

REGULAR MEETING – JULY 1, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler at 7:00 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: *None*.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked for a moment of silence for the three young Jewish men killed in Israel.

On motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Potts, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held February 18, 2014, March 4, 2014, March 18, 2014, April 8, 2014, May 6, 2014, May 20, 2014, June 10, 2014; and Special Meeting held June 24, 2014 were approved as distributed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Main Street Minute – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Rebecca Hersh was unable to attend tonight's meeting to give a report. She highlighted some upcoming events – Arts in the Park to be held, Sunday, September 21st; Saturday Summer Cinema series beginning July 5th; Farmer's Market Tomato Festival on Friday, July 25th; and the Shop Highland Park Reward Program. Detailed information on these events can be found on Main Street Highland Park's website.

Councilman Erickson – No report.

Councilman Millet – No report.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that the Food Pantry would be issuing three \$5.00 vouchers to patrons for use at the farmer's market. The Commission for Universal Access held a successful forum on Social Justice on June 8th. She thanked the Keynote Speaker, Charlie Kratovil, and Barbara Turpin and her family and the many volunteers who made this program a huge success. They hope to make this an annual event. The Board of Health has information on their webpage regarding mosquitos. A resolution will be adopted tonight for approval to submit a grant for Safe Routes to Schools for a walkway/sidewalk under the River Road tunnel. A resolution will also be adopted to support the ban statewide/nationwide for antibiotics for livestock.

Councilman Potts reported on the History Timeline Event held on June 15th. He thanked Gary Leslie and the Highland Park Historical Society for their efforts. The Senior Prom was held on June 19th with approximately 130 seniors and guests. James Richter and Ceil Diamond were crowned Homecoming King and Queen. He thanked Kim Perkins, Andrea Baay, Kathleen Kovach, Chief Rizco, Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and the other officers and Community Service Staff for their assistance. He received a thank you note from two of the seniors who were in attendance. The Independence Day Celebration is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 3rd but may be postponed due to inclement weather and would then be held on July 6th. Camp registration is still open and camp begins on July 7th. There are over 170 campers registered. With the upcoming warm weather, the senior center is a place to visit as a cooling center. Lastly, he congratulated all the Highland Park High School Graduate and College Graduates of 2014.

Councilwoman Foster Dublin reported that it is now hurricane season and residents need to be prepared. The Office of Emergency Management will be putting out advisories shortly that residents can utilize. Children riding bicycles should wear helmets, it is the law. It is against the law to have your dogs off the leash in the parks, unless in the dog park.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that she met Steve Fulop, Mayor of Jersey City, and he shared advice he received from a long-time politician he met on his first day in office. He was told "if you want to get re-elected, do nothing". That may have worked in Jersey City in the past, but here in Highland Park, they are going to do everything. She hopes to start by tackling residential real estate taxes. She will reach out to the Board of Education and work with them to foster better communication. The taxes residents pay are comprised of municipal, school, county and state portions. This year, residents were surprised by the coming increases in taxes generated by the schools. An average Highland Park house will be paying an additional \$420.00 in school taxes this year. She wants to work with the school board in planning for the future. While they already have some shared services programs, they need to explore other opportunities. More and better development in the downtown will not only have a positive impact on residential taxes, but it will enliven the downtown shopping areas. There is a new demographic moving into Highland Park. It is a demographic group that enjoys urban living and wants to walk or bicycle to work. The new Complete Streets Task Force will be introducing some exciting new plans to enhance the walk-ability and bike-ability in Highland Park. The Redevelopment Agency, newly chaired by Roseanne Baruh, has been meeting regularly and is enjoying new interest from developers. A livelier downtown will attract new development in the downtown Redevelopment Zone and encourage more businesses to inquire about retail space. That is important for the businesses and the tax base. Redevelopment requires a reassessment of our parking and our Planner, Allen Schectel, has been working on a study and recommendation to address this issue. The various agencies involved in redevelopment and our downtown will be working more closely to ensure that the objectives of one of our organizations do not conflict with another's. A year ago, she instituted the

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Quarterly Economic Development Committee Board Chairs Meeting. This was a first for this group. At these meetings we can frankly share ideas and goals and projects. They will continue to meet and address our downtown needs. We need to reach out to communities surrounding Highland Park for many reasons, most importantly, to explore ways to get their shoppers into our downtown. She will be contacting the Mayors of East Brunswick, New Brunswick, Piscataway, Edison and Metuchen to see what we can do to benefit each of our municipalities. Finally, we will be addressing our infrastructure issues, from school building needs to water mains, sewer lines and electrical needs. She will be constituting a Capital Improvements and Planning Task Force to assess current needs, current development, future development, etc., and the town's growth on their infrastructure. The task force will consist of stakeholders impacted by our growth, including members from the schools, professionals and will be chaired by Dr. Clint Andrews, Professor and Associate Dean for Planning and New Initiatives at Rutgers. Highland Park was New Jersey's first "green" community. She is hoping that Highland Park can be a first when it comes to exploring and incorporating more alternative sources of electrical power. She hopes to formulate a team to research the possibilities of a micro-grid. There are several developments in the works in town and others on the drawing boards. That is all good and very exciting for Highland Park. However, unbridled growth without planning can cripple a municipality. She is a firm believer in the 5 P's: "Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance". We need to plan for our growth. The Communications Team has done an amazing job over the last year. Chaired by Matt Hersh, the team created our Facebook page, our bi-weekly E-news, Nixle messages and reinstated the semi-annual Highland Park newspaper. Keep your eyes open for our new kiosks to display non-electronic messages for residents without access to computers or cell phones. Highland Park is a community filled with residents who are smart, creative and energetic. I am calling on you to work with us. Become involved; offer Highland Park your expertise. Join a committee or commission; come to Council meetings; and follow us on Facebook. We've already started to tackle some of these hard things. Next year we'll tackle the impossible.

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented that bicycles in town should be required to have bells/horns on them. A bike rider ran into her, she could not hear them coming and did not see them as she is considered legally handicapped. She suggested redeveloping parking on the avenue and putting in a bike path. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that the Complete Streets Committee has met with the NJDOT and Highland Park is hoping to get a sharrow, which is a shared lane dedicated to bicycles, but is shared, with cars. Highland Park is on the list to get painted. Ms. Bickhardt spoke about the lights at the crosswalks on Raritan Avenue, specifically the one by Rite Aid. 75% of the time it doesn't work. Chief Rizco will contact NJDOT to check on the signals. Ms. Bickhardt spoke about the parking on her street near the apartment complex and the veteran's housing, where people park for great lengths of time. Chief Rizco advised that if a car is legally parked, there is nothing they can do.

Allan Williams, 319 Harrison Avenue, asked about grant for River Road. Councilwoman Welkovits explained that it is a proposal to look at identifying whether they can put pedestrian walkway with barrier under train tunnel on River Road.

Alexa Schatzman, 36 Highland Avenue, spoke about resolution Council would be adopting banning use of antibiotics in livestock.

Paul Sauers, 150 Montgomery Street, thanked the Council for adopting resolution in support of banning use of antibiotics in livestock.

Daniel Axelrod, resident for three months, spoke about garden plot in Donaldson Park. He also noted that the sidewalks going into New Brunswick on Route 27 near bridge are very narrow. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Complete Streets Committee is looking at ways of getting bikes from one side of town to the other and also along Raritan Avenue. Mr. Axelrod noted that he is with Food and Water watch Group and spoke about fracking. He thanked the Council for adopting resolution in support of banning use of antibiotics in livestock. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that Highland Park was the 2nd town in the country to ban fracking and the 1st in the State of New Jersey.

No one else appearing to be heard, the Mayor closed the public discussion session.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RIGHT OF WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH LIGHT TOWER FIBER LONG ISLAND, LLC; had been introduced in writing by the Council as a Whole 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 Millet, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

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

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the above ordinance was tabled from consideration until the August 5, 2014 meeting.

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The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK had been introduced in writing by Council as a Whole for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:
No. 7-14-202

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO MANDATE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK PURSUANT TO C. 52:14-15f et. seq. 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 5, 2014, 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.

Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 7-14-203 through 7-14-219 were 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, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 7-14-203

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 7/1/14, can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 33.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 7-14-204

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 annual basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

GAYLE BRILL MITTLER, Mayor, at an annual salary of \$6,756.00, effective June 24, 2014

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 has been the following change, to wit:

KEVIN MEEHAN, Part-time On-Call Fire Fighter, at an hourly rate of \$18.41, effective July 1, 2014.

PATRICIA MAXWELL, Part-Time Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$19.68, effective July 1, 2014.

NICOLE M. ERRICO, Part-Time Dispatcher, at an hourly rate of \$19.68, effective July 1, 2014.

SAMUEL LEIBOWITZ-LORD, Library Page, at an hourly rate of \$8.25, effective July 2, 2014.

TIM STARK, Assistant Director, at an hourly rate of \$24.50, effective July 1, 2014.

JAMIE BOOP, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective July 1, 2014.

LINDSAY BLEVINS, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective July 1, 2014.

KEITH ROIG, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective July 1, 2014.

LOUIS HOROWITZ, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective July 1, 2014.

ASHTON BURRELL, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, effective July 1, 2014.

ASHLEY SOSA, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, effective July 1, 2014.

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.

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

No. 7-14-205

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, pursuant to said resolution a contract was duly executed; and

WHEREAS, the Architect, The Goldstein Partnership, has prepared the attached Change Order Nos. 87, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101 & 103 to the said contract for the additional work outlined below; and

<u>CHANGE ORDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
# 87	\$ 1,323.00	Reroute Ductwork Around Elec. Panels in Wall of Copy Room
# 95	\$ 331.00	Provide an Additional Terrazzo Color Sample
# 96	\$ 443.00	Provide an Additional Plaque
# 97	\$ 2,040.00	Add Vents to Top Edges of Sloped Roofs
# 98	\$ 3,872.00	Run Power for Dry Compressor Unit in Sally Porte
# 99	\$ 948.00	Add 2 Floor-Anchored Cuff Rings
#100	\$ 853.00	Run Power 2 nd Floor South Side VRV Room
#101	\$ 2,118.00	Modify Lighting in Detective Waiting Room
#103	\$ 1,035.00	Change Island at Sally Porte to Concrete

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$12,963.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the proposed Change Orders for this contract and has approved the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order Nos. 87, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101 & 103, for \$12,963.00 to the contract of H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Goldstein Partnership, H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc., and the Finance Director forthwith.

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

No. 7-14-206

WHEREAS, A-2280/S-1305 have been introduced to require that municipalities equip new or used police vehicles with mobile video recording systems; and

WHEREAS, equipping police vehicles with mobile video recording systems is a commendable idea and is supported by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided for in the legislation has a surcharge imposed on persons convicted of driving while intoxicated which the Mayor and Council believe will be insufficient to buy the new technology and maintain the new technology in working order and to replace the new technology as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park believes that a decision to invest in mobile video recording systems for police vehicles should remain with the Borough to be implemented as funding permits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey hereby oppose in their present form the adoption of A-2280/S-1305; and

WHEREAS, BE IT FURTHER ADVISED that a copy of this resolution be furnished to Senator Peter J. Barnes, III, Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin, Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan as well as a copy being sent to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

No. 7-14-207

WHEREAS, Louis Stephen Nemes, Jr., Yahya Kamal Eleiwa, Louis DiMaso, Henry Brugman and Edward Beyder 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 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and/or his designee has investigated said applicants and have 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.

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

No. 7-14-208

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2007, GN Builders, LLC, heretofore posted with the Borough of Highland Park a surety performance bond, No. B1041728 issued by the Selective Insurance Company of America in the amount of \$42,384.00, in connection with a minor subdivision application on the property known as Block 6, Lots 6 and 7, in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 9-09-276, the Performance Bond was reduced by \$20,188.80 to \$22,195.20;

WHEREAS, GN Builders LLC has requested that said performance bond be released and waiver granted for posting a maintenance bond; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Borough Engineer, has reviewed the site in the field and found all of the required work has been completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the performance bond heretofore posted by GN Builders, LLC, in the reduced amount of \$22,195.20 for the Minor Subdivision, shall be and is hereby released and the posting of a maintenance bond will not be required, as well as the payment of any outstanding engineering inspection or other Borough fees.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, Borough Engineer, Construction Official, and GN Builders, LLC.

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

No. 7-14-209

WHEREAS, Elena Serverinova of 415 Valentine Street. received an erroneous water and sewer bill for 3 quarters; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the water meter malfunctioned thereby causing the issuance of an erroneous water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited \$318.54 for water and \$190.28 for the sewer 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 in the amount of \$508.82 to the water and sewer account of Elena Serverinova, 415 Valentine Street.

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. 7-14-210

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to remit the amount set opposite the following, the same being the amount of overpayment of taxes, including accrued interest, for the year 2013 based on successful tax appeal to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation in 2014, to wit:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>REFUND</u>
120	7	Victoria Properties Edison, LLC 211 Woodbridge Avenue Highland Park, NJ 08904	\$14,749.13

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

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

No. 7-14-211

WHEREAS, the Congregation Ahavas Achim has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct a 50/50 Off-Premises Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on September 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Raffles in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Congregation Ahavas Achim for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefor, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

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

No. 7-14-212

WHEREAS, Jim J. Zhu of 123 Alcazar Avenue received an erroneous water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the water meter malfunctioned thereby causing the issuance of an erroneous water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited \$115.49 for water and \$68.32 for the sewer 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 in the amount of \$183.81 to the water and sewer account of Jim J. Zhu, 123 Alcazar Avenue.

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

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

No. 7-14-213

WHEREAS, Harold and Sharon Hoffman of 11 Sparkle Avenue received an erroneous water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that the water meter malfunctioned thereby causing the issuance of an erroneous water and sewer bill; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited \$1,237.44 for water and \$747.88 for the sewer 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 in the amount of \$1,985.32 to the water and sewer account of Harold and Sharon Hoffman, 11 Sparkle Avenue.

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

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

No. 7-14-214

WHEREAS, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock production, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that most of those antibiotics are used irresponsibly; and

WHEREAS, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for growth promotion and disease prevention to compensate for crowded, unsanitary conditions, in a practice known as “subtherapeutic use”; and

WHEREAS, “subtherapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotics resistant bacteria; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail meat, farmers and farmworkers, and rural environments; and

WHEREAS, antibiotics resistant bacteria have been the cause of several foodborne illness outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant Salmonella in ground turkey that sickened 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one and lead to the third largest meat recall in the USDA’s records; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two million Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three thousand Americans die from those infections; and

WHEREAS, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistance infections in just one hospital for one year have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has limited subtherapeutic uses of two classes of antibiotics, but otherwise largely relied on voluntary guidance to attempt to reduce overuse of antibiotics in livestock production, despite regular acknowledgements that subtherapeutic use and the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria poses a significant public health threat; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 1st day of July 2014, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park supports a statewide and national ban on subtherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park supports the Protection of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA)/Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park will send a letter to our State Representatives, Congressional Representative and U.S. Senators calling for a ban on the subtherapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock agriculture and for them to co-sponsor the PAMTA/PARA.

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

No. 7-14-215

WHEREAS, The Raritan River has been significant part in the history of the development of the Highland Park area as a source for food, water, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative, including the Mason Gross School of Arts, Rutgers University, Middlesex County Planning and ANJEC is promoting public art and public access and awareness of the Raritan River; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative has recommended to the Borough Council the concept of public art in the form of murals on the retaining walls of the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center depicting the history of the area, the Raritan River and its wildlife, and the flora and fauna of the local environment; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body supports the concept of public art and the preservation of our natural environment, and authorizes the use of funds from the Historic Trust Fund to paint historic and environmental murals at the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to issue payment of \$350.00 from the Historic Trust Fund to Jonathan Horowitz to create the design concept for the murals; and authorizes up to \$5,000.00 from the Historic Trust Fund for the execution of the approved mural design by the artist (s) at the Eugene Young Environmental Education Center.

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

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

No. 7-14-216

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership, the Project Architect for the renovation of the Public Safety Building, had heretofore submitted an invoice totaling the amount of \$3,099.57 for services in connection with the said project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the said invoice and have approved the same for payment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director shall be and hereby authorized and directed to issue payment in the amount of \$3,099.57 to The Goldstein Partnership, for architectural services in connection with the renovation of the Public Safety Building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-14-217

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 Highland Park River Road Tunnel & Sidewalk Pedestrian & Bike Safety Project Grant.

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

No. 7-14-218

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. 22, 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 \$60,479.37 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-220 in the amount of \$47,056.39 and Account No. C-04-55-813-220 in the amount of \$13,423.00, for a total amount of \$60,479.37, 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 \$60,479.37, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 22, 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. 7-14-219

WHEREAS the Highland Park Fire Department is in need of Turnout Gear, said gear as more fully described on the attached Purchase Requisition; and

WHEREAS, quotes for said gear was requested and only one quote was received from New Jersey Fire Equipment Company, 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended that the gear be purchased from above mentioned company; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 4-01-25-265-252 in the amount of \$13,008.63, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase said turnout gear from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co., Green Brook, NJ at a total price of \$13,008.63; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Fire Chief Mike McMahon and Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, forthwith.

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, asked what channel HPTV is on. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that it is Channel 14 if you have Cablevision. She also noted that the meetings can be viewed on YouTube.

Allan Williams, 319 Harrison Avenue, asked about the numerous trees that were taken down today and whether the Borough was paying for their removal. Borough Administrator Kovach noted that she would have to check with Department of Public Works. Mr. Williams noted that there were two taken down on Harrison Avenue and a bunch on North 2nd Avenue. Borough Administrator Kovach indicated that the tree removals are probably related to the ongoing sidewalk improvement program. Mr. Williams asked if a cost analysis was ever done about tree removals due to raised sidewalks. Tree removals are very expensive. Borough Administrator Kovach noted that an analysis has not been done. She will email him information about cost of tree removals. The Borough has a Certified Tree Expert that bids on performing tree work in the Borough. The Contractor tries to save every healthy tree by first grinding the roots. If the roots are compromised, then the tree has to be taken down.

Matt Hersh, 333 Felton Avenue, noted that FIOS is in the works to broadcast Council meetings.

No one else appearing to be heard, the Mayor closed the public discussion.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk