

SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2014

A Special Emergency Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 and was called to order at 1:03 PM. The Borough Clerk read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Minkoff; Councilpersons Erickson, Millet, Welkovits; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Foster-Dublin, Potts; Borough Attorney Schmierer.

Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 1-14-26, 1-14-28, and 1-14-39 through 1-14-43 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Millet, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Foster-Dublin, Potts.

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

No. 1-14-26

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, Highland Park is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of Highland Park has determined that Highland Park should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

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

No. 1-14-28

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 7, 2014 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

Title	Name		2014	Longevity		2014
			Base	%	Amount	Total
						Salary
Mechanic	Robert	West	33.41			33.41
Community Service Receptionist	Maria	Austin	12.73			12.73
PT Medical Driver	Peter	Lorentz	16.20			16.20

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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 1-14-39

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the following the amount set opposite, the same being the amount of overpayment of 2013 taxes for the property indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
37	3	Fred Ling & Bin Lan 103 South 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Highland Park, NJ 08904	\$415.63

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

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

No. 1-14-40

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 1/21/14, can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 33.

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

No. 1-14-41

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

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 16, filed by the Goldstein Partnership, architects that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$174,636.25 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from December 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$174,636.25, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$174,636.25, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 16, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

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

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

No. 1-14-42

WHEREAS, Robert Clementi and James Coyle have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for an Owners License to operate taxicabs in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such licenses for the year 2014; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Owner License to the aforesaid applicants.

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

No. 1-14-43

WHEREAS, Robert Clementi, James Coyle and Jason Farley have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2014; 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 Licenses.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk