

SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 24, 2014

A Special Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 and was called to order at 4:39 PM. Acting Mayor Millet read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Welkovits; Borough Administrator Kovach; Borough Clerk Hullings.
Absent: Councilperson Potts; Borough Attorney Schmierer.

Acting Mayor Millet explained that the purpose of the meeting is to select and swear in a new Mayor.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Potts.

No. 6-14-199A

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

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

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Mayor and Council have a need to meet in private session to discuss Personnel matters concerning the employment, appointment, evaluation, promotion or termination of a public officer or employee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will meet in private session at 4:40PM to discuss the above mentioned items.

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

The meeting reconvened at 4:50 PM with all members previously in attendance still present.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Potts.

Abstained: Councilperson Brill Mittler

No. 6-14-200

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that due to the resignation of Mayor Gary Minkoff, Gayle Brill Mittler is hereby appointed to temporarily fill the Mayoral vacancy, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gayle Brill Mittler shall serve until such time as a candidate is elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Brill Mittler.

Councilman Millet explained that Gayle Brill Mittler will serve as the Mayor and will run on the ballot in November. Anyone who chooses to contest her election must file a petition with the County no later than 64 days prior to the election. They cannot use the official party slogan or be the official party designee. Mayor Minkoff's original term is set to expire January 1, 2016.

Mayor Brill Mittler thanked her fellow Council Members for their support. She will hold her comments until the July 1st meeting. There is a lot of work ahead to make Highland Park as wonderful as it has been. She looks forward to working with the residents to make things happen.

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, Mayor Brill Mittler closed the public discussion.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk