

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:00 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler presented Proclamation in Honor of Nathan Segal for his many years of public service to the Borough of Highland Park. Mr. Segal extended his appreciation to the Governing Body for this honor. It was a pleasure for him to serve the Borough and it has given him great satisfaction. He urged residents to volunteer and serve on the various boards and commission so that the borough can continue to grow. The services rendered to the borough by the volunteers saves taxpayers money.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Borough's website contains information on hurricane preparedness.

Councilman Potts reported that the Arts in the Park event will be held on September 21st from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Raritan Avenue between 2nd and 5th Avenues. On September 17th the Teen Advisory Committee will hold their kickoff meeting at 7:30 p.m. The group is open to students in grades 9-12.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that on September 18th and 19th the Housing Authority will hold an indoor/outdoor yard sale. The Borough will have a table at the Arts in the Park event where they will have information on the various volunteer boards/committees in the borough. Friday is National Parking Day, which is an opportunity to repurpose and draw attention to the size of parking spaces. From 12 PM to 6PM they will take over 2 spots on South 3rd Avenue. CVS stores in New Jersey have decided to stop selling tobacco products and letters have been written to Rite Aid and the Acting Attorney General asking them to do the same. The Commission for Universal Access got 55 American Red Cross radios for emergencies. She thanked Muffin Lord of the Food Pantry committee for her donation of a hand truck. Lastly, she reported that the CDC announced that respiratory virus has spread from Midwest to the Northeast. She encouraged residents to wash their hands vigorously with soap and water.

Councilman George reported that the Planning Board will be meeting on September 18th to review two applications. The Capital Projects Task Force will be meeting on September 17th and the Main Street Highland Park Board Meeting is tomorrow night. He will be scheduling quarterly Economic Development meeting shortly.

Councilman Erickson – No report.

Councilman Millet reported that the Council will be voting on bond ordinance for road repairs, which is a 4-year plan. They will go out to bid for a contractor and will pursue shared services with the County and other agencies for paving.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Britton reported that on Friday, September 12, 2014 the Honorable Judge Francis of the Middlesex County Superior Court ruled to enjoin the enforcement of the borough sidewalk repair ordinance, Sections 368-14 through 368-18 of the Borough's code. The basis of the Judge's ruling was focused on the language of the current ordinance and its failure to codify within it the standards used by the Department of Code Enforcement. The Judge's ruling was narrow in that it vacated the pending municipal court summonses; but it did not address the municipal court summonses that have already been adjudicated, sidewalks that have already been repaired voluntarily by residents and the current sidewalk improvement program. This was not a final determination by the Judge and the case remains pending.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that Parking Day will be September 19th on South 3rd Avenue. There will be music and games and street furniture placed in the parking spaces. The 2nd Annual Park Partners mini grant program will be out soon. This program was a huge success last year. 250 residents voted on 5 awards that were presented. The Capital Improvements Task Force will meet this week and will identify current and future needs for the Borough. They have individuals serving on this committee that have varied backgrounds such as planning, engineering, etc. She is continuing to meet with Mayors from surrounding towns to explore shared service opportunities. She and Councilman Millet recently met with Mayor Lankey from Edison.

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 she sees more kids riding to school without helmets. She asked what happened to sign she had made. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that she has contacted the Acting Superintendent of Schools about bicycle safety and there will be a walk/bike to school event next month. Ms. Bickhardt commented that she visited bike store in New Brunswick on French Street and they do not let a bike go out of their store without lights and a bell. She also reported that the sidewalk where she broke her toe is still in need of repair. Mayor Brill Mittler advised that she will instruct the Borough Administrator to have Code Enforcement investigate the area in question.

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Ted Weaver, 289 Crowells Road, asked about whether you must walk bikes on Raritan Avenue. Councilman Millet noted that the idea is in discussion stages. They will analyze data received when they do the bicycle and pedestrian counts. Mayor Brill Mittler advised that she met with the DOT and they granted the Borough sharrows and they hope to have them painted on Raritan Avenue soon.

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title and that the Supplemental Debt Statement had been filed in her office prior to introduction by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach.

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, 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, Foster-Dublin, George, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote: No. 9-14-271

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, 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 October 7, 2014, at 7:00 PM, 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 Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title and that the Supplemental Debt Statement had been filed in her office prior to introduction by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach.

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman Millet, 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, George, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote: No. 9-14-272.

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$1,400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,330,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

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The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE FOR ACQUISITION OF GARBAGE RECEPTACLES AND RECYCLING BUCKETS had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title and that the Supplemental Debt Statement had been filed in her office prior to introduction by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach.

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilman Millet, 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, George, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 9-14-273.

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The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER VII, "TRAFFIC", had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman Millet, 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, George, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 9-14-274.

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;

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Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 9-14-275 through 9-14-286 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, George, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

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

No. 9-14-275

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 8-13-242, adopted by the Borough Council on August 13, 2013, a contract was awarded to Mario's Concrete & Paving Company, Inc. Parlin, NJ, for the 2013 Residential Curb and Sidewalk Reconstruction Program; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 3 filed by Borough Engineer David J. Samuel, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to Mario's Concrete & Paving Company, Inc. the sum of \$72,885.55 in accordance with said Pay Estimate No. 1 for work performed from May 29, 2014 to August 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-817-220 in the amount of \$72,885.55, 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 Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Mario's Concrete & Paving Company, Inc., the sum of \$72,885.55, as certified by the Borough Engineer in Pay Estimate No. 3, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports from the Contractor; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach and Borough Engineer David J. Samuel.

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

No. 9-14-276

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 9/16/14, can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 33.

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

No. 9-14-277

WHEREAS, James R. Thomas has filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such License for the year 2014; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said applicant is 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 an Operator License to the aforesaid applicant.

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

No. 9-14-278

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:

JENNIFER SANTIAGO, Deputy Borough Clerk, at an annual salary of \$60,540.00, effective October 1, 2014.

BARBARA KUBEY, Crossing Guard, at an annual salary of \$9,888.00, effective July 1, 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 have been the following changes, to wit:

MARTA HERRERA, Library Page, at an hourly rate of \$8.25, effective September 3, 2014.

TRAVIS LESEUR, Part-Time Recreation Seasonal, at an hourly rate of \$8.25, effective September 15, 2014.

GJEJRANE BICAJ, Part-Time Crossing Guard, at an hourly rate of \$17.31, effective September 15, 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.

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

No. 9-14-279

WHEREAS the Highland Park Police Department will be in need of furniture for the completion of the new Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Police Department wishes to purchase said furniture from Global Industries, Marlton, NJ, under State Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended that the furniture be purchased from the above mentioned company; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Police Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase furniture for the new Public Safety Building, under State Contract, from Global Industries, c/o BFI, 17 West Stow Road, Marlton, NJ in the amount of \$9,114.60; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$9,114.60, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Police Chief Stephen Rizco and Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, forthwith.

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

No. 9-14-280

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership, the Project Architect for the renovation of the Public Safety Building, had heretofore submitted an invoice totaling the amount of \$9,865.87 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 \$9,865.87 to The Goldstein Partnership, for architectural services in connection with the renovation of the Public Safety Building; and

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

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

No. 9-14-281

WHEREAS, payment for 3rd quarter taxes were received after the due date for a number of properties in the Borough due to a delay in picking up certified mail at the Post Office; and

WHEREAS, these accounts were charged interest for the late payments in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined that their accounts should be credited for said interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the interest accrued on the late payments is hereby waived and the accounts listed below should be credited as follows:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
173	51.01	35.25	Highland Professional Building
143	32	127.96	Highland Property Group Corp.
143	28	16.84	Highland Investment Group
89	2	53.65	Highland Investment Group
158	26	9.76	James Polos
158	28	9.66	James Polos
47	82	27.5	Edward Prince
61	2	11.06	Kurt Reil
8	1	32.09	Park Plaza Realty
143	29	18.58	Highland Investment Group
143	31	16.96	Highland Investment Group
98	8	11.31	HPCK, LLC
139	5	22.53	HPCK, LLC
137	42	15.62	HPCK, LLC
143	42	10.00	Kenneth & Iris Goodman
173	50.01	39.61	Highland Professional Building
109	10	13.09	HPCK, LLC
148	24	16.80	HPCK, LLC

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

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

No. 9-14-282

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. 24, 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 \$104,814.53 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from August 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-220 in the amount of \$104,814.53, 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 \$104,814.53, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 24, 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 Community Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 9-14-283

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement with the Middlesex County Department of Human Services for the provision of Municipal Alliance related activities in the Borough of Highland Park for the period covering July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, said Agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

No. 9-14-284

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council that Resolution No. 8-14-236 shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park desire to establish a Capital Improvements Planning Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the Capital Improvements Planning Task Force is hereby established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capital Improvements Planning Task Force will consist of the following:

1. Thirteen (13) Regular Members who shall be residents of or employed within the Borough of Highland Park, to be appointed annually by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Capital Improvements Planning Task Force shall be to make recommendations on Capital Improvement projects for the Borough of Highland Park to pursue.”

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

No. 9-14-285

WHEREAS, Anne Stevens, Finance Assistant/Utility Collector, has retired from the Borough of Highland Park effective August 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Borough’s Personnel Manual, Anne Stevens is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

	Calculation	Amount Due
Sick	13.56 days x \$184.12	\$2,496.67
Total Payment		\$2,496.67

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 \$2,496.67 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

No. 9-14-286

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 2014 in the sum of \$18,551.00, 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 \$18,551.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

2014/2015 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE \$18,551.00

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.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Kim Hammond to serve as a member of the Capital Improvements Planning Task Force Committee for term to expire December 31, 2014.

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

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

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present:

No. 9-14-287

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 three matters affecting pending or anticipated litigation to which the public body may be party; matters within the attorney client privilege.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will meet in private session at 6:11 P.M. on September 16, 2014, to discuss the above mentioned items.

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

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 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk