

## REGULAR MEETING – JULY 2, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, July 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 Erickson, Foster-Dublin, Millet, Potts, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Kovach, Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: Mayor Minkoff, Councilperson Brill Mittler.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits seconded by Councilman Erickson, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on January 15, 2013, February 5, 2013, February 19, 2013, March 5, 2013, March 19, 2013, April 2, 2013, April 16, 2013, May 5, 2013, May 21, 2013 and June 5, 2013 were approved as distributed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

Abstain: None.

Main Street Minute was presented by Jamie McCrone. He reported that they are continuing to move forward on the redesign of the Main Street Highland Park website. The Farmer's Market and Artisan's Market are thriving and they should have everyone participating soon. The School's Out Event was a hit with great turnout and lots of participation. The Saturday Summer Cinema Series launched this past week with The 39 Steps. About 50+ people attended. Papa John's, Ruthie's Bagels and their hot dog cart, along with some volunteers with popcorn poppers fed the crowd. Twelve new planter containers are being put around the downtown and will have new soil. They are calling them Permanent Planters and they are part of a two-year test for hardy perennials. These kinds of plants and the soil they are in are used on "Green Roofs". They need less water and less care than our Annual Planters and should be able to help our plantings over the winter months. The Shop Highland Park Rewards/Loyalty Card program is moving forward. They have 15 businesses signed up. The card is in production. They spoke with representative from the company and they would like to give a brief presentation to the Mayor and Council at the August meeting. Main Street has an historic low vacancy rate, with only two vacancies, the former Trio Gifts and Subway stores. Simuel's Closet had a grand opening on Friday and it was an enormous success. They had a great show with food, fashion, music and lots of great socializing. Former Mayor Frank was on hand to MC the event. There was another grand opening on Saturday at Unite Pharmacy, 75 Raritan Avenue. He introduced one of the owners of the pharmacy, Rahmsi Kheni. Ms. Kheni noted that she is one of three owners of the pharmacy. They are open Monday-Friday, 9AM-7PM, Saturday, 9AM-5PM and Sunday, 10AM-2PM. The pharmacy accepts most insurance plans and they provide free delivery to patients who cannot make it to the pharmacy. Highland Park is a growing community, the location is perfect, it is a convenient commute and that is why they chose to locate their business here. Councilman Erickson asked how Main Street recruits for the Artisan Market. Mr. McCrone indicated that they started with people who called to ask to be part of the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is audited by the NJCFC (NJ Council on Farmers and Communities). All of the farmers at the market are audited and pay to be so. If they represent that this is food grown on their land it can be backed up. They may sell food they did not grow, but have to declare they are doing it. He receives calls from people that want to sell things like soaps, candles, olive oils, etc. Main Street Highland Park is also audited by the NJCFC and they are only allowed to take producers audited by that body. He is keeping a list of those that don't fit criteria for farmer's market to advise them that they might be more suitable for the Artisan Market. They are looking for hand-made, hand-crafted items for the market.

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

Councilman Erickson reported that there is a resolution on the agenda for approval that supports the Dreamer's Act to allow children born in other countries but raised in the USA to pay in state tuition. This same resolution has been approved by other municipalities.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that the Pinwheels for Peace initiative will begin again in September. It is being done in collaboration with the Highland Park Schools. More information to follow.

Councilman Potts reported that the Senior Prom was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Joe Torrisi was crowned King of the Prom and Joy Levine was crowned Queen of the Prom. Camp registrations are still being accepted and the number of participants is up from last year. The camp will begin on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Donaldson Park beginning at 9:15 PM. Activities prior to the fireworks will begin at 3:30 PM.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that the Food Pantry, as part of their Healthful Eating Program, will be giving out cash food vouchers for use at the Farmer's Market. This was a big hit last year. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign will be instituting a new wellness series called "Walk the Park". They will present one themed walk per month on weekday evenings. The 1<sup>st</sup> walk, Environment in the Park, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30PM. This walk will be hosted by Allan Williams of the Environmental Commission and he will guide residents on a walk through the Meadows Trails. Future walks include an architectural tour of Highland Park, hosted by Architect Steve Buzbee, scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM, a Tree Walk in the fall and walks with the Mayor and Council Members. They are looking for more ideas and will post additional information shortly.

Councilman Millet reported on the progress being made at the new Public Safety Building with the erection of the steel frame.

Borough Administrator Kovach reported that there will be no parking in Donaldson Park for the fireworks event except for handicapped parking.

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Borough Attorney Schmierer – No report.

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

James Coyle, AA Checker Cab Company, commented that he sent emails back in March about amending the fees taxis can charge passengers and he wanted to know the status. Council President Millet indicated that they would like them to submit the information they have to the Borough Administrator so that it can be reviewed and an ordinance amendment introduced at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Matt Hersh, 333 Felton Avenue, thanked the Governing Body for continuing to adopt policy of communications. They have a working committee of volunteers committed to doing further work on communication for the Borough. The committee consists of writers, communicators, tech gurus, educators, audio/video experts, graphic designers and institutional representation from the Highland Park Public Library and Main Street Highland Park. New to the committee this year is Valeri Weidmann and Saskia Marina. A major advancement in the efforts of communication was the hiring of a writer in Stacy Kaplan and the efforts of Monica Jackson and Kathleen Kovach. They have some big ideas for the future and they will hold their first meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Berman Conference Room. They rely on feedback and welcomed all to attend.

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development & Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

No. 7-13-202

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2013;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Home News Tribune, Asbury Park, NJ, in the issue of August 2, 2013.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park does hereby approve the following as the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2013:

<u>Income</u>	
Government Grants	25,000.00
Special Assessment (BID)	157,000.00
Sponsorships	41,633.00
Total Income	\$223,633.00
<u>Expense</u>	
Administration and General	\$ 126,521.00
Program Expense	97,112.00
Total Expense	\$223,633.00

Budget Surplus/(Deficit) \$ 0.00

Notice is hereby given that the Main Street Highland Park Budget and Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, on July 2, 2013.

A hearing on the Main Street Highland Park/Business Improvement District Budget will be held at Borough Hall, 221 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Highland Park on **September 3, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock PM** at which time and place objections to said Budget and Resolution for the year 2013 may be presented.

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 Erickson seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Council President Millet 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.

Allen Schectel, Borough Planner, noted that this ordinance makes some revisions to the existing RMT-H Zone (Residential Multi-Family Townhouse Historic Preservation Zone). It will allow for mid-rise buildings. The Planning Board thought that instead of having mid-rise buildings three to five stories in height as originally proposed, they wanted to recommend it be changed to three to seven stories. By increasing the height it would help to preserve more open space. The proposed changes to the ordinance help to preserve the historic castle and provide connectivity from this site to an existing site in the Rutgers Preserve. There is a stream that runs through this property and a trail would be proposed to make the connection and allow the public access. This will also enable the Borough to achieve additional affordable housing units. They are estimating that approximately thirty-five (35) affordable housing units could be produced on the site, with a density that is proposed to be twelve (12) units to the acre with a 15% set aside. The Planning Board made two other suggestions to include the riparian and stream corridor ordinances in this amendment.

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

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Borough Attorney Schmierer advised that the Council should move the ordinance for final adoptions subject to the three amendments outlined by the Borough Planner. Those amendments have been worked into the ordinance and are not substantive and therefore the Council can adopt the ordinance as amended and the Clerk can publish notice of its adoption. This is consistent with the review done by the Planning Board.

Borough Planner Schectel noted that there was split zoning on this property, RMT-H and CR. Conservation/Recreation zone does not permit any activity at all and it covers the ravine and would present problems for anyone to develop this property as they would need a use variance. The way to correct this is to move the zone line and eliminate the CR zone and have the RMT-H take it all over. The ravine and the environmentally sensitive areas would be preserved by the riparian, stream corridor and steep slope ordinances.

Borough Attorney Schmierer indicated that in order to do that the Borough would need to come back with another little ordinance and a zoning map change. Borough could have Engineer redraw zoning map and update it and amend that little section of the land use ordinance that adopts the zoning map. This amendment can be done at a future meeting.

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 13-1847, was duly adopted, with amendments as outline by the Borough Planner, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Erickson seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 7-13-203

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 230, LAND DEVELOPMENT 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 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 39 CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION ENFORCEMENT AGENCY had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Potts, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 7-13-204

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", CHAPTER 39 CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, 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 August 13, 2013, at 5:30 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Ordinance be published once at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of said Ordinance for final passage in the "Home News Tribune", of East Brunswick, New Jersey, a newspaper published in the County of Middlesex and circulating in this municipality, there being no newspaper published in this municipality, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage as aforesaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, forthwith and that the Borough Clerk have available in her office for the members of the general public of Highland Park copies of said Ordinance for those members of the general public who may request the same.

Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 7-13-205 through 7-13-226 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 7-13-205

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 7-12-218 adopted by the Borough Council on July 17, 2012, a contract was awarded to H & S Construction & Mechanical, Inc., Elizabeth, NJ, for Highland Park New Police Building Capital Project; and

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



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3. The club maintains all records required by N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.8. (special events open to non-club members) and N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.12 (true books of account for receipts and disbursements).
4. The Mayor and Council are of the opinion that said application 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:

CLUB LICENSES

The White Mountains Cretans Fraternity, 1152-1154 Raritan Avenue - 1207-31-012-002

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 Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-13-210

WHEREAS, "DREAMers" is the term often used for undocumented immigrant children who came to the United States at a young age and did not take part in their parents' decision to bring them to the United States; and

WHEREAS, many DREAMers have lived here almost their entire lives; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, DREAMers, like all other students, are provided a public education through 12<sup>th</sup> grade pursuant to Federal Law; and

WHEREAS, each year New Jersey high schools graduate more than 2,300 DREAMers, many of whom were raised and educated in this country with no legal status, hold American values, know the United States as their home, and have the same dreams, goals and aspirations as other American children; and

WHEREAS, DREAMers' immigration status makes them ineligible for federal or state financial aid and requires them to pay high tuition – as much as double in-state rates – if they seek to attend public colleges and universities despite their long-term residency within our city, state and country; and

WHEREAS, many exemplary children are thereby prevented from pursuing a postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants already make vital contributions to the economic stability and cultural richness of the Borough of Highland Park, State of New Jersey, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, for example, in 2010 alone, undocumented immigrants make up 8.6% of the state's workforce and paid \$446.1 million in state and local taxes through property, sales, payroll, and income taxes; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the state would lose \$24.2 billion in economic activity if all undocumented immigrants in New Jersey were deported; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, undocumented immigrants such as DREAMers are often denied the opportunity to contribute even more to American Society when they do not have access to affordable higher education; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey state legislature is considering two bills that would remedy this situation and provide tuition equity to DREAMers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No 1659 and its companion bill, Senate Bill No. 2355, ("A1659/S2355" collectively) would allow all students who attended high school in New Jersey for at least three years, and graduated or received an equivalent degree, to qualify for in-state rates at New Jersey's public institutions of higher education, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No 3509 and its companion bill, Senate Bill No. 2479, ("A3509/S2479" collectively) would allow all students who attended high school in New Jersey for at least three years, and graduated or received an equivalent degree, to apply for in-state rates at New Jersey's public institutions of higher education, in addition to state financial aid, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, both bills would require qualifying DREAMers to file affidavits that they intend to normalize their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, by empowering DREAMers to attend New Jersey's public colleges and universities, the purchasing power of these students would rise; they would pay more taxes; and the net effect would be overall growth for the Borough of Highland Park and the State of New Jersey's economy; and

WHEREAS, this, in turn, would create more openings for other American workers in higher skilled occupations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2013, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, fully supports tuition equity, and urges the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor to swiftly enact A1659/S2355 or A3509/S2479; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following; Governor Chris Christie, and all members of the New Jersey State Legislature.

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

No. 7-13-211

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute and attest the Settlement Agreement and Release for Guenther Hermann and the Estate of Paula Samuelsen, a fully executed copy of which shall be attached to the original of this resolution.

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

No. 7-13-212

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has received a written request authorizing enforcement of traffic regulations on private property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 et seq. and specifically requesting that the provisions of Subtitle 1, Title 39, of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey shall be made applicable to the following areas:

- A. Two parking lots surrounding the Samuel J. Kronman building located at 242 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and
- B. Lot adjacent to the family site, known as Park Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park deems that enforcement of traffic regulations on the aforesaid private property will benefit all of the citizens of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Police Department of the Borough of Highland Park and other law enforcement agencies be and the same are hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

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

No. 7-13-213

WHEREAS, Keith Thedinga, Fire Official, is no longer a full time employee with the Borough of Highland Park due to the fact that the Office of Fire Prevention is now under the auspices of the County of Middlesex, effective June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Borough's Personnel Manual, Keith Thedinga is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

	Calculation	Amount Due
Vacation	21 hours x \$35.27	\$ 740.67
Sick	212.73 hours ÷ 4 = 53.18 hours X \$35.27	\$1,875.66
Total Payment		\$2,616.33

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the unused accrued time payment in an amount not to exceed \$2,616.33 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

No. 7-13-214

WHEREAS, Thomas Abraham, Fire Inspector, is no longer a full time employee with the Borough of Highland Park due to the fact that the Office of Fire Prevention is now under the auspices of the County of Middlesex, effective June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Borough's Personnel Manual, Thomas Abraham is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

	Calculation	Amount Due
Sick	188 hours ÷ 4 = 47 hours x \$22.14	\$1,040.58
Total Payment		\$1,040.58

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the unused accrued time payment in an amount not to exceed \$1,040.58 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

No. 7-13-215

WHEREAS, Marc Scheiner of 238 Harrison Avenue, received an extremely high water and sewer bill; and

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited for the erroneous charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a credit to Account # 10100690-0 of \$1,609.49 for water and \$955.85 for sewer for a total amount of \$2,565.34 to the water and sewer account of Marc Scheiner, 238 Harrison Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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

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

No. 7-13-216

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:

DAVID LUXENBERG, Day Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$8,000.00, effective July 8, 2013.

RICH MCGLYNN, Sports Camp Director, at an annual salary of \$6,000.00, effective July 8, 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:

TIM STARK, Assistant Director, at an hourly rate of \$24.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
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JAMIE BOOP, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
LINDSAY BLEVINS, Head Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
SCOTT FISHER, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
MIKE LONG, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
TARIQ NABE, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
ASHTON BURRELL, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
ASHLEY SOSA, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
LUPITA BALBUENA, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
HANNAH STERN, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
MADDIE HEHIR, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
HANNAH WEAVER, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
SYLVIA MARKS, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
VIKKI VALENTA, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
VALENTINA MONDACA, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
ANDREA BOFFICE, Junior Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
JEREMY FISHER, Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
MELISSA OLIVER, Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
ANA BOFFICE, Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
MONTY DRAPER, Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
YULIYA PROTS, Specialist, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
ERIN WASHINGTON, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
ARNOLD WEINBERG, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
ANTONIO OLARRA, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
DEREK NOBLES, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$16.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
JAMES EDWARD BOYD, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
NIKO KASPIDAS, Instructor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective July 8, 2013.  
LAUREN FRICKE, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
EMMANUEL MCLAIN, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
ALEC RATYOSYAN, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
LEO GOLDMAN, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
HARRY LANDIS, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 2013.  
PATRICK THIERINGER, Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective July 8, 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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 7-13-217

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 3-13-116 adopted by the Borough Council on March 19, 2013, a contract was awarded to A-Team Concrete, Inc., South River, NJ, for 2011 Sidewalk Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$142,064.60; and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has prepared the attached Change Order No. 1 to the said contract to allow the adjustment of the contract quantities to reflect the actual field conditions and the additional work outline that was not anticipated at the time that plans and specifications were prepared for an additional cost of \$27,515.20 ; and

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

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-814-220 in the amount of \$27,515.20, 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 Mayor Gary Minkoff be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 1, dated June 28, 2013 to the contract of A-Team Concrete, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Engineer, A-Team Concrete, Inc., and the Finance Director forthwith.

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

No. 7-13-218

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 3-13-116, adopted by the Borough Council on March 19, 2013, a contract was awarded to A-Team Concrete, Inc., South River, NJ, for the 2011 Sidewalk Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 1 filed by Borough Engineer David J. Samuel, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to A-Team Concrete, Inc. the sum of 81,956.62 in accordance with said Pay Estimate No. 1 for work performed from May 29, 2013 to June 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-814-220 in the amount of \$81,956.62, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to A-Team Concrete, Inc., the sum of \$81,956.62, as certified by the Borough Engineer in Pay Estimate No. 1, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports from the Contractor; and

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

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

No. 7-13-219

WHEREAS, Akmal Magrufkhodzhayev has filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate a taxicab under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2013; and

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

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 applicant.

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

No. 7-13-220

WHEREAS, The Goldstein Partnership, the Project Architect for the renovation of the Public Safety Building, had heretofore submitted an invoice totaling the amount of \$7,265.29 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

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

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

No. 7-13-221

WHEREAS, Critter Properties, 65 Woodbridge, received an extremely high water and sewer bill; and

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that this account be credited for the erroneous charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a credit to Account #30230540-1 of \$1,341.51 for water and \$810.79 for sewer for a total amount of \$2,152.30 to the water and sewer account of Critter Properties, 65 Woodbridge Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

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

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

No. 7-13-222

WHEREAS, Graber Group Construction has heretofore submitted an invoice totaling \$14,600.00 for services in connection with the Highland Park Home Improvement Program for work performed at the home of Wensheng Lu & Lian Hong, Case HP 1203-1, 239 Inza Street; 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 \$14,600.00 to Graber Group Construction, 10 Stable Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080, for construction services in connection with the renovation of the above aforementioned property; and

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

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

No. 7-13-223

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the sidewalk improvement program on a date and time to be determined by the Borough Engineer and Borough Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Borough Engineer David J. Samuel forthwith.

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

No. 7-13-224

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park finally adopted its 2013 Municipal Budget on April 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 54:4-67 authorizes Council to provide a ten day period following the required payment date or a twenty-five calendar day period after mailing of the tax bills during which interest will not be charged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the grace period for the 2013 third quarter taxes be extended twenty-five (25) days from date of mailing; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.5 no interest shall be charged on unpaid third quarter 2012 taxes provided the same are paid on or before twenty-five (25) days from date of mailing, and provided further that interest thereafter shall be payable at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 to be calculated from August 1, 2013 until the date of actual payment.

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 7-13-225

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Police Department is interested in utilizing the services of Police Reports.US for online distribution of accident reports;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreement, in a form approved by the Borough Attorney, shall be attached to the original of this resolution.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:  
No. 7-13-226

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. 10, 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 \$120,685.35 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from June 1, 2013 to, June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-811-225 in the amount of \$120,685.35, 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 \$120,685.35, as certified by the Architect in Pay Estimate No. 10, 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.

On behalf of Mayor Minkoff, Council President Millet appointed Debbie Hehir to serve as a member of Commission for Universal Access for a term to expire March 2, 2016.

On behalf of Mayor Minkoff, Council President Millet appointed the following to the Public Information Committee for terms to expire as follows:

Matthew Hersh, Chairperson	May 1, 2015
Chaim Cohen, Vice Chairperson	May 1, 2015
Valeri Weidmann	May 1, 2015
Laurel Kornfeld	May 1, 2014
Saskia Marina	May 1, 2014
Gary Leslie, HPTV Liaison	May 1, 2015
Jamie McCrone, Main Street Liaison	May 1, 2015

On motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the above appointments were confirmed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Brill Mittler.

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented about the overflowing garbage receptacles on Raritan Avenue. She inquired about item #26 on the agenda. Council President Millet indicated that the change order was for the catwalks on the north side. Ms. Bickhardt complained that she is vision impaired and that sidewalks in town are not safe to walk on. She also noted that cars block sidewalks and she is forced to go out into the street. Council President Millet asked that if she has a specific complaint/violation she should call the Borough to report it. Ms. Bickhardt commented that people don't seem to care anymore. The bricks look very attractive on the crosswalks, but they don't hold up and break and then are patched with blacktop. She referenced Raritan Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> and towards the bridge. Council President Millet noted that they would look into the matter.

Mary Curran, 67 Cleveland Avenue, noted that she is a faculty member and Associate Dean of Local Global Partnerships at the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers. She was hoping to be here when Councilwoman Foster-Dublin spoke about Pinwheels for Peace. Rutgers has a strong collaboration with the school district and the Borough through the recreation center. They are working on the Partnership for Global Citizenship. They are hoping that children going through the school system will come out as global citizens. They have a sister school partnership in Mexico that will also be doing the Pinwheels for Peace. As part of the summer recreation program they have been providing Chinese language instruction and will continue through the after school program. She thanked the Council for their support of these initiatives.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Erickson, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned to the Conference Meeting at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk