittler said that the situation was taken care of.

The Deputy 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 Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Erickson, 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 Erickson, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 15-1888, 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 Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 8-15-219

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 VII, BOARD OF HEALTH, 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 Deputy 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 Deputy 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.

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.

Mayor Brill Mittler indicated that she was not happy with this Ordinance neither was the Council and asked that the Ordinance be tabled.

Councilman George indicated that he also voted against this once the calculations were complete, the Chairs of the Planning and Zoning Board had requested that the Planner do the calculations when the ratios were low, it does have some salutary points that were an attempt to try and eliminate the need for variances for people to make home improvements and increase the sizes but would move to table this Ordinance.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits and carried by affirmative voice vote of all councilpersons present, that Ordinance No. 15-1890 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 230, LAND USE CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RECONSTRUCTION was tabled.

The Deputy 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 1, 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 Potts, 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 Potts, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 15-1891, 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 Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Potts, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 8-15-221

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 1, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Deputy Deputy Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk reported advertising 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 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 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 Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 15-1892, 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 8-15-222

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 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, passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Deputy Deputy Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC", had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 8-15-223

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC", has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on September 1, 2015 for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance be published once at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, together with a notice of the

introduction thereof and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Deputy 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 Council will be voting on a Resolution to advertise for a Request for Proposals for solar power, this is in response to a proposal that the Borough has with PSE&G to create a solar field in the Upper Meadows. This will provide back-up solar power for the Borough but also a source and stream of income for the municipality.

Resolution Nos. 8-15-224 through 8-15-240 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Potts, 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 Council As A Whole, was duly adopted as above:

8-15-224

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park ("Borough") has amicably settled Mount Laurel litigation involving River Road, HP, LLC vs. the Borough of Highland Park, et al. Docket No. MID-L-9377-10 and American Properties at Highland Park, LLC vs. the Borough of Highland Park, Docket No. MID-L-006942-09; and

WHEREAS, a final compliance hearing was held by the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division, on February 17, 2015 approving the American Properties at Highland Park, LLC settlement; and

WHEREAS, a Court Order dated July 6, 2015 has been entered requiring that for the Borough to maintain immunity, (a) the Planning Board must adopt a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan incorporating both the American Properties and River Road Properties and reflecting the various credits the Borough claimed; and (2) the Borough must endorse said Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting it held on July 30, 2015 and the Planning Board reviewed and adopted the following plan: Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Borough of Highland Park, Planning Board, Highland Park Borough, Middlesex County, New Jersey, dated July 30, 2015 prepared by Clarke, Caton & Hintz, which incorporated the settlements with American Properties and River Road Properties and also catalogued the credits to which the Borough is entitled (hereinafter "Housing Element and Fair Share Plan"); and

WHEREAS, at a meeting it held on July 30, 2015 and the Borough reviewed and endorsed the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, said Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in accordance with the above referenced Court Order was unanimously approved by the Mayor and Counsel of the Borough of Highland Park.

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. This Resolution is being adopted to memorialize the endorsement by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park of the aforementioned Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
2. Special Counsel to the Borough of Highland Park for the above referenced litigations, that Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified true copy of the aforementioned Housing Element and Fair Share Plan with the Court.

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

8-15-225

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the Complete Streets Letter of Agreement with the County of Middlesex for the Regional Chronic Disease Coalition of Middlesex and Union Counties, to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

8-15-226

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Raysa Martinez Kruger shall be and is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Highland Park Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Burton Weltman, said term to expire September 1, 2015;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raysa Martinez Kruger shall be appointed to a full five (5) year term, said term to expire September 1, 2020.

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

8-15-227

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:

- HYE MIN SHIN, Desk Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$11.70, effective August 5, 2015.
ADAM PACLAVANCO, Desk Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$11.70, effective August 5, 2015.
LAWRENCE LANE, part-time Librarian, at an hourly rate of \$29.03, effective July 23, 2015.
FLORA ANN FUTCHER, Librarian, at an hourly rate of \$29.03, effective July 23, 2015.
DANIEL BIANCHINI, Administration Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective August 17, 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 Council As A Whole, was duly adopted as above:
8-15-228

WHEREAS, the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. (“OPRA”), has designated the Borough Clerk as the custodian of all municipal records and has imposed additional obligations for responding to such requests; and

WHEREAS, a significant percentage of the records requests received by the Borough involve requests for police records, which are made, maintained and kept on file by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now wishes to appoint a deputy records custodian within the Police Department in order to assist the Borough Clerk in complying with responses to requests for police records.

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

1. The preamble to this Resolution is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.
2. The Police Records Clerk is hereby appointed as the deputy records custodian for Police Department records.
3. The deputy records custodian shall report to the Borough Clerk all requests for records, and shall follow any instructions given by the Clerk regarding the handling of such requests.

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

8-15-229

WHEREAS, Earl F. and Nancy Smith, 430 Benner Street, 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 # 20170910-0 of \$150.18 for water & sewer, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of Earl F. and Nancy Smith, 430 Benner Street, 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:
8-15-230

WHEREAS, Highland Arms Park, LLP (“Taxpayer”), is the owner of an office building located at 24 North Third Avenue, Block 162, Lot 40 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. 011616-2011, 011252-2012, 010736-2013 and 03341-2014, as well as an appeal of its 2015 tax assessment at the Middlesex County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Property was assessed in each of the years at a total tax assessment of \$475,700 which, based upon the common level ratio for each year, equalized to a value of \$1,276,362 in 2011 (37.27% ratio), \$1,202,781 in 2012 (39.55% ratio), \$1,204,304 in 2013 (39.50% ratio), and \$1,129,124 in 2014 (42.13% ratio); and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer currently has the Property listed for sale for \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor and an appraiser retained by the Borough, Pamela Brodowski, MAI, inspected the Property, reviewed the relevant market data for the Property, and determined that the Assessment was defensible for the 2014 and 2015 tax years, but, that there should be a reduction of the 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer has withdrawn the appeal of its 2015 tax assessment at the Middlesex County Board of Taxation; 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, Appraiser, and Special Tax Attorney; and

WHEREAS, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal was negotiated which results in the withdrawal of the 2014 tax appeals, the reduction of the 2011 tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$356,200, a reduction of the 2012 total tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$378,000, and a reduction of the 2013 total tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$425,700, all 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 provisions of the Freeze Act (N.J.S.A. 54:51a-8) is waived and shall not be applicable to any of the judgments, therefore the 2014 and 2015 total assessments shall remain at the current assessment of \$475,700; 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 “Blau & Blau, Attorneys for Highland Arms Park”; 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 Highland Arms Park, LLP vs. Highland Park, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 011616-2011, 011252-2012, 010736-2013 and 03341-2014, which settlements result in the 2014 case being withdrawn, and which further result in the 2011 total tax assessment being reduced to \$356,200; the 2012 total tax assessment being reduced to \$378,000; and the 2013 total tax assessment being reduced to \$425,700 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; which also provides that the provisions of the Freeze Act (N.J.S.A. 54:51a-8) is waived and shall not be applicable to any of the judgments; and further provides 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 Taxpayer's attorney "Blau & Blau, Attorneys for Highland Arms Park".
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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

8-15-231

WHEREAS, Edward and Catherine Shepsko, 1010 Central 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 # 10062270-0 of \$1595.08 for water & sewer, plus any interest charges, to the water & sewer account of Edward and Catherine Shepsko, 1010 Central 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:

8-15-232

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:

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Wilhelm & Young, Inc. d/b/a Park Pub, 180-182 Woodbridge Ave. - 1207-33-011-002

Kiadan d/b/a Pino's Fruit Basket Shoppe and Wine Cellars, 13 North 4th Ave. – 1207-32-008-012

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 Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:

8-15-233

WHEREAS, Jorge E. Robles and Joseph David Haasz have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate a taxicab under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2015; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of said License.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue Operator Licenses to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
8-15-234

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

8-15-235

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 5-15-161, adopted by the Borough Council on May 5, 2015, a contract was awarded to JADS Construction Company, Inc. of South River, NJ, for the Improvements to Valentine Street – Phase 1 Project; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 1, filed by the CME Associates, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to JADS Construction Company, Inc. the sum of \$148,385.73 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from June 30, 2015 to August 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-822-210 in the amount of \$148,385.73, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay JADS Construction Company, Inc. the sum of \$148,385.73, as certified by the Engineer in Pay Estimate No. 1, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

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

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

8-15-236

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2015 pursuant to a duly advertised Notice to Bidders, the Borough of Highland Park (Borough) received six bids for the replacement of the roof for the Borough Fire Department and the Borough's library; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed and the lowest responsible bidder is Willcof Construction in the following amounts:

1. Fire Department: \$137,400
2. Library: \$118,560

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bid documents submitted by the lowest responsible bidder, Willcof Construction and have recommended the award of a contract to Willcof Construction in a total amount of \$255,960 as allocated herein above for the firehouse roof and the library roof;

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to award the contract for said roofing work to Willcof Construction.

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 contract for the replacement of the Borough Firehouse roof and the Borough library totaling \$255,960 and allocated as follows:

1. Firehouse roof: \$137,400
2. Library roof: \$118,560

is hereby awarded to Willcof Construction, 140 Cedar Lane, Hamilton, New Jersey 08610.

2. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for the award of said contract in the total amount of \$255,960 in the following accounts:

1. Account No. C-04-55-825-210 and C-04-55-811-225
2. Account No. C-04-55-825-210

3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract for said work with Willcof Construction consistent with the authorization contained herein.

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

8-15-237

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to advertise for receipt of Requests for Proposals To Provide Emergency Power And Land Lease Payments For Solar Power, said proposals to be received on a date to be determined.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
8-15-238

WHEREAS, Daphne Gamboa, Deputy Treasurer, has resigned from the Borough of Highland Park effective August 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Borough's Personnel Manual, Daphne Gamboa is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

	Calculation	Amount Due
Sick	8.06 days x \$208.83	\$1,683.95
Vacation	13.49 days x \$208.83	\$2,816.78
Total Payment		\$4,500.73

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the unused accrued time payment in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.73 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
8-15-239

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve drunk drivers; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$50 Billion a year; and

WHEREAS, 27% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2013 were alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the summer season and the Labor Day holiday in particular are traditionally times of social gatherings which include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Statewide Crackdown; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from August 21 through September 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Borough of Highland Park declares it's support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2015 Statewide Crackdown from August 21 through September 7, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

8-15-240 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the NJ Department of Transportation for the Route 27 Retaining Wall

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Potts, 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.

8-15-241

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 \$5,000.00, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Middlesex County Outreach \$5,000.00

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.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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.

8-15-242

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 \$2,210.44, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,210.44 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

State & Federal Programs Off-Set
by Revenues Unclassified
DDEF – Division of Motor Vehicles \$2,210.44

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2014; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of the certification of adoption of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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.

8-15-243

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 \$12,749.00, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$12,749.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

2015 Federal Pedestrian Safety Grant \$12,749.00

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.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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.

8-15-244

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 \$5,000.00, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over \$5,000.00

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: Susan Polkowski as an Alternate Member on the Board of Health for a term expiring December 31, 2015; Luz Mercedes Tapia to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a term expiring April 17, 2018 and Karen Kanter to serve as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term expiring April 17, 2017.

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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 appointed Lita Greenberg as a member of the Planning for a term expiring September 2, 2018

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Judi Shande Monk to serve as an Alternate member of the Planning Board for a term expiring September 2, 2017

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, 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.

8-15-245

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

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

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

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
(Litigation: (a) Affordable Housing)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned to the Conference Meeting at 7:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jennifer A. Santiago
Deputy Clerk