

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 5, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, June 5, 2013 and was called to order by Mayor Minkoff at 7:07 PM. Mayor Minkoff read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Minkoff; Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin, Borough Administrator Kovach.

Mayor Minkoff indicated that tonight's meeting would have a different format. There will be a special ceremony to dedicate the Main Level Conference Room in memory of former Mayor Harold "Hesh" Berman. His daughter Beatrice will read a statement, he will provide some remarks and then they will move out to the "Fish Bowl" for the unveiling.

Beatrice Berman made the following remarks:

"On behalf of her family she thanked Mayor Minkoff and the Borough Council for this dedication to my father. He would be honored to know that his lifelong commitment to the Borough of Highland Park was being recognized in this permanent way. People might be asking why my dad deserved this honor and I'm going to tell you why. Mayor Minkoff once asked me how I would describe my father and without any hesitation I replied "Mr. Highland Park". Highland Park wasn't just a town in which he lived; it was the town in which he loved to live. He was an ardent ambassador from the time he was a young man until his death. Everyone he came in contact with learned about Highland Park, New Jersey. It was as much a part of him as we were. It was in his blood. And just as he helped to shape his children's futures, he did the same for Highland Park. He watched and helped it grow and flourish from the tiny town of the 1920's to the Borough as it stands today. Harold Berman was born in a house on Magnolia Street in 1919. The family moved to Adelaide Avenue for a few short years and then to the house on South 4th Avenue where my dad lived for 80 years up until his death last year. This is the home in which we were raised and the home where my mother still lives. He came from very modest means and led a modest life, but it was a life that was full of giving, not only to his family and friends and multiple organizations, but the town he loved so much. Someone once told my father he was the only poor politician he knew and my dad was very proud of that. He never used his position for wealth or personal gain. He was proud to be a member of the first graduating class of Highland Park High School in 1938. In fact, he quit school for a year while HPHS was being built so that he could say he was a graduate of Highland Park High School. As was his nature, he joined many teams and became the school's first five letter man and wrote the words for the high school fight song. A few years after graduating he became the first resident to enlist in WWII, joining the United States Marine Corp. where he eventually became a Staff Sergeant serving at Iwo Jima. The Marine Corp. principles of leading by example and making sound and timely decisions where ones he continued to apply at home, in business, and in the community. Marine traits such as enthusiasm, unselfishness, dependability and integrity were traits he brought home with him. He returned home and started another chapter of his life working and marrying my mother, the former Jocelyn Miller, also of Highland Park. From the time I can remember my father was always leaving the house for some activity or meeting. He was the ultimate volunteer, giving his time and talents to many groups and organizations. He was a founding member of the Labor Day Parktown Outing, a Charter Member and President of the Highland Park Exchange Club, a member of the Board of the HP JCC YWHA, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 133, New Brunswick and a State Commander, a member of the Highland Park Conservative Temple, a member of the Planning Board, a Councilman from 1968 until 1975, and Mayor for two terms, 1976-1980 and 1984-1988. These are just a few of the ways my dad contributed to the community. During his term as Mayor it was often said that if my father wasn't home or in his garage workshop you would probably find him in Borough Hall. It was his home away from home during the day and at night. In fact, he spent so much time here tending to all kinds of business that a disgruntled resident sent a letter to my father's boss in Ohio to tell him that my father wasn't working but was being a full time Mayor rather than a part time Mayor as his office required. His boss sure got a kick out of that. While in office there were several things my dad was most proud to have accomplished. Among them was having this Borough Hall building built without a single penny of taxpayer's money, removal of a NJ Inspection Station in a residential area on Washington Avenue, initiating the sidewalk replacement program, and being instrumental in the establishment of the first Commission of Aging for the State. Aside from politics, my father also left his mark throughout the Borough with large Formica and wood plaques which were designed and crafted by him in his workshop. Among the places they are found, is this building, one displayed behind where Mayor Minkoff is sitting, the Police and Fire Department, the First Aid Squad building and various restaurants and businesses. I hope I have given you a glimpse of my father's life, a life dedicated to service, especially to Highland Park. A plaque which hangs in his room at home has a most fitting inscription. It reads, "No man can give his community a richer gift than a generous part of his precious lifetime". My family believes that is definitely what my father did. My dad will always be remembered by his family and friends and now because of this dedication he will be remembered by the town that he loved so much."

Mayor Minkoff made the following remarks:

"Semper Fi – always faithful. That is the hallmark and motto of the US Marines. It describes Harold "Hesh" Berman perfectly. A faithful husband, father and employee; a faithful friend, colleague, marine for sure, communal servant and a faithful leader.

"I spent some time today visiting Hesh Berman. Wait you say, Gary you are going crazy, Hesh passed away last year. I know, but Hesh's legacy is with all of us and today I did something I have not done for a long time. In 1998, "Reflections of Long-time Residents of Highland Park" was published. It was an intergenerational project that involved a group of students at the Irving School, who interviewed long-time Borough residents. Some of you may recall the book. Today, I re-read "The Honorable Harold Berman's Biography" written by Eli Gabel-Frank and Chava Vietze. If you will allow me, in a manner of speaking, Hesh retold his story to me, a story I knew, but never tire of hearing.

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"I smiled while I read it. It was moving and poignant. That biography talks about, among many other things, Hesh's service in the US Marines. Hesh recounted that he was one of the 70,000 marines who witnessed the historic flag raising on Mt. Surabachi. He said he watched the flag raising while wiping away tears, which astounded me. While Hesh was kind to a fault, he had a wonderful heart. The first word that comes to mind when I think of Hesh was "tough". He was a Marine, a boxer and a football player, and yes, a Mayor, a job which can also require being tough.

"If you will indulge me, I'd like to share a few brief reflections about Hesh Berman in a perhaps somewhat unconventional way. Although I served on the Governing Body, Hesh was not a formal mentor to me. Yet, like to many, he was a great example. I had lots of personal contact with him over the years and it was characterized by what he described as his special strengths; creativity and resourcefulness and a sense of humor. He also said he felt he had the ability to relate to almost anyone.

"That certainly was Hesh. Look around the Borough, look behind me, you can see a tangible manifestation of his creativity, the hand crafted Locus Bonus Logo which he created. Look around us, this building was funded by a federal grant that Hesh lobbied for and the Borough received. It was his creativity that meant taxpayer money would not be needed to fund this building; something of which he was especially proud.

"A sense of humor – For my entire time on the Governing Body, every time I saw Hesh he'd give me a wry smile and say, look out, he comes a politician. He loved to regale me with war stories, stories from his sojourns professionally, always with a twinkle in his eye. Did I mention that Hesh also felt "mischievous" was an apt self-description, always ending with a punch line and a chuckle?

"Resourcefulness? Hesh did not lead an easy life, but he led a full life, a life enriched by those to whom he was close. It was enriched through his years of service to family, community and country. He had to live by his wits, his street smarts and the education he gave himself in so many areas. Resourceful? The politician in me would perhaps re-frame that slightly. Hesh was a man who understood the importance of and had the capacity of rising to the occasion. As Hesh's health grew increasingly frail, I was ceaselessly amazed that when he would appear in public, whether at a family function, at the Borough's 100th Anniversary Celebration, he found some inner reserve and summoned up youth, vitality, he was as is said in sports, "in the zone". He had risen to the occasion his entire life, it was what he did. After all, he earned five letters in high school athletics. He was the first person to volunteer for military service in World War II. And, of course, he served for eight years as our Mayor.

"But my most enduring memory of Hesh meant so much to many.

"Hesh's biography mentioned that the American Flag had special significance to him because of what he witnessed at Mt. Surabachi. In that spirit, tonight, we used American flag bunting and miniature American flags as part of our dedication ceremony of the Berman Conference Room. Hesh said of that historical flag raising on Iwo Jima that it caused him to reflect on the ideals and institutions our flag represents, the necessity to protect and preserve these principles, and his desire to transmit those sentiments to generations of youngsters. As I stood at the Doughboy last week at our own Memorial Day ceremonies, I remembered that a few years ago, we dedicated a monument to honor the Jewish War Veterans and Hesh spoke at the dedication. That is my enduring memory. Although the day was warm, Hesh recounted personal experiences and reflections on his service and what that meant to him and the many Veterans like him. I remember thinking his speech was extraordinary, not just because of what he said, but because, as I recall, he had not been feeling too well before the speech. Yet there he was, as if he was the healthiest person in the world. He was truly in his element when he spoke. He knew that other Jewish War Veterans were counting on him to make sure their story was heard, their fight retold and to ensure that respect and honor was given for their many sacrifices. Hesh rose to the occasion. He spoke passionately and eloquently that day, but as I had seen so many times before, that was his way of doing things. He enjoyed being with people and if he had something that he felt needed to be said or done, he drew strength from that and the people that he knew were counting on him. Rising to the occasion meant having the courage of his convictions, which is something that requires the toughness that characterized Hesh.

"Today in the vernacular, we call it "stepping up", to Hesh, it was a way of life.

"And you saw courage, rising to the occasion, in everything that Hesh did. That's what athletes do. That's what Hesh saw as his duty to volunteer for the Marines. Rising to the occasion? That's what Marines do. That's what good parents do, as Beechie and Bruce will attest. Caring, kindness, rising to the occasion, it's what devoted husbands do. Jocelyn shared her life with Hesh. They had their triumphs and trials, but Jocelyn clearly enabled and ennobled so much of what Hesh did. So while we remember Hesh tonight, we must take time to thank Jocelyn, Bruce and Beechie for sharing Mr. Highland Park with us.

"Rising to the occasion, that's what leaders do. They ask others to share a vision for how things ought to be and that's what Hesh did. Hesh ended his biography with this statement, "My fervent wish is that Highland Park will remain the kind of community we helped to make and the inevitable changes that will come with time will help make it an event better place to live in, and in keeping with our town's motto, "Locus Bonus", meaning, "a good place to live".

"We treasure Hesh's legacy. It's an honor to share a title and the responsibilities he had. We may approach the job differently, but Hesh's mentorship to me, if you will, is that legacy of creativity, resourcefulness, humor and a commitment to do the right thing, but most importantly, I'd like to suggest that as a community, whatever challenges we face today and in the future, that we continue to rise to the occasion. There will be times we will agree and times when we disagree, but let's always remember that we share that noble aspiration and character that was in Hesh's heart and soul. Highland Park indeed is a very nice place to live."

Mayor Minkoff asked the Berman family to come forward and presented them with a proclamation. The Governing Body then moved out of the Council Chambers to outside the Main Level Conference Room which was unveiled and dedicated as "The Berman Conference Room".

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Mayor Minkoff asked the Public Safety Director/Police Chief, Stephen Rizco, to explain the vigorous process that the officers went through and then he would administer the oath of office.

Chief Rizco commented that he is happy to be here to introduce the two new Police Officers that were hired and will be sworn in. Before that happens he told the Berman family how happy he is about tonight's dedication. Mayor Berman was a close friend of his and 27 years ago he was Mayor when he was sworn in along with the Captain.

Chief Rizco asked the two new Police Officers to come forward. It was quite an extensive hiring process. They advertised in the fall and accepted the first 100 applications which were done in the first two days. They had a written examination that was administered by the NJ Association of Chiefs of Police. There was a physical agility test administered by the Somerset County Police Academy. For those who passed both tests, the scores were averaged and a list was compiled. They interviewed the top 15 candidates. From there they narrowed it down to 7 candidates and presented them to the Public Safety Committee which is made up of members of the Borough Council, the Borough Administrator and himself. Brad Seigal and Christopher DeCosta were the 2 candidates selected to be hired.

Chief Rizco noted that Brad resides in Jamesburg, New Jersey. He attended Monroe Township High School and was awarded the Monroe Township High School Citizenship Award. He attended the University at Albany, State University of New York where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice, with a concentration in Management and Information Technology Management. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.83 GPA and was named to the Dean's List of Distinguished Students for all four years. While a student at Albany, Brad interned in their Police Department. He gained experience by riding along with sworn field training officers, coordinated the Citizen's Police Academy and he also assisted their department in becoming an accredited agency. He is currently a recruit in the Mercer County Police Academy in West Windsor, NJ. He enrolled as an Alternate Route Candidate and is scheduled to graduate on August 2, 2013. Brad is here tonight with his mother, Eileen, who will hold the Bible as the Oath of Office is administered.

Mayor Minkoff administered the Oath of Office and Allegiance to Police Officer Brad Seigal.

Brad thanked the Mayor, the Police Chief and the Captain. It is a real honor to serve and he appreciates the opportunity. Highland Park is a great place and he is excited to spend time here and make this a great place to live.

Chief Rizco noted that Chris is married to his wife, Sarah. They have two children, Sofia (3 years old) and Christopher Jr. (5 months old). They reside in Middlesex, New Jersey. Chris attended St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. He attended Middlesex County College and he graduated from Kean University in May, 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. Prior to his appointment to the Highland Park Police Department, Chris was employed full-time at G4S Security Solutions in Cranford, New Jersey and he has also been employed as a part-time Dispatcher in our Police Department since February of this year. Chris is scheduled to attend the 24 week Police Basic Training Class at the Somerset County Police Academy beginning in July. Graduation is slated for December 19, 2013. Chris is here tonight with his wife and children. His wife Sarah will hold the Bible as the Oath of Office is administered.

Mayor Minkoff administered the Oath of Office and Allegiance to Police Officer Christopher DeCosta.

Chris thanked everyone for coming out to support them. This is a great group of guys and he is happy to be working in Highland Park. He thanked his family for their support.

Chief Rizco commented that the Borough is building a new police building. He wanted to assure the Berman family that the replica of the police patch, made by former Mayor Berman, is in safe keeping, and will be put in display case in the new building. He welcomed the new Police Officers to the Borough and wished them successful careers.

Mayor Minkoff indicated that before they take a brief recess for refreshments, there would be a special presentation.

Mason, 9 years old and a student at Bartle School, commented that they need speed bumps on Denison Street for safety. There are 27 children that live between 4th and 5th Avenues. They live very close to the high school and a synagogue and people cross in the middle of the street. He got 60 signatures on a petition in 2 days. He has a little brother and gets scared when cars drive on his street.

Ari, 9 years old and a student at Bartle School, commented that they need speed bumps on Denison Street especially during rush hour. His friend almost got run over and his name is Danny. Cars zoom past and dust flies up. He cares about his friends on the block.

The petition was presented to the Mayor who will have Councilman Millet consult with the Public Safety Committee and the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for some recommendations. Mayor Minkoff commended them on their composure and professionalism and noted that he is proud of them.

There was a brief recess taken at 7:59 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:24 PM with all those previously in attendance still present.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

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No. 6-13-185

WHEREAS, the position of Police Officer became available due to retirement/promotions; and
WHEREAS, Brad Seigal has applied for and is qualified to fill the position; and
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Board recommends that Brad Seigal be hired as a Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that Brad Seigal be hired for the position of Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department, effective May 21, 2013 at a base salary of \$35,000.00.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

No. 6-13-186

WHEREAS, the position of Police Officer became available due to retirement/promotions; and
WHEREAS, Christopher DeCosta has applied for and is qualified to fill the position; and
WHEREAS, the Public Safety Board recommends that Christopher DeCosta be hired as a Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that Christopher DeCosta be hired for the position of Police Officer in the Highland Park Police Department, effective June 5, 2013 at a base salary of \$35,000.00.

Mayor Minkoff asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilman Potts thanked Councilwoman Foster-Dublin for organizing the Memorial Day Celebration at Fallen Heroes Way and for those who helped that day. He congratulated Ashton Burrell for running a successful kickball event on May 26th. He and Councilwoman Welkovits attended the event. The Senior Prom will be held on June 6th from 5PM-8PM and the theme is Dancing Under the Stars. The summer camp information is available at the Senior Center and is posted on the website. The camp will begin July 8th and registrations are due by June 28th. The annual fireworks event will take place on July 7th at 9:15 PM. There will be festivities, music and activities in Donaldson Park beginning at 3:00PM.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that the sidewalks at the Library have been repaired. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign is instituting a walking program, once a month during the week in the evenings. The walks will be themed walks beginning on July 27th with a walk thru the trails of the Meadows led by Allan Williams, and an architectural walk on August 27th led by Steve Buzbee.

Councilwoman Brill Mittler reported that Main Street Highland Park received a \$4,100.00 grant from the Cultural Heritage Foundation.

Councilman Erickson reported that the Building One NJ group will be hosting a meeting on June 15th from 11AM-1PM at the Avenel Middle School. They expect to have 200-300 people in attendance. Anyone interested in attending can contact him for more information.

Councilman Millet – No report.

Borough Administrator Kovach – No report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Minkoff reported on the water main break that occurred on Montgomery Street last Friday. It is a 16" main and it is not the first time there has been a water main break. He asked the Borough Administrator, Middlesex Water Company Representatives and the Department of Public Works to come up with a permanent fix. Notification about the water main break went out via Nixle, Facebook and Reverse 911. There is specific language that is required to be disseminated as per the Department of Environmental Protection. The water was turned back on in little less than an hour. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work and cooperation.

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, asked about the status of the sidewalk repair program. Mayor Minkoff indicated that they would be going out to bid shortly. Ms. Bickhardt noted that some of the properties that were marked last year have been repaired. She asked whether other properties would be marked. Mayor Minkoff advised that all the sidewalks in town were inspected. Ms. Bickhardt commented that she walked recently on Madison Avenue going towards Cleveland Avenue and had to walk in the street due to low hanging branches and overgrown hedges. Councilman Millet indicated that the Public Works Committee would review those issues. They are reviewing policy about trees to make sure that tree money is used for tree maintenance and not just for planting. Trees in the verge are the property of the Borough. If foliage is blocking the sidewalk it is a health/code enforcement matter.

Hadassah Geretz, 49 Cleveland Avenue, asked about status of American Properties Litigation. The other development will produce 188 additional cars to the streets and this development could produce a significant number of additional cars. Councilman Millet noted that the vast majority of the traffic in the new development will exit via River Road. Ms. Geretz disagreed with him and indicated that the majority of the people will exit towards North 2nd Avenue if they want to go anywhere in town except to Route 18 or New Brunswick.

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Mary Curran, 67 Cleveland Avenue, commented that they were very appreciative that the Mayor and Council worked with them and met with them about the lower parcel and they felt their voices were heard. For the upper parcel she does not feel that way and feels like they have been kept at arm's distance. Because of errors on the part of the Council we were exposed to this litigation. They would like to plead that the Council continue to keep them involved. She was one of the first people that met with Mr. Chick along with Mr. Pichinson and never felt from then till now that he was listening or willing to do any accommodating. That leads to disappointment and resentment. With the first parcel they started out feeling that it could be potentially antagonistic and it didn't result that way. In the second scenario they have been kept at bay and don't really know much about what is happening and understand because of legal reasons that you cannot tell us much. The decisions made today about what is going on over there are what generations from now will be talking about. Mayor Minkoff noted that the Governing Body is certainly cognizant of the impact of their decision both today and tomorrow.

Melvin Goodman, 402 Grant Avenue, commented that he just learned about what is happening on Cleveland Avenue as they have been away for a long time. This is a property that is going to be built with 250 units and approximately 375 cars. He is concerned about impact on parking in the neighborhood with the extra influx of cars. Mayor Minkoff asked the Borough Attorney to clarify the details of the official proposal from American Properties. Borough Attorney Schmierer indicated that the proposal calls for 184 rental units and 5 multi-family buildings on the 7 ½ acres. Mayor Minkoff noted that with negotiations that is the starting point and they are trying to get that number down. They are also sensitive about ownership vs. rental units. With regard to parking, there are Residential Site Improvement Standards that governs how many parking spaces are needed based on the number of units. When they have had conversations with the developer they have tried to make clear to them that Highland Park is a community of neighborhoods. This is a small town; we have a strong desire to preserve the quality of these neighborhoods and the quality of life in these neighborhoods as it relates to traffic, parking, noise, congestion, etc. The Governing Body hears their comments and is doing everything they can to advocate for the issues that are being raised to try to keep this under control and reasonable.

Israel Botnick, 309 Harrison Avenue, commented that American Properties gave a presentation last year about their plans to create units for sale. He understands that now they are looking for rentals and he wondered why they don't come back and represent what their current plan is. Mayor Minkoff noted that the Judge has given them very stringent orders about what we can and cannot discuss. Borough Attorney Schmierer added that the current proposal is dramatically different than the plans rolled out 18 months ago. The developer has the right to pursue these new plans before the Court. They are in the discovery phase of the litigation and the experts are talking to each other. Right now they have a right to demand a different product, a rental product in a series of multi-family buildings and the Borough has the right to resist that. He further added that the plans presented in 2011 were a series of townhomes. As time has gone by they have taken the position that the market is different and they want to do a rental project now instead of ownership. Does not believe they intentionally presented plans they were not going to pursue but at the time they were presenting plans they hope to get approve and build. Mr. Botnick does not understand that if the plans have changed why they can't come back and present them. Borough Attorney Schmierer advised that the Borough is not close to agreeing to 184 units in a series of apartment buildings. That would not be a plan to roll out if the Borough is vigorously objecting to that plan. Mayor Minkoff added that the developer knows how the Borough feels about that plan and the Borough knows what the developer has said about their objections. Councilman Millet commented that while negotiations can be frustrating due to lack of transparency, it is only through a negotiated settlement that we can get some or all of the units as for sale units. If the Borough goes to Court and wins they could still build rental or for sale units depending on how they fit. The Borough, through negotiation, can also come up with concept plans that would lessen the impact or are better looking. While it is frustrating, time consuming and expensive for the Borough they can nail down important elements that will be better in the long run.

Mildred Skerbetz, 14 No. 4th Avenue, commented that she has lived in her home for 50 years and she believes she is an authority on the traffic. Her street is a thoroughfare from River Road. If the light is red on Raritan Avenue traffic can be backed up past Montgomery Street. She cannot fathom more traffic that will ensue from this project.

Jane Ryan, 47 Cleveland Avenue, commented that she was one of the residents that was able to attend the walkabout with Randy Csik and some of the Council Members and Master McKenzie. She thanked them for setting it up. Her concern was Mr. Csik's assertion that he had to make very dense housing to be able to afford to develop this lot as it was a site under environmental remediation. Does not think the Borough should have to pay for his bad investment.

Larry Perfetti, 214 Cleveland Avenue, commented about developers changed from for sale to rental units because of problems with pollution, the source of which could not be determined. He is concerned about pollution in that area and the fact that pollution does not stay in one area. This is something that needs to be brought to the Court's attention along with fact that buyers should be made aware of what the pollution is. He asked what the pollution is and what the remediation timetable is. Borough Attorney Schmierer commented that the distinction between what you have to tell a renter and what you have to tell a buyer is called a deed notice. If you have a polluted piece of property and it is being cleaned up and you are going to sell that to people you have to put a specific disclaimer on the deed to explain that. This is what was causing the developer concern if he was going to market it as ownership as opposed to rental units. With regard to the cleanup, Honeywell is taking the lead in cleaning up the property. Most of it is groundwater pollution and there are a series of monitoring wells out there. Whatever is developed on that property won't live off of well water, but municipal water. They are told that Honeywell will come in periodically to brief the Mayor and Council on the status of the cleanup activity. As far as they know there is no problem with the pollution coming up and spreading to his property as it is all in the groundwater and going down. The only unknown is eventually the slab has to

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be broken up and taken up and those areas tested and treated if there is any soil there. Just like on the lower piece if there is soil there that is contaminated, Honeywell will have to dig it out, take it to Delaware to be treated and replace it with clean soil. This was an old industrial site and it is mostly a below soil groundwater problem. They are monitoring it and trying to aerate it and clean it up. It may take 100 years before that water is clean. If you are not going to use the water and it is not going off to harm anyone else DEP says continue to aerate it, continue to test it and clean it. Mr. Perfetti indicated that the peak of that property is higher than his property and he is concerned that pollution via water would run down and away in all directions. You cannot certify that there is no pollution at the top and that is the apex of their block. Councilman Millet noted that they can get the environmental impact reports and make them public. It is his understanding that the pollution is in the water table and not the soil and that proper capping and monitoring should be fine. They will get the copies of the various reports so that people can read them for themselves. Mr. Perfetti thanked the Council for paving the catwalks and asked that they continue to fight for the proper density.

Dmitry Shaposhnikov, 45 Cleveland Avenue, asked about tax abatements for this project. Mayor Minkoff indicated that there would not be and it is not something they are interested in. Mr. Shapashnikov commented about the lack of information and the fact that it seems like what the community wants is cut out. Mayor Minkoff added that he made a comment early last year that he understands the frustration of the residents that live in the area. He hears everything that is being said and they are doing their utmost to represent all of the concerns. Mr. Shaposhnikov asked that the Council remind the Judge of the agreement reached with the other developer. Councilman Millet added that the other developer had no standing in Court and made the best deal he could because of his weak position. This developer has a stronger position and that is why they have been going at it for so long.

Bobbie Theivakumaran, 442 Cedar Avenue, commented that this administration has a civic duty to public safety for all current and future residents in our town. Most of us can agree that this site is ill-suited for residences, designed grade level with the NE corridor train tracks which are known to be one of the most traveled upon lines in New Jersey and carry with the effects of noise pollution and safety restrictions. There are known environmental concerns on this site as well and its close proximity to high voltage transmission towers and the dangerous effects of those electro-magnetic fields to future residents. This particular development will be the closest proximity to the high voltage towers. She is sure the developer is aware of these issues and it is the driving force to jamming in as many families on this site. The developer has clearly laid out their best interest and it is not affordable housing or the well-being of future residents. They are looking for the density to serve their singular purpose of maximizing their profits. The developer has not demonstrated any hardship or need in their request. They state and justify their density requirements are necessary to pay for the remediation. Why does the town have to pay the price for the remediation costs and sales promo? They also state that owner occupied would never work since no one would invest in a property with that type of pollution. How can the administration say that this type of development is suitable for renters? Renters should not be treated as a disposable class of people. We serve a duty as the town's watch do for current and future residents and the notion that we should acquiesce to a developer and no question the practicality of their request and the effect on our community is irresponsible. She is certainly aware of the complexities of the case. She is also aware that we may or may not have an ability to address the use of this site as residential or light industrial. However, we do have an ability to address the absolute number of units we allow this developer and we do have an opportunity to at least mitigate the number of families exposed to these adverse conditions. Just because they can they want to; doesn't mean they should. It is the Council's social and economic responsibility to the future families of Highland Park. We may be a small town, but we are a great onetoo. She asked that they continue to aggressively fight this issue to lower the number of units demanded by this developer and the number of residents exposed to these conditions.

Diane Hoffman, 58 Harrison Avenue, commented that Harrison Avenue is a through street and they speed bumps. It is very entertaining because it hasn't slowed down many drivers; it just scrapes the bottom of their cars as they fly over the speed bump. She is interested in the long range vista. She asked if they would have to go through this again when they address what is going to happen to the former Hamilton school. Mayor Minkoff indicated that once this lawsuit is addressed there can be no more builders' remedy lawsuits. Ms. Hoffman clarified that if a developer came in to do something with that property the borough would have control. Mayor Minkoff indicated that there are zoning requirements as per the land use ordinance. They would have to file the applicable applications and appear before the appropriate land use board for approval.

Alexander Smondyrev, 204 Jackson Avenue, commented that he has lived in Highland Park for ten years. Regardless of what happens with both of these developments there will be a large influx of students. He asked what the Borough's plan is for the added students. Mayor Minkoff indicated that they meet with the Board of Education about once a month. They have discussed this issue with the school board on a number of occasions especially as it relates to number of students, capacity of the schools, and the impact of hiring more teachers. Councilwoman Welkovits added that they have talked to the schools and right now they are not hitting capacity and feel they can absorb the influx. They are looking at longer range impact. Councilman Millet added that one of the aspects of negotiations is the configuration of the units with regard to how many 1 bedroom units, and how many 2 bedroom units. It is their goal to create a product, in addition to lower density, with not so many 3 bedroom units. These are all things that we are looking to do through negotiations.

Melvin Goodman, 402 Grant Avenue, asked if the site in question manufactured fluorescent bulbs. He also asked about the impact of not passing the proposed land use ordinance change. Mayor Minkoff noted that the land use ordinance change does not relate to the parcel in question.

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Lou Pichinson, 200 Jackson Avenue, distributed a copy of a site plan to the Governing Body. It was a copy of the site plan American Properties had put forth in 2010 for 138 units for this same parcel of land. It was for rental and for sale units and they were able to put 28 affordable units on site for 20%. This is a negotiation process and Mr. Csik goes from claiming that Honeywell will do cleanup and then asserts that they will be responsible for cleanup and thus they need higher density to pay for it. He and Mary met with Mr. Csik a year and a half ago and were told at that point the two developers were going to each make a million dollar contribution to address the rehab commitment the Borough thought they had at the time, but don't have now. Mr. Csik uses the numbers as he sees fit. This is a negotiation process that rests with the Governing Body and we don't have a legal standing like we did with the other lawsuit. In November, the Judge identified this builders' remedy lawsuit as being unique and there is no other similar lawsuit in the State of New Jersey. To resolve this lawsuit we need to be in compliance with COAH but there are no guidelines. He asked what the densities are for the recent projects in Highland Park. Councilman Millet indicated that Efrem's project was just below 9 units/acre; the Pulte project was 5.8 units/acre; and the Y project is approximately 5 units/acre. Mr. Pichinson asked about the Kaplan project and what the density will be. Councilwoman Brill Mittler indicated that they would be appearing before the Planning Board, but that the density had not yet been finalized yet. Councilman Millet commented that they are going to do better than the plan he passed out. Mr. Pichinson indicated that he spoke to Honeywell yesterday and the property is pretty well remediated and they are going to remediate to residential standards. He refuted Mr. Csik's point that he would have to remediate the site. Mr. Csik also stated on site that he felt he would have better guarantee with rental units. Pulte has been involved in 2 projects in the neighborhood with way less density and they were for sale units and have sold. The Governing Body has a great deal more standing in this negotiating than they understand. Stay the line for the strength of the community. Their neighborhood is 8 units per acre and they just saw 9 units go through that will be a profit making enterprise. He asked whether Mr. Surenian and Mr. Caton were still working on this lawsuit. Mayor Minkoff indicated that they are part of the negotiation process and have been meeting with the developer. The Judge has a calendar that puts them somewhere during the summer. The Court prefers to see negotiated settlements if possible. If it cannot be settled, it will go to trial. The Borough has the best experts that they can have and they continue to consult with them. We hear all the concerns of the residents and they are making sure all their experts and the Court Master is hearing them too. Nothing heard tonight is anything that has not already been said to the Master. They are residents also and understand the concerns related to traffic, density, student population, etc. The goal is to come up with something that works for the community and that is what they are trying to do. Mr. Pichinson commented that they are happy about what happened on the front parcel and thinks it is great for Highland Park. We know that the Governing Body is listening but they are going to keep talking because they are threatened. Lastly, he noted that Hesh Berman was a good friend of his that had a powerful influence in his life and he thanked the Governing Body for honoring him.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 230, LAND DEVELOPMENT 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 Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Minkoff 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 Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Potts, the ordinance entitled as above, was tabled from consideration until the July 2, 2013 meeting, by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present.

The Clerk reported advertising an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 39 CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION ENFORCEMENT AGENCY 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 Erickson, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Minkoff 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 Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Erickson, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 13-1848, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Millet seconded by Councilman Erickson and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:
No. 6-13-188

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 39 CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION ENFORCEMENT AGENCY 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 Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper

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published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 6-13-189 through 6-13-201 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.
Abstain: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-189

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. 48-50 to the said contract for the additional work outlined below that was not anticipated at the time that plans and specifications were prepared for \$20,614.27; and

<u>CHANGE ORDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
#51	\$ 1,760.30	Provide push buttons to control electric spikes
#53	\$ 1,207.50	Increase height of retaining wall behind fire house
#54	\$ 6,647.00	Upgrade designated detention hardware

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$9,614.80, 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. 51, 53 & 54, for \$9,614.80 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. 6-13-190

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:

CHRISTOPHER DECOSTA, Police Officer, at an annual salary of \$35,000.00, effective June 5, 2013.

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, 2013 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:

THOMAS ABRAHAM, Part-time Paid Firefighter, at an hourly rate of \$18.07, effective July 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. 6-13-191

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 6/5/13, 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. 6-13-192

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership, the Project Architect for the renovation of the Public Safety Building, had heretofore submitted an invoice totaling the amount of \$12,714.62 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 \$12,714.62 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 Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-193

WHEREAS, Ahmed Sayyed Mubashir, Parminder Singh and Lawrence S. Dick 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

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 License.

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. 6-13-194

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 2nd quarter taxes for the property indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
28	4	Mitchel Rosen 212 Graham Street Highland Park, NJ 08904	\$2,283.33

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 Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-195

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following shall be and is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Highland Park Housing Authority for a term to expire as indicated:

Amanda Thomas

June 12, 2018

The following resolution, introduced by the Community Services Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-196

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Section 3 of Resolution 1-13-19, adopted by the Borough Council on January 7, 2013, shall be amended by the addition of the following:

Event Vendor Fees		
Any Highland Park Business	\$50.00	Food or Merchandise

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director, Community Services Director and Camp Director.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development & Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-197

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. 9, 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 \$168,065.47 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from May 1, 2013 to, May 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$168,065.47, 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 to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. the sum of \$168,065.47, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 9, 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 Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-198

WHEREAS, Century 21/J.J. Laufer, intends to hold a Town Wide Garage Sale on October 5 and 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Century 21/J.J. Laufer will work in close cooperation with the Highland Park Police Department to insure minimum inconvenience to Borough residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that approval is hereby given to Century 21/J.J. Laufer to hold the Town Wide Garage Sale on October 5 and 6, 2013; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby waives the permit fees for all residents who register to participate in the Town Wide Garage Sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Ballard Hutkin, Century 21/J.J. Laufer; and Stephen Rizco, Chief of Police.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-199

WHEREAS, applications for renewal licenses issued in the Borough of Highland Park under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) have been made by the hereinafter applicants, and

WHEREAS, said applications have been examined and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park have made the following findings of fact with respect to each of the applicants

1. Said applications are complete in all respects.
2. The applicants and the premises are qualified to be licensed in accordance with Title 33, all regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and local ordinances as amended and supplemented pertinent to and consistent with Title 33.
3. The applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority has ascertained and reviewed, the source of any additional financing obtained in the previous license term for use in the licensed business.
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said applications should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following renewal licenses issued under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (NJSA 33:1-1 et seq.) to sell alcoholic beverages upon the premises set forth opposite their names under the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act aforesaid, the amendments and supplements thereof, and the ordinances, rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, State of New Jersey, shall be and are hereby approved, to wit:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

H.P. Wine & Liquor, LLC., 97 Woodbridge Ave., WITH BROAD PACKAGE PRIVILEGE-1207-32-003-006

Pad-Thai, Inc., d/b/a Pad Thai, 217 Raritan Ave. - 1207-33-005-004

Wilhelm & Young, Inc. d/b/a Park Pub, 180-182 Woodbridge Ave. - 1207-33-011-002

Arta, LLC., 441 Raritan Ave., – 1207-33-004-009

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

Rite Aid of New Jersey Inc. d/b/a Rite Aid, 332 Raritan Ave. – 1207-44-001-005

Kiadan d/b/a Pino's Fruit Basket Shoppe and Wine Cellars, 13 North 4th Ave. – 1207-44-006-009

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue to the aforesaid licensees the license aforesaid, which licenses shall be effective July 1, 2013 and shall expire June 30, 2014.

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

No. 6-13-200

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following shall be and is hereby appointed to serve as a Member of the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency for a term to expire as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Ed Guttenplan	July 11, 2017

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 6-13-201

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* ("Redevelopment Law") authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute an area in need of Redevelopment, the Highland Park Borough Council wishes to authorize and direct the Highland Park Planning Board ("Planning Board") to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the area consisting of Block 49, Lots 42 through 55 and Block 47, Lots 27 through 75 meet the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law and should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment.

The Clerk reported receipt of notification of the election of Volunteer Firefighter Michael Gershen to the rolls of the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department.

On motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilman Millet, the above confirmation was confirmed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Brill Mittler, Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin

Mayor Minkoff appointed Stephen Mittler to serve as a member of Recreation Advisory Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2013.

Mayor Minkoff appointed the following to serve as members of the Council on Aging for terms to expire as indicated:

Ann Glatt	April 1, 2015
John Boucher	April 1, 2016

Mayor Minkoff appointed Tara Canavera to serve as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 17, 2016.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Erickson, Millet, Potts, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstained: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

Mayor Minkoff 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.

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 to the Conference Meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk