

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 and was called to order by Council President Millet at 7:05 PM. Council President Millet read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: Mayor Minkoff.

Council President Millet asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that she is preparing for Veteran's Day and honoring the fallen heroes. She will be having a meeting on Monday and information will be sent out thereafter.

Councilman Potts reported that the summer camp program information is available and they are accepting registrations. They are also accepting applications for summer camp counselors and the deadline is April 16th. The Senior Prom will be held on June 6th and the theme is Dancing Under the Stars.

Councilwoman Welkovits thanked the 4th Grade students for coming to Borough Hall and she also thanked the Mayor and the Borough staff. She received thank you notes from them and they are in the Borough Clerk's Office. The Food Pantry has received donations from food drives held by various groups. On April 4th the Board of Health will host a meeting featuring representatives from the Mosquito Control Commission from 7:00-9:00 PM. The Commission for Universal Access voted to extend the Theater Arts Program for 6 weeks. She thanked former Councilman Pichinson for coming up with the idea for establishing a trust fund to collect a portion of the fees collected from tickets written for handicapped parking violations. The Library will be hosting their annual book sale on May 18th and 19th. Lastly, she noted that the Housing Authority received a \$25,000 grant to be used for improvements.

Councilman Erickson reported that the public hearing on the budget will be held tonight and they will also amend the budget. The Borough will also be able to hire two new Police Officers in 2013.

Councilwoman Brill Mittler reported that the streetscape project is nearly complete. The living room corners are lit and operational. She hopes to see the public using them as social gathering areas. The new BBQ Restaurant has been undergoing renovations and will open soon. The Highland Park News was sent out a couple of weeks ago. She thanked Matt Hersh and Monica Jackson for pulling it all together a doing a phenomenal job. The next edition will be published in the Fall. The e-newsletter is published every two weeks. Interested residents can sign up to receive the e-newsletter on the Borough's website.

Councilman Millet reported that the Borough will be putting out a new calendar for recycling/garbage pickup on a two-sided magnet. The magnet contains holidays, bulk trash information and recycling information. The magnets will begin to be distributed throughout town on April 10th by the Department of Public Works staff. The magnets will also be available at Borough Hall, the Library and Main Street Highland Park. The magnets will be completed earlier for next year. Earth Day will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21st as a joint event by Sustainable Highland Park and the Environmental Commission at the Environmental Education Center. Fliers advertising the event to be posted around town.

Borough Administrator reported that the State of New Jersey has authorized the Borough to adopt their budget on April 16th.

Borough Attorney Schmierer – No report.

Council President Millet opened the meeting for public discussion for a fifteen minute period and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

Sue Anderson, 63 Cleveland Avenue, asked about the status of the settlement with American Properties. Councilman Millet noted that they are still in negotiations. Borough Attorney Schmierer indicated that the most recent settlement meeting took place on March 19th. During the course of that meeting they discussed some concept plans that are significantly different than what was discussed before along with the Borough's concept plan. They talked about density and what should be built as well as buffering. There will be another meeting later this month. The Court dates have been relaxed and a trial date would be sometime in the summer. Discussions with them will continue. Councilman Millet added that they want to come up with the best deal possible before going to trial and will also come to the public. It is the Council's decision whether to settle or go to trial. Ms. Anderson commented that the fear is that they will be presented with a done deal which is what happened with the River Road project. The trust element is missing in terms of what direction the Council is going. Councilwoman Brill Mittler commented that this is a Council made up of different people. They are concerned about number of units that will go there and are concerned about infrastructure and pieces of community that will be affected. They are very limited on what they can share publicly. The Council has the same concerns. Councilman Millet noted that the River Road case settled because the developer had no standing in Court. He assured Ms. Anderson that this Council hears them.

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Lou Pichinson, 200 Jackson Avenue, commented about his concerns about the process with the American Properties case. He saw an article recently in The Home News Tribune that American Properties has almost sold out their project in nearby Piscataway of owner occupied units. The access to information about this matter is difficult to get. He is leery of the fact that various inputs may or may not be fully developed. This very same parcel of land was the site of the former illuminating experience and a recent application was rejected by the Board of Adjustment. Councilman Millet commented that if the Borough was not serious about fighting these developers they would not have spent over \$300,000. Mr. Pichinson commented that the Borough supplemented legal counsel at his behest and others. The Board of Adjustment reviewed for six months an application by Avalon Bay for this property and they overwhelmingly rejected a rental property development for less than 16 units per acre. Councilman Millet noted that one of the benefits of negotiations is that only through a settlement can they lock in ownership vs. rental units. Mr. Pichinson commented that the Council has the ability to have input on final outcome.

Jim Coyle, Acting President, AA Checker Cab Company, commented that they would like to request an increase in fares for local rides in Highland Park. The last time an increase was approved was in 1991. Councilman Millet asked that they present the information to Council to be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Councilman Erickson asked that they submit the request and provide information from other towns. He also asked that they include information on senior discounts.

Jim Renner, AA Checker Cab Company, commented that in Highland Park it is \$3.00 for a regular fare and \$2.25 for seniors. Borough Administrator asked that they submit documentation to support their request.

Lou Pichinson, 200 Jackson Avenue, asked if trial date is still set for April 29th. Borough Attorney Schmierer advised that the date is adjourned and a new date has not been set. Mr. Pichinson asked if the Court Master has visited the site and whether they could meet with her at the site. Borough Attorney Schmierer advised that the Court Master has visited the site and he would contact her and set that up.

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

The Clerk reported advertising a summary of the 2013 Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution, introduced and approved on first reading March 5, 2013, with the public hearing scheduled for April 2, 2013, and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that copies of the budget were made available to the public in Borough Hall and the Highland Park Library.

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2013 Municipal Budget was opened.

No one appearing to be heard, on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2013 Municipal Budget was closed.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, read by the Clerk in full, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

No. 4-13-120

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2013 was approved on the 5th day of March, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2013 be made:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Current Fund - Anticipated Revenues:		
General Revenues		
Section G: Special Items of Revenue		
3 Anticipated		
with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local		
Government Services - Other Special Items:		
Uniform Fire Safety Act – Prior Year Reserve	0.00	1,946.41
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G	426,524.56	428,470.97
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,310,523.20	2,312,469.61
5. Subtotal General Revenues	3,510,523.20	3,512,469.61
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes		
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including		
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	9,367,220.40	9,618,707.99
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for		
Support of Municipal Budget	9,820,576.80	10,072,066.39
7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	\$13,331,102.00	\$13,584,536.00

Current Fund - Appropriations

8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations within "CAPS"		
Legal Services		
Other Expenses	183,566.00	264,000.00
Insurance(s)		
Employee Group Insurance	1,064,151.00	1,059,004.56
Health Benefit Waiver Cost	0.00	5,146.44
Public Safety Function(s)		
Police		
Salary & Wages	3,111,374.00	3,161,374.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act		
Fire Prevention		
Other Expenses	0.00	14,946.41
Utility Expenses & Bulk Purchasing		
Electricity	104,000.00	171,000.00
Telephone	42,700.00	53,700.00
Fuel Oil/Gasoline/Natural Gas	65,000.00	100,000.00
Sanitary Landfill	260,000.00	270,000.00
Fire Official		
Salary & Wages	119,410.00	104,463.59
Total Operations (Item 8A) within "CAPS"	<u>9,170,599.00</u>	<u>9,424,033.00</u>
Total Operations Including Contingent within "CAPS"	<u>9,170,599.00</u>	<u>9,424,033.00</u>
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	6,003,443.00	6,038,496.59
Other Expenses	3,167,156.00	3,385,536.41
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	<u>10,517,531.00</u>	<u>10,770,965.00</u>
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	<u>13,051,102.00</u>	<u>13,304,536.00</u>
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>\$13,331,102.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$13,584,536.00</u></u>
10. Dedicated Revenues from Water & Sewer Utility		
Miscellaneous	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$27,200.00</u>
Total Water & Sewer Utility Revenues	<u><u>\$3,550,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,552,200.00</u></u>
11. Appropriations for Water & Sewer Utility		
Debt Service		
Interest on Bonds	<u>\$80,500.00</u>	<u>\$82,700.00</u>
Total Water & Sewer Utility Appropriations	<u><u>\$3,550,000.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,552,200.00</u></u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2013 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, be published in The Home News Tribune, Asbury Park, NJ in the issue of April 5, 2013 and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said Amendment to be held at the Borough Hall on April 16, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

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The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2013 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ALONG VARIOUS REAL PROPERTIES, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$571,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF 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 Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 1843, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster-Dublin, 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 Councilwoman Welkovits and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 4-13-121

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2013 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ALONG VARIOUS REAL PROPERTIES, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$571,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF AND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF, 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 Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in "The Home News and Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no daily newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law and that said Clerk shall annex to and publish with said Ordinance a Notice in substantially the following form -

The ordinance published herewith has been finally passed and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance may be commenced as provided in the Local Bond Law has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WAYNE STREET ROAD PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$175,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Foster-Dublin, 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 Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 4-13-122

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WAYNE STREET ROAD PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$175,000.00 THEREFOR TO PAY 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 April 16, 2013, 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. 4-13-123 through 4-13-135 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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

No. 4-13-123

WHEREAS, the following business/property owners have submitted a completed application to the Borough of Highland Park for matching grant under the Highland Park Façade Improvement Program and/or the Highland Park Awning Promotion Program, both funded through the Community Block Development Grant and further described on the Purchase Requisition attached to the original of this resolution for the location designated, to wit:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>BUSINESS LOCATIONS</u>
Cyber Knight Computers	433 Raritan Avenue
Pino's	13 North 4 th Avenue
and	

WHEREAS, the Main Street Design Committee has reviewed the applications and has recommended that the above applications be approved by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be available in Account No. G-02-10-CD1-210 in the amount of \$3,352.75 and Account No. G-02-11-CD1-210 in the amount of \$355.59, 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 application from the above named business/property owner be approved for funding under the Highland Park Façade Improvement and Awning Promotion Program in the amount set opposite, to wit:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cyber Knight Computers	\$3,000.00
Pino's	\$ 708.34

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the applicants, Finance Department and the Main Street Executive Director forthwith.

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

No. 4-13-124

WHEREAS, Shalom Cohen, trading as Jerusalem Pizza; and Arta LLC, trading as The Italian Bistro, paid duplicate \$50.00 business license fees in error; and

WHEREAS, the administrative fee for refunds charged by the Borough Clerk pursuant to Section 4 of Highland Park resolution No. 1-13-19 adopted by the Borough Council on January 7, 2013 shall be waived due to the duplication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to refund \$50.00 to Shalom Cohen, t/a Jerusalem Pizza, 231 Raritan Avenue; and Arta, LLC, t/a The Italian Bistro, 441 Raritan Avenue, said amount being the duplicate business license fees paid in error.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director, Shalom Cohen, and Arta, LLC forthwith.

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

No. 4-13-125

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Carl A. Taylor III shall be and is hereby appointed to serve as the Alternate Public Defender for the Borough of Highland Park, effective immediately, for a term to expire December 31, 2013, and to be compensated at the rate of \$175.00 per appearance.

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

No. 4-13-126

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 4/2/13, can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 32.

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

No. 4-13-127

WHEREAS, Congregation Ahavas Achim has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct an Off-Premise Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on June 23, 2013; 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 Highland Park Conservative Temple – Congregation Anshe Emeth for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefore, 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 Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 4-13-128

WHEREAS, Alan J. Murphy and David Richard Nau 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 2013; and

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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.

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

No. 4-13-129

WHEREAS, pursuant to a duly advertised Notice to Bidders, in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., four (4) bids were received on March 21, 2013 for completion of improvements to Wayne Street generally consisting of the resurfacing of Wayne Street from North Second Avenue to North Fourth Avenue with the exception of the North Third Avenue intersection (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") as follows:

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| 1. Lucas Construction Group, Inc. | \$229,511.66 |
| 2. Montana Construction Corp., Inc. | \$247,017.84 |
| 3. Top Line Construction Corp. | \$285,326.70 |
| 4. A-Team Concrete, Inc. | \$299,330.00 |

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A11-4, requires that the award of a contract for this Project be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends that the award of the contract be made to Lucas Construction Group, Inc. ("Lucas"); and

WHEREAS, THE Borough Attorney finds Lucas' bid documents to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract is subject to review and approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for this Project; and

WHEREAS, funds for this contract are included in the appropriations authorized in Account Number C-04-55-813-220 in the amount of \$229,511.66;

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

1. The contract for the Improvements to Wayne Street Project is hereby awarded to Lucas Construction Group, Inc., 173 Amboy Road, Morganville, NJ 07751 as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Lucas Construction Group, Inc. for completion of the Improvements to Wayne Street Project for the contract price of \$229,511.66.
3. The award of this contract is subject to review and approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
4. A copy of this Resolution and the agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, and shall be available for public inspection.

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

No. 4-13-130

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Department of Public Works has a need to purchase recycling/garbage schedule magnets; and

WHEREAS, quotes for said purchase were requested and only one quote received from the following, to wit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Sussman Consultants, LLC	\$5,280.00

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities has recommended the purchase of said items from Sussman Consultants, LLC at the above quoted price; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. T-12-56-816-RCY upon adoption of the 2013 municipal budget, as reflected by the certification of funds available 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 Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities is hereby authorized and directed to purchase said items for a total not to exceed \$5,280.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities and the Finance Department forthwith.

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

No. 4-13-131

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that approval is hereby given to Main Street Highland Park to hold its Annual Street Fair activities on May 19, 2013, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is hereby granted to the Highland Park Police Department to make application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for a permit to close a portion of Raritan Avenue (Route #27) between 2nd and 5th Avenues on May 19, 2013, between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Main Street Highland Park will work in close cooperation with the Highland Park Police Department to insure minimum inconvenience to Borough residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby waives the Transient Merchant permit fees and other Borough fees for vendors who register to participate in the Street Fair; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Jamie McCrone, Main Street Highland Park; Stephen Rizco, Chief of Police; Police Traffic Safety Bureau; Highland Park First Aid Squad Capt.; Jeff Morris, Emergency Management Coordinator; Donald Rish, Dept. of Public Works Supt.; Lt. Gary Panichella.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-13-132

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 Orders Nos. 31-36 to the said contract for the additional work outlined below that was not anticipated at the time that plans and specifications were prepared for \$31,368.05; and

<u>CHANGE ORDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
#31	\$ 1,776.52	Laminated glass vision panels in designated doors
#32	\$ 4,235.41	T&M work related to dispatch room counters, etc.
#33	\$ 1,032.17	T&M work related to holding area bench, etc.
#34	\$ 2,922.43	T&M work related to radio room & temp. access
#35	\$ 5,481.50	T&M work associated with additional elec. Panel
#36	\$15,920.02	T&M work, CAT 5 wiring, data drops & power wiring

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$31,368.05, 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 Gary Minkoff be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order Nos. 31-36, for \$31,368.05 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-13-133

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 7, 2013 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:

JOAN HULLINGS, Borough Clerk, at an annual salary of \$84,171.01, with longevity of \$2,500, for a total annual salary of \$86,671.01, effective April 1, 2013.

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. 4-13-134

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>
59	35	MTAG, custodian for ATCF II NJ, LLC Highland Park, NJ 08904	\$1,535.49

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. 4-13-135

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership, the Project Architect for the renovation of the Public Safety Building, had heretofore submitted an invoice totaling the amount of \$9,899.72 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 \$9,899.72 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.

Council President Millet opened the meeting for public discussion and called upon all those wishing to speak to identify themselves.

No one appearing to be heard, the Council President closed the public discussion.

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There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Potts, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned to the Conference Meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk