

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 3, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 and was called to order by Mayor Minkoff at 7:11 PM. Mayor Minkoff read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: None

Mayor Minkoff asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that Ida O'Connor, a frequent visitor to the senior center, passed away last week. She lived to be 105 and was a spirited and wonderful person. The Council observed a moment of silence.

Councilman Morris reported that the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office will hold a gun surrender program on April 21st from 10AM – 4PM and April 22nd from 1PM – 5PM at the Sacred Heart Church in New Brunswick. This will enable individuals to turn guns in for a minimal fee if unregistered and no questions will be asked.

Councilwoman Welkovits - No Report.

Councilman Millet noted that he had nothing significant to report on Cleveland Avenue litigation.

Councilman Erickson reported that the It's In Our Power Campaign has been launched. Residents can apply to get an energy audit for \$49. The Earth Day/Health Fair event will be held on April 22nd at the Highland Park High School. Mayor Minkoff thanked Jon Erickson and Sustainable Highland Park for a wonderful campaign.

Councilwoman Brill Mittler noted that the Borough received a speedy response from the State on approval of the Borough's 2012 budget. She thanked Kathleen Kovach for doing a great job.

Borough Administrator – No Report.

Borough Attorney Schmierer reported that the Mt. Laurel litigation motions are scheduled for April 27th at 1:30PM. They are continuing settlement discussions with both parties. Will provide report at next meeting.

Mayor Minkoff noted that he his working with Main Street Highland Park in coordination with the Economic Development Committee. Has meeting scheduled with real estate agents to broaden marketing efforts. Will be holding first breakfast meeting to hear what is on people's minds. He is involved with discussion of energy tax receipts bill and is talking to other Mayors regarding shared services.

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

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

The Clerk reported advertising a summary of the 2012 Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution, introduced and approved on first reading March 6, 2012, with the public hearing scheduled for April 3, 2011, and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that copies of the budget were made available to the public in Borough Hall and the Highland Park Library.

On motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget was opened.

No one appearing to be heard, on motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget was closed.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

No. 4-12-126

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WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2012 was approved on the 6th day of March, 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2012 be made:

Current Fund - Anticipated Revenues:

General Revenues

1 Surplus Anticipated

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Surplus Anticipated	1,050,000.00	1
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Total Surplus anticipated	1,050,000.00	0

3 Miscellaneous Revenues

Section A: Local Revenues

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Interest & Costs on Taxes	70,000.00	6
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Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section A	609,313.00	0

Section F: Special Items of Revenue Anticipated with Prior
Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services
- Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

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Clean Communities	0.00	1
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Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F	16,135.00	0

Section G: Special Items of Revenue
Anticipated

with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local
Government Services - Other Special Items:

Reserve for Police Off-Duty - Administrative Costs	20,000.00	
Reserve for Compensated Absences	20,000.00	
Reserve for Tax Appeals	78,985.94	6
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Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G	769,430.98	0

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7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	<u><u>\$13,224,555.00</u></u>	<hr/> <hr/>
Current Fund - Appropriations		
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations within "CAPS"		
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Salaries and Wages	<u>3,096,042.00</u>	<hr/>
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Total Operations Including Contingent within "CAPS"	<u>9,299,418.00</u>	<hr/>

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Salaries and Wages	5,918,688.00	
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes		1
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within "CAPS"	<u>10,561,562.00</u>	
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:		1
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Clean Communities	0.00	1
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Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	<u>16,135.00</u>	9
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Total Operations-Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>973,367.00</u>	
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Other Expenses	973,367.00	
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal		2
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Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>2,382,993.00</u>	
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(O) Total General Appropriations- Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>2,382,993.00</u>	

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(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	12,944,555.00	\$
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	\$13,224,555.00	2

9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2012 local municipal budget so amended.

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On motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, the 2012 budget, was adopted as amended, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

No. 4-12-127

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and

authorization of the amount of:

- (a) (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated	\$1,140,800.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	2,507,439.30
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	0.00

2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes

Municipal Support (Item [a], Sheet 11)	9,097,023.26
Minimum Library Tax (Item [c], Sheet 11)	451,105.76

Total Revenues \$13,196,368.32

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. General

Appropriations:

Within "CAPS"	
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent	\$9,271,230.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	1,262,144.00
(f) Judgments	
Excluded from "CAPS"	
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	973,368.32
(c) Capital Improvements	100,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	1,222,865.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	86,761.00

(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>280,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$13,196,368.32

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 3rd day of April, 2012. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the CY 2012 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND TAX RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED,
MAY BE FOUND AT THE END OF THESE MINUTES

The Clerk reported advertising and notification of Main Street Highland Park 2011 Budget for consideration of passage on final reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Morris, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the Main Street Highland Park 2011 Budget was taken up on final reading by title.

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

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

The Clerk reported advertising and notification of Main Street Highland Park 2012 Budget for consideration of passage on final reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled resolution was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Minkoff declared the public hearing on the Budget 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, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: Councilwoman Brill Mittler.

Absent: None.

No. 4-12-128

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2-12-77 adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park on February 21, 2012, that approved the Main Street Highland Park Budget for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, said Budget was advertised in the Home News Tribune issue of March 16, 2012 together with a notice of the public hearing on the Budget scheduled for April 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ; and

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WHEREAS, said Budget and Notice of Hearing had been posted in the Borough Hall where public notices are customarily posted and was made available to each person requesting the same prior to and during the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, notice had been served on all property owners within the Special Improvement District as certified by the Tax Assessor and as shown by the affidavit of the Borough Clerk attached hereto and a public hearing on the Budget was held on April 3, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 2012 Main Street Highland Park Budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of

Income		
	Government Grants	25,000.00
	Special Assessment (BID)	156,000.00
	Sponsorships	<u>15,000.00</u>
	Total Income	\$196,000.00
Expense		
	Administration and General	\$ 130,600.00
	Program Expense	<u>65,400.00</u>
	Total Expense	\$196,000.00
	Budget Surplus/Carryover	\$0.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Main Street Highland Park, the Tax Assessor, the Tax Collector and the Finance Director forthwith.
ADOPTED: April 3, 2012

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1810 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH ON MAY 3, 2011 ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE " B APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,809,523 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF," TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$2,900,000 AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$2,761,904 TO FINANCE PART OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-12-129

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1810 HERETOFORE FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH ON MAY 3, 2011 ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE " B APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,809,523 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF," TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$2,900,000 AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$2,761,904 TO FINANCE PART OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS THEREOF, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on April 17, 2012, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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

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

Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 4-12-130 through 4-12-137 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Millet, seconded by Councilman Erickson, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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

No. 4-12-130

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that all claims presented prior to this meeting as shown on a detailed list prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and which have been submitted and approved in accordance with Highland Park Ordinance No. 1004, shall be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall include in the minutes of this meeting a statement as to all such claims approved as shown in a Bills List Journal in accordance with said Ordinance.

The bills approved for payment at this meeting, Bills List 4/03 /12, can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 31.

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

No. 4-12-131

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Section 3 of Resolution 1-12-19, adopted by the Borough Council on January 3, 2012, shall be amended by the addition of the following:

Vendor Fees:		
	\$150.00	Food Vendor
	\$150.00	Large Merchandise Vendor
	\$100.00	Small Merchandise Vendor
	\$50.00	Any Highland Park Business (Food or Merchandise)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Recreation Program Coordinator.

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

No. 4-12-132

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 3, 2012 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 \$8,500.00, effective April 3, 2012.

RICHARD MCGLYNN, Sports Camp Co-Director, at an annual salary of \$4,000.00, effective April 3, 2012.

ERIN WASHINGTON, Sports Camp Co-Director, at an annual salary of \$4,000.00, effective April 3, 2012.

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 3, 2012 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:

DAVID BALDWIN, Laborer, full time, at an hourly rate of \$14.69, effective April 16, 2012.

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 Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 4-12-133

WHEREAS, COAH has assigned the Borough of Highland Park a 75 unit rehabilitation obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has hired Clarke, Caton and Hintz to prepare an amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and Spending Plan to address this obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has also retained Community Grants, Planning and Housing (“CGP&H”) to prepare and administer an indigenous need rehab program that complies with applicable law, including but not limited to New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing regulations (N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.2) and Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1); and

WHEREAS, CGP&H has prepared all the documents necessary to implement a fully compliant indigenous need rehabilitation program of up to 75 units (see Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed the documents CGP&H has prepared, finds them to be appropriate and wishes for CGP&H to commence implementation immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park anticipates that it will fund the rehabilitation program through development fees, a \$500,000 bond previously issued and from other sources; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the above funding source proves inadequate to complete the rehabilitation program contemplated by the program, the Borough shall provide sufficient funding to address any shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates making certain claims for credits for units previously rehabilitated, which could reduce the scope of the indigenous need rehabilitation program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body in the Borough of Highland Park, that it hereby formally approves the Indigenous Need Rehabilitation Program prepared by CGP&H and hereby directs CGP&H to commence implementation immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough shall appropriate funds or authorize the issuance of debt to fund any shortfall in its rehabilitation program that may arise whether due to inadequate funding from other sources or for any other reason.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Highland Park may repay debt through future collections of development fees, as such funds become available.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough reserves the right to reduce the scope of its indigenous need rehab program based upon the number of credits the Court determines are available to the Borough to claim.

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

No. 4-12-134

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

Al Garlatti	September 1, 2015
Mary Barnes	September 1, 2016

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

No. 4-12-135

WHEREAS, Rafique Ahmad, William Amann, Norman Barksdale, Jean Bergman, Frank Catalfamo, Pasquale "Pat" Catalfamo, Venkateswara Reddy Chinthala, Robert Clementi, James Coyle, Yahya Kamal Eliewa, Wayne Errichello, Jeffrey Freund, Sukhchain Singh Gill, Michael Glova, Robert Hala, Sr., Lewis Hill, John Richard Hismeh, Arshad Hameed Khan, David Klouser, Barnell F. Lee, Jr., Rajinderpal Lehal, Daniel Myers, John V. O'Boyle, Stanley Joseph Ostreyko, David Paul Presseisen, Thomas Renner, Leon Rozenblat, Randy Shutz, Barry Sinibaldi, and Michael Valor, 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 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police 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 applicant is qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of said Licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Operator License to the aforesaid applicants.

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

No. 4-12-136

WHEREAS, Frank Catalfamo, Pasquale "Pat" Catalfamo, Robert Clementi, James Coyle, Sukhchain Singh Gill, Lewis Hill, Parmjit K. Lehal, Thomas Renner and Randy Shutz, have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for an Owners License to operate taxicabs in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such licenses for the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has investigated said applicants and has reported favorably upon said applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby determined that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of such Licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Owner License to the aforesaid applicants.

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

No. 4-12-137

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park advertised for proposals for Hazardous Materials Project for the Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS, two proposals were solicited and were received; and

WHEREAS, said proposals were reviewed by Code Enforcement Director, Scott Luthman, and he has recommended that the proposal submitted by Brinkerhoff Environmental Services be accepted;

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 1-01-32-465-235 in an amount not to exceed \$13,745.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by Finance Director Kathleen Kovach, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the proposal of Brinkerhoff Environmental Services is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Code Enforcement Director, forthwith.

Mayor Minkoff appointed Jan Verstraete to serve as an Alternate on the Commission for Universal Access for a term to expire March 2, 2015.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

Hadassah Geretz, 49 Cleveland Avenue, commented that the street signs at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and River Road are bent and crooked. She also noted that the pedestrian lights on River Road are not working. When you press the button, cars don't slow down and they don't stop. She is concerned about pedestrian safety. Mayor Minkoff noted that he will have DPW handle the repair of the signs. Councilman Morris to work with the County, who installed the pedestrian lights, and the Police Department to remedy the problem.

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Andrew Brown, 217 Cleveland Avenue, commented about repair work done at the intersection of North 2nd Avenue and Raritan Avenue. He felt that the area needed to be cleaned up some more. Mayor Minkoff noted that the Code Enforcement Department would take a look at the area and take appropriate action.

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

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

No. 4-12-138

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are mindful of the right of the public to attend and witness meetings of governmental bodies at which public business is discussed, and to be involved in all phases of governmental action; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act nonetheless recognizes the authority of a public body to exclude the public from meetings in certain enumerated instances in which disclosure of matters discussed could endanger public safety, property or other public interest, or invade individual privacy; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(B), the Mayor and Council have a need to meet in private session to discuss two matters affecting pending or anticipated litigation to which the public body may be party; matters within the attorney-client privilege.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will meet in private session at 5:00 P.M. on April 3, 2012, to discuss the above mentioned items.

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Brill Mittler, seconded by Councilman Millet, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned to the Conference Meeting at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk