

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:00 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Mayor Brill Mittler, Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits; Borough Attorney Schmierer; Borough Administrator Jover; Deputy Clerk Santiago.

Absent: Borough Clerk Hullings.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Council members to present their reports.

Councilwoman Foster Dublin reported that on Thursday from 6PM to 8PM there will be an Open House at the Fire Department. The Police Department has a candidate that will be attending the academy in January and he is from Highland Park. The teen center has been very busy this year and they have implemented a girl's program and the program started this week. They have special speakers that will be coming in and they have activities and events planned. They also have a financial literacy program that is going to run for 4 weeks starting Thursday for grades 9 through 12. This class is important for students that will be going to college. On November 22nd they will be having a Friendsgiving afternoon and this is an opportunity to come out and have a pre-Thanksgiving event at the Zone 6 Teen Center. On November 15th there will be a movie night at 6PM. She was at the teen center today and there are a lot of refreshments for the kids when they come in the afternoon. The retaining wall is under construction by the teen center. She encouraged everyone to look up from their phones when crossing the street. She encouraged people to be cautious and to use the sidewalks.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that you can now register online for recreation programs at highlandparkrec.com. Recreation is looking to add a free new program for Highland Park children ages 0 to 5 with their parents or caregivers. More details to follow. The Council on Aging group will be meeting on November 19th at 2:30 PM at the community center. Last week the Arts Commission held their Access Granted opening reception and art exhibitions centering around the lives and stories of people with disabilities living in our community and it was standing room only over at Penstock. She thanked Allison Baldwin and the Arts Commission for everything they did, this was a really good event centering around our residents that often times cannot participate in different events. November is National Diabetes month. Almost 30 million people in the United States have some form of diabetes. 1 in 4 don't even realize that they have the disease. It is never too late to commit to a healthier lifestyle. The Mayor hosts Walks with the Mayor.

Councilman Hale reported that the Borough has a number of radon testing kits available for free in the Code Enforcement Office. He recognized that Stop & Shop recently gave a very large donation to the Food Pantry of about \$2,800. It was a big donation and they do it every year. Stop & Shop has a box that they are selling for \$10 that provides all the fixings for a holiday meal. If you buy it, it will be donated to the Food Pantry. So far, 146 of those have been purchased and donated and he thanked those that have shopped and contributed to that. If you are on a committee or commission you should have received a survey that was sent out as part of the Human Resources Committee and it is part of our application for Sustainable Jersey which is an attempt to try and understand the demographics of all of our committees and council members. If you get the survey, please make sure that you fill it out. He had the privilege and honor of marching in the Veteran's Day Parade this year along with the Mayor, Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, Congressman Pallone and Assemblywoman Pinkin. It was a nice turnout of high school and middle school students and people from Highland Park and it is an important tradition in Highland Park and he hopes that the tradition continues.

Councilwoman Welkovits congratulated her fellow members of the Governing Body for their success last week in the election. Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, Council President Phil George and Councilman Matt Hale have all been re-elected. We are required this year to review our Master Plan and they have spent the better part of the past year in our re-examination report and it can be viewed on the borough website. On November 14th at 7:30 PM the Planning Board will be reviewing the master plan and will be receiving a presentation on the land use element. Both documents available on the website. The Master Plan is a guide to establish specific goals and provide a framework to work towards by the Council, our staff, our Planning Board and our Zoning Board. She reminded everyone that on Fridays is the well-known farmer's market and it runs through December. Small business weekend is November 30th and December 1st and that is when we will be celebrating all our small shops with lots of deals, discounts and events.

Councilman George congratulated his fellow council member and the Mayor on the recent election. The PSE&G solar farm installation is done and the site work is being completed. They estimate they will have it up and running in January as opposed to the Spring. It lets them move forward with Phase 2, which is the microgrid and which is in planning. As of November 1st, the final phase of the plastic bag ban went into effect. He congratulated Michael Wiczorkiewicz on his appointment as the new Superintendent of Public Works to succeed Don Rish. This is leaf season which puts an extraordinary burden on the Department of Public Works to collect leaves. He asked that residents be patient as they make their way around town to collect them. He reminded everyone that there is snow in the forecast for tonight which missed them, but the rain and cold bring up the subject of black ice. The trucks are ready to deal with that, but residents should be careful while driving. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee meets tomorrow night at 8:00 PM. The Public Works and Public Utilities Committee will meet on Thursday morning at 8:30 AM. Sustainable Highland Park will meet next Wednesday at 8:00 PM in the lower level conference room in borough hall.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that the teen center work is underway. It is a green infrastructure rain garden that will be installed on the side of the building. Will have an event in the Spring of 2020.

Borough Attorney Schmierer- No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that she was delighted to join Councilman Hale and Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and all of the veterans from Highland Park and New Brunswick in yesterday's Veteran's Day Parade. It was wonderful to see so many school children out on the streets and she spoke with Principal Lassiter from the high school who was so happy to bring the students out onto the streets and that for next year he wants to start planning much more of a participatory and explanatory program so that the high school students can learn more about the veterans and she is excited about that. She is hoping to be able to have him get together with the folks who organize the march so that the high school students can be a bigger part of it. She thanked everyone who showed up. She remembered when she first moved to Highland Park that people would bring their lawn chairs out and line the streets to wait for the parades. She is hoping we can get to that kind of remembrance and celebration of all of our veterans. Next week, some of the Governing Body will be going to the League of Municipalities event where they have a chance to meet with other elected officials from throughout the state and to lobby our legislators. She is on the resolutions committee of the League of Municipalities and she is co-sponsoring one of the resolutions being put forth that has a lot of meaning to us in Highland Park. Those of you who have been writing and calling about all the street lamps out throughout town, she spoke to Capt. Curbelo and when the Police are patrolling in the evening, they will help identify the lamps that are out. The resolution she is co-sponsoring is one that they hope they BPU will support and that is for the electric utilities to go all LED lights which would save the municipalities money, but not to charge them for the changeover.

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

Leslie Moran, volunteer with a regional shelter and the Humane Society, thanked Highland Park for being a plastic free town. She shared an email with the Mayor and Council about her town's experience with a puppy store five years ago. Because a business is legal does not mean it is humane or desirable. They are compelling reasons for the ordinance which has been under consideration here. This is what happened in East Hanover and East Brunswick. Dogs in commercial breeding facilities live in inhumane conditions that allegedly comply with the animal welfare act. The public is routinely deceived by sales pitches indicating that the USDA designation means something and represents high standards of care. There is no restriction on how often or for how long a female dog can be bred. Pet shop owners will try to have you believe that there are a few bad actors out there and that they are the exception. There is ample evidence of serious systemic problems and plenty of examples of their involvement with known large-scale breeders who have violations of the animal welfare act. Every year the humane society publishes a list of breeding operations that had the worst violations and this list is compiled from research that is publicly available of violations, fines, and records. At least 53 of the horrible 100 were shipping puppies to New Jersey in the timeframe 2015-2016 when the pet purchase protection act went into effect.

Ellen Roesener, Kronman building, congratulated the Mayor on the Affordable Housing Award that Highland Park won. Four weeks ago, she emailed the Mayor about an issue in the Kronman building. People in the building said don't waste your time, she won't do anything. She emailed her 6:00 AM on Tuesday, October 15th and she replied 1 hour later and said she would check into it. No response to 2 more emails from her. On October 24th the Mayor had an open office day. She discussed the issue and at that meeting she told her aide Harry to call two different people about the issue. She gave Harry her contact information so that he could report back. To date, they have not heard anything from anybody. She asked if the Mayor ignores everyone in Highland Park or just those in the Kronman building.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, asked about the survey for the committees and commissions. She commented about the opportunity to talk in the public comment's session. They used to have a separate conference meeting that has now been joined. She feels that it was done in a very pointed way without much explanation. She was told that it would be discussed with her. It was another opportunity for public comment and she is frustrated. She thinks that they should be cognizant of adding opportunities for public comment, not taking them away. She thinks it is a problem if they are looking for ways to save time. She thinks it is a big problem taking away public comment versus adding public comment. You talk about separate items there and those are different topics. It is something where if she sees a topic on that agenda, she will come up and comment at this session, but she thinks it was a strange and convoluted way to reduce opportunities for more comment and she is concerned about that. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they are trying to experiment with different things that will work for everybody and help with the transparency issue. She hears the comments about the public discussion and when they start working towards finalizing how they are going to handle meetings in 2020, they will take that into consideration. This is a work in progress for us. For the last many decades, it was very different and we are trying to make change to meet today's needs.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, thanked all the ladies and gentlemen who have come up over the last couple of months to voice their opinions, he respects all of them. Tonight, he is calling on the Council Members and the Mayor to consider what he has to say. For the past 3 months, they have been listening to everyone talk about anti-Semitism, prejudice, and bigotry. He despises all the bigots and anyone who speaks prejudice. Tonight, he is calling on the Mayor and Council to table all comments at these regular meetings and to set aside a special day for anyone that wants to talk about anti-Semitism that they be able to come to that meeting. These regular meetings are for very important issues in Highland Park that have to be addressed. For the past couple of months now, this has been ignored. If you want to bring guards to the temples and synagogues, he agrees. You have to also put guards at the churches to protect everyone.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 114 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" TO ENACT A NEW ARTICLE IV TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS OR CATS FROM "PUPPY MILLS", 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 Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler 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.

Jean Clatin, Marlton, NJ, commented that she represents New Jersey residents against puppy mills. She sent a letter with attachments concerning pet stores and the federal and state laws. These pet stores and puppy mills have been let down by every level of government. The federal government is not interested in doing it. They have the animal welfare act which is outdated. It allows for a breeding dog to be in a cage where they can just turn around and have a few inches above their head and that is how they spend their lives breeding. The USDA inspectors go out and don't want to have to come back if there is a problem and they just pass everything. At the state level, it is pretty much the same. There is the Pet Purchase Protection Act, but it is not enforced. She is happy they took this up as it is a moral issue.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 19-1990, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 11-19-318

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 114 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" TO ENACT A NEW ARTICLE IV TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS OR CATS FROM "PUPPY MILLS", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, 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 advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 16, "CLAIMS APPROVAL", 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 Fine, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler 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 Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 19-1991, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 11-19-319

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 16, "CLAIMS APPROVAL", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, 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 TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION", had been introduced in writing by the Council as a Whole for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 11-19-320

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION", 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 Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 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.

Resolution Nos. 11-19-321 through 11-19-333, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 11-19-321

WHEREAS, there exists various outstanding checks on the books of the Claim Fund of the Borough of Highland Park, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these checks are at least one year old and should be canceled,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following outstanding checks in the Claims Fund IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,826.11 be cancelled to Current Fund Surplus:

<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>CHECK AMOUNT</u>
1652	\$ 7500.00
2678	140.00
2823	746.00
2934	50.00
3251	50.00
3716	1000.00
4478	20.00
4551	688.50
4652	372.50
4660	324.00
5360	198.00
5497	300.00
5542	150.00
6359	625.00
6430	320.00
6450	2262.53
<u>6696</u>	<u>79.58</u>
TOTAL	\$14826.11

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 11-19-322

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to publicly bid for the services of its Professionals, including but not limited to, the Borough Attorney, Bond Attorney, Labor Attorney, Auditor, Engineer, Planner, Planning Board Attorney, Board of Adjustment Attorney, Redevelopment Attorney, Planning Board Engineer, Board of Adjustment Engineer, Tax Appeal Attorney, Special COAH Planner, Special COAH Attorney, Risk Manager, Prosecutor, and Public Defender to perform services for the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough is hereby authorized to publicly bid for the services of its Professionals to perform professional services for the Borough by a Request for Qualifications.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 11-19-323

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that transfers of 2019 budget appropriation balances shall be made as follows:

Budget Transfer #1			
	Description	From	To
	Planner OE		5,000.00
	Unemployment		5,000.00
	Borough Administrator OE	5,000.00	

Information Technology OE	5,000.00	
	10,000.00	10,000.00

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 11-19-324

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2019 by Resolution 4-19-119 the Borough of Highland Park entered into an agreement with Government Management Advisors, LLC, East Brunswick NJ to provide water and sewer utility consulting services; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park has reviewed the report issued by Government Management Advisors regarding management alternatives for the water and sewer department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park is interested in pursuing a contract for operations and maintenance of the water and sewer utility as recommended in the report; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park wishes to extend the contract with Government Management Advisors to assist with the development of the contract for operations and maintenance of the system as well as other interim needs in the utility; and

WHEREAS, additional funds are available for this purpose in the amount of \$7,500.00 in Account No. 9-05-55-500-233, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to extend an Agreement for professional services and if necessary are directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an extension of an Agreement for professional services with Gregory C. Fehrenbach, Government Advisors, LLC, 40 Yorktown Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3325 and that notice of this contract extension be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 11-19-325

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2016, Merriewold at Highland Park, Kaplan Companies, hereto posted with the Borough of Highland Park Performance Bond No. FP0023045, issued by First Indemnity of American Insurance Company in the amount of \$2,669,495.83 and a letter of credit issued by Provident Bank in the amount of \$296,610.65, for a total amount of \$2,966,106.48, in connection with a preliminary and final site plan application on the property known as Block 189, Lot 4, in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the developer for the referenced project had requested that the Performance Bond and Letter of Credit be released and pursuant to Resolution No. 5-18-126, said performance bond was reduced by \$2,076,274.54 to \$899,831.94, and letter of credit was reduced to \$88,983.19, as per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the developer has requested that said Performance Bond and Letter of Credit be released; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, Borough Engineer, has reviewed the site in the field and found all of the required work has been completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Performance Bond heretofore posted by Kaplan Companies in the amount of \$889,831.94, and the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$88,983.19, for Merriewold at Highland Park, shall be and is hereby released subject to the following:

1. Posting of a 2-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$444,915.97.
2. Payment of any outstanding engineering inspection fees.
3. Payment of any outstanding Borough fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, Borough Engineer, Construction Official, and Kaplan Companies.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 11-19-326

WHEREAS, JJCKEC, LLC has 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 2020; and

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

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

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. 11-19-327

WHEREAS, Michael Valor, James J. Coyle 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 2020; 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 Licenses.

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

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

No. 11-19-328

WHEREAS, Middlesex County, through the Division of Solid Waste Management, will provide partial funding for a three-year period to participating municipalities for each appliance from which chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) and HCFC Hydrochlorofluorocarbons are properly removed under the CFC Recovery Reimbursement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park wishes to participate in said Program, which would address environmental issues such as the depletion of the ozone layer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest the five-year shared service agreement covering the CFC Recovery Reimbursement Program, a copy of which is attached to the original of this resolution, with Middlesex County, said Agreement commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024.

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

No. 11-19-329

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park owns and operates the Water/Sewer Utility of the Borough of Highland Park and requires accurate meters and reading equipment to ensure water usage is correctly measured and billed for; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's former supplier of meters and reading equipment no longer supports the meter type and software the Borough is currently using; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator's Office solicited three competitive quotes from meter companies and Core & Main offered the most competitive price for meters and reading equipment; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose by way of Account Number 9-05-55-500-4MR, in an amount not to exceed \$14,250.00 as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Finance Department, shown below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to purchase water meters and reading equipment from Core & Main for an amount not to exceed \$14,250.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Borough Administrator and the Department of Public Works forthwith.

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

No. 11-19-330

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 2, 2019 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:

LOUIS L. MIDDLETON, Police Officer (Academy), at annual salary of \$36,057, effective December 15, 2019.

MARIO VARONE, Electrical Inspector, at annual salary of \$5,012, effective December 3, 2019.

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 2, 2019 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:

FAIZON MORRIS, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective October 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director be and 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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 11-19-331

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park was awarded a Safe Routes to School Program grant in the amount of \$216,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for infrastructure and intersection improvements and ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park was awarded engineering design assistance from the NJDOT for the 2016 Safe Routes to School grant; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park selected the consulting firm NV5 to provide the engineering and design assistance for this project according to the NJDOT's specified consultant selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration authorized funding for these engineering services up to an amount of \$106,556.74 based on the scope of work and budget that was agreed upon by the Borough of Highland Park and the NJDOT Division of Local Aid.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the Federal Aid Agreement with the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Division of Local Aid and Economic Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said agreement, scope of work and budget shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall not be binding on either party until it is executed by the Commissioner of Transportation or the Commissioner's designee.

The following resolution, introduced by the Recreation and Arts Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 11-19-332

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Borough, the Middlesex County Office on Aging Grant Agreement in the amount of \$6,000.00 for 2020 for the Highland Park Department of Community Services, a copy of which is attached to the original of this resolution.

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

No. 11-19-333

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 11/12/2019 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 39.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Scott Brescher to serve as the ADA Coordinator for a term to expire January 1, 2020.

The above appointment was confirmed on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

Josh Pruzansky, North 10th Avenue, commented that he is standing here today as a member of the NJ Israel Commission along with fellow Commissioner Andrew Getraer. He read statement issued by the Governor regarding the rocket attacks against Israel today. The Governor states that the continued random targeting of innocent Israeli civilians by terrorist groups is not only cowardly, but must be condemned in the strongest terms. New Jersey stands with all Israeli's who wish to live free of the fear of unmitigated terrorism.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, asked about the demographics survey for the committees and commission. She got the survey and it said that it was being done for a grant for silver status for Sustainable Highland Park. She asked what is going to be done with the results in terms of trying to encourage more diversity on the committees and commissions. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the silver status was the impetus for this, but it is in line with things they have been discussion as a Council since the Spring. She is hoping that they will be able to address these issues by opening up slots on boards or commissions that might not have as great a diversity as they should. She is opening that the Communications Committee will help them communicate how many opening there might be. Borough Administrator Jover noted that one of the components to get the points is that the results must be presented as compared to our demographic data to the Council. You will hear the results of the survey in a public way. Ms. Stern Cardinale commented about the award the Borough received about affordable housing. She is a little concerned with the comments made in the past that we have to do this due to litigation. She encouraged them to embrace, be proud of that and not just encourage affordable housing when it is convenient and make it a priority. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that she was delighted to share in the award and she thanked former Councilman Hersh for introducing her to some of the people at the affordable housing institute. She was delighted to participate in a panel where she was encouraging other elected officials to participate as well, not only because of COAH, but it brings people into the community that may not otherwise have been able to afford to live in those communities. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that when she first got on Council, one the things they took on was affordable housing. It was always a priority here in Highland Park. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she did reach out to Ms. Roesener and spoke to the Housing Authority and put them on notice about their concerns. The Housing Authority will be addressing the issues. They are upgrading showers and bathrooms and it is interfering with the Wi-Fi there.

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented that she has owned her home for over 40 year4s. She gets phone calls daily on housing and she was wondering if others got that too. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted there are a lot of scams and they are targeting seniors. Call the Police Department and let them know. Ms. Bickhardt commented that the sidewalks and streets in the area of Magnolia street are in bad shape. She walks her dog in the area and it is dangerous. Councilman George noted that the sidewalks in front of businesses and homes is the responsibility of the homeowner and business owner.

Matt Hersh, 333 Felton Avenue, congratulated the Borough on winning the community award from the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey. The Borough was nominated by Coming Home of Middlesex County for its work with the Reformed Church of Highland Park's Affordable Housing Corporation in its ongoing effort to provide affordable housing for residents in need. It is illustrative of an environment that allows that type of operation to exist. You can have a million affordable housing corporations, but if they are in town that doesn't favor either the residents that live in that type of housing or involves a more hostile environment, you would be surprised at how many obstacles there are to building affordable housing. The Borough is making a concerted effort on building affordable housing and he does think they ever tried to shy away from that obligation. There are times when density is necessitated from litigation and he would love to see more affordable homes in Highland Park and Middlesex County and there are ways to do that. He congratulated Mike Wiczorkiewicz on his promotion, he is an amazing person. He happened to spend some time with him and two other guys from DPW when they were fixing the water main break on North 4th Avenue. He has the right temperament and he participated in the Pride

Flag raising at the LGBTQ event and that is a huge deal for an employee to get behind the policy and understand the importance of the symbolism of that gesture.

Pam Dorman, 423 South 5th Avenue, commented that she had written some questions about the continuing developments regarding the development of Buck Woods. There will be another tree removal and that had to be allowed because of the previous court case. They have received something from the developer in terms of the environmental fix up that has to be done before any building can take place. Borough Administrator Jover spoke about the LSRP's report that was submitted at the Borough's request following their removal request. They have identified additional areas for testing which was their rationale for the tree removals. Ms. Dorman asked about the remediation to be done on the property and that the Borough was approached by the developer. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that that matter is the last piece of the litigation regarding Buck Woods and she believes that it went to one of the Judges and he was not happy with the results of the Judge's decision and he appealed the decision. The Appellate Judge disagreed with the decision of the lower court Judge and now we are in limbo. Ms. Dorman commented that remediation definitely needs to be done before building starts and that issue is still before the court. With the tree removal, one of the things she pointed out is that the number of trees is like 30 and 5 or 6 of them are behind one property at the end of that whole tract. She is concerned about erosion for all of them. It seemed very odd that a place that already had a lot of trees removed is the site of where most of the trees in this next removal are proposed to be removed. Is there anything to be done? Borough Attorney

Andrew Gertraer, South 2nd Avenue, commented that he wanted to address the failure of the Borough Council to pass a resolution on condemning anti-Semitism. It is something that he knows they have been thinking about a lot, but he doesn't know that they understand the ramifications of the failure of the Council to this date. Three years ago, people woke up after election day if this was the same country they thought it was. The results of the politics in government was a surprise to them that they wondered if they lived in the same country they believed they were in and that is exactly how he felt the day after the last council meeting when he sat here until he could not take it anymore for about 2 ½ hours and he heard his fellow Borough residents expressing some of the most hateful rhetoric that he has ever heard in a public forum; things that he generally only sees when patrolling some of the darker parts of the internet and hate sites. He listened to that and saw the failure of the Borough to respond to that. He wondered what it will take to move them. His family actually wonders if it is safe for him to get up and speak at these meetings, because they are on tape and people watch them. He has gotten a lot of comments in the last couple of weeks from people who weren't even at the meeting and not all of those comments are friendly and not all of you who are watching this are friendly. It makes him feel that this town has failed the Jewish community in two different ways. There has been a failure, because hate has been released. Hate has a home here and we have allowed it to fester and voice itself because the Council has failed to say stop. It is a failure that people in the Jewish community are talking about every day since that last resolution. A lot of people didn't come and figured it is an anti-Semitism resolution; of course it will pass because dozens of municipalities in New Jersey and around the country have passed similar things. States have passed similar things and governments in Europe have similar things. If the Germans can pass an anti-Semitism that includes condemning the anti-Semitism of BDS, why can't our own town of Highland Park? The pain of this is real. Other groups have come to you and you have recognized them without even coming to us needing support. When immigrants are under fire, this Borough steps up and provides a resolution of welcome and a statement that they care and you have failed so completely to do that that he doesn't think they care. How many months does it take to write a resolution saying we condemn hatred of Jews? If you all had put in the effort, it takes, you could have done this like twenty something other towns in the state. Some of you don't even read your email because you stated it right here at this forum. He knows he sent a very well thought out, impassioned email to you and he can count on no hands how many responses he got. He did not even get an acknowledgement saying thank you for your concern about this issue, we will discuss it. That is all a person needs to think that someone on the other end cares. He knows that there are other people who probably sent in their concerns and got nothing either. His plea to the Council is to show them that they care, show them that you care what concerned citizens have to say. Show us that you care that the Jewish community is feeling unsafe in their own town, abandoned by them, and afraid of some of their own neighbors. He hopes that they have kicked the can down the road and never to return to it again. He hopes that they will take the idea behind this resolution and find people to educate them and come up with something. He thinks it is too late to put hate genie back in the bottle, because it has been released. It is not too late to show that you are against that hatred and that you do care. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough Council does take this very seriously and part of the reason that they wound up in this situation is that there was clearly a need for not only the Governing Body, but the entire community to understand what we are talking about here. She does know that most of the Council members did read every email, and there were probably over 300 of them on all sides, so please forgive them and her for not responding to every single one of them. What she did say in her recent posting when she decided to pull the resolution because it is ripping this town apart, was that she learned from this that there are people in our community and on our Council that they had never even heard of what BDS was, for example, which is what stalled a lot of the discussion here on the Council for the anti-Semitism resolution. They do have to put together a series of panel discussions, education and then come back to this as a community feeling that the hate you are feeling and others have expressed to me isn't hate, but was misunderstanding, lack of knowledge, or whatever. She is hoping that once we get through period of however long it takes for us to come together as a community, we will be able to do that and all of our residents can feel safe here in Highland Park. Mr. Gertraer thanked her for saying that and hopes that she can achieve that, but the longer it takes and the length of time it has taken and the failure to get to that point at this moment, the less impact you will have eventually because that genie is out of the bottle. If we wait until everyone is Highland Park is thoroughly educated about what anti-Semitism is and how it makes Jews feel and what are the different tropes, the rest of the civilization has been dealing with that for over 2,000 years and he doesn't think we are going to solve and educate everyone about anti-Semitism. He asked them to listen to the Rabbis of every single congregation in this town and the vast majority of Jews in this town and every poll that is done of Jews in America and you will see what Jews have to say. You represent the entire and you are part of the Jewish community and you are part of the progressive community and you are the leader here. You need to step up and be the bridge to educate everybody. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she hopes they have peace here and have come to understand one another. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that he did not

say anything that she has not felt in this town or in this country. Them not passing something is not taken lightly, especially by her. Everyone else in this room can get away, but she is the obvious one. Anytime she walks down a street, anyone that looks like her is an open field day. This is not taken lightly and she received over 500 emails and she read them all because she wanted to educate herself. She has met with religious leaders and with various community leaders and she is taking this seriously. We are all in the same boat and this cannot be taken lightly. There was a point in this country when we worked together and should would like to see where it comes back that Blacks and Jews are united and we work together. Mr. Gertraer thanked her for her comments and noted that we need to hear it from everyone in this town.

Ethan Schoolman, Harrison Avenue, commented that he is so sorry for what people are feeling and what they are going through with their family. He feels terrible and he is an opponent of BDS and Jewish. He felt so strongly that the Council should not be taking a stance on BDS or Israel, but he neglected to say the most important thing is he really cares about how this debate is affecting them. He doesn't want anyone in the community to feel that anyone in this town isn't worried about hate or feels strongly opposed to anti-Semitism. He thinks that the Council made a wise decision in stepping back and having a more methodical process for understanding what people in the community think. It can feel risky once the genie bottle is open, but once you keep it open, people keep arguing and yelling and that can feel really uncomfortable. He thinks that the process of learning can be really important. Many people didn't know what BDS was or have strong opinions about Israel but some people who spoke a couple of weeks ago knew very well what BDS is and also have strong opinions about Israel that might not be the same as other peoples. He thinks it shouldn't just be about education, except we should all be educating each other about the different thoughts, attitudes, opinions and feelings we have towards the subjects. If we approach it with an open mind and respectfully, he will try and have that attitude himself, whatever the resolution ends up being will be easier to accept.

Jeff Vardaro, Wayne Street, commented that he shares Ethan's thoughts as he was another person who opposed and opposes the resolution in every version that he has seen. He does think it is important to say that people like him who oppose the resolution do care about what the Jewish community thinks and feels. But it is important to understand that the listening has to go in all directions. The reason that he just got up was two things that they said that really struck him in a negative way. One is that there were plenty of people who spoke at the last meeting and previous meetings in opposition to the resolution and he was one of the people who circulated a letter that a lot of people in the community signed opposing the resolution. In a lot of those comments and in the letter that he signed, it was very clear that they do care about what the Jewish community thinks and feels and we understand that there is an atmosphere, especially since this Presidential administration took over, of real anti-Semitic hatred out there that they oppose and that they actually support the Borough taking steps against anti-Semitism. It does feel like that part of the message isn't actually being heard because we don't agree about the full content of the resolution, including the BDS part. He is not a support of BDS and he has relatives in Israel and he is a supporter of Israel in general. He disagrees with a lot of Israel's policies under the current administration, but he feels like a lot of that goes in one ear and out the other and then all you hear is you don't support a resolution condemning BDS because I don't think it is automatically anti-Semitic. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she is planning on having open discussions on these issues. She hopes that they have conversations outside of this meeting and it is something she hopes happens throughout the town. She will be looking for people to work with her to pull this together. Mr. Vardaro commented about the reading of the emails and it is something that he has also seen in the media and is a mischaracterization of what the Councilmember said and he thinks that if you go back and watch the Council meeting, nobody said they weren't reading people's emails, there were emails going around the day of the meeting substituting a new resolution for the old one. One of the Councilmembers objected to that and pointed out that there were emails she didn't have an opportunity to read and if you go back, you will see it is not a fair response to what the Council did and he doesn't think it is fair to say that the Councilmembers did not care about what was going on. Those who listened to explanations on both sides on how they voted, there was one thing everybody could see which is that everybody in the room cares deeply about the issue. Saying you don't care because you don't agree with me is not really fair.

Matt Hersh, 333 Felton Avenue, echoed what Ethan and Jeff said. He thanked the Council for tabling the resolution and taking time with this important document. In both of his public comments he mentioned that he knows how deeply this affects the Jewish community. When you have a portion of your population in pain and in fear, that has to be addressed. His believe is that it needs to come from a different place and that is where he is at and some people disagree with that. In a town with diverse opinions and backgrounds, you have to find a way to navigate that. When the Council considered the sanctuary city resolution, there was a lot of give and take, there was compromise. We heard from people who disagreed with what we were doing. A lot of people who agreed with what we were doing actually ending up disagreeing with what we were doing because we compromised.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented that she has not spoken at any of the meetings about the anti-Semitism resolution and that is on purpose. She has mixed feelings about the content of the resolution and all the different versions that have been out there. One thing she wanted to address publicly is the fact that there is a broader Jewish community and some of them as part of that Jewish community are being overlooked. She thinks that there is a very visible part of the Jewish community and that part of the Jewish community is very important and it is important to hear them, but she is also part of the Jewish community and she has also been called names and she would like part of these discussions going forward to be about how as Jews we may have different ways of expressing our religion, but we are all are Jews and should be united as Jews whether we hold the same opinions or not about international politics. Just because she does not do certain things and she does not look a certain way does not make her any less Jewish, it does not make her a Jew in name only, it does not make her any less relevant and important as part of the Jewish community. She would like that to be part of the discussion as well and doesn't think that's been said and she thinks we are talking about the Jewish community and only talking about a portion of the Jewish community, a very important portion. There should be additional focus on the Jewish community as being broader and they should come together and not tear each other apart.

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

Work Session:

2020 Council Reorganization Meeting – Discussion about the Reorganization Meeting being held on January 7, 2020 and whether or not each Councilperson would give an annual report or just have the Mayor do an annual report. Councilman Fine felt that the reports are too long and they have opportunities throughout the entire year to highlight items. Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Council Members to send her their remarks. They should choose three topics they want to highlight and limit their remarks to 3 minutes. Councilwoman Kim-Chohan suggest letting the Mayor do a separate State of the Borough Address. Mayor Brill Mittler indicated that they used to do one report approximately 20 years ago. Consensus of the Governing Body to have the Mayor do the annual report.

Best Practices Inventory – Borough Administrator Jover noted that they are trying to encourage best practices throughout the State. Highland Park has 41 points to get the full allocation. She asked the Governing Body to read and report and ask questions. She will be working with Human Resources to update the Employee Handbook.

Water & Sewer Rate Proposal – Borough Administrator Jover explained that a rate increase would be necessary to support the borrowing that has been authorized, but not yet borrowed, and to help with additional costs to run the utility. Greg has proposed, and she is proposing, a 10% rate increase for 2020. She would like to introduce the ordinance at the December 3, 2019 meeting. The rates are based on water usage. Two of the rates are fixed and are flat and there are staged rates for higher usage. One way to do it is a straight 10% across the board. We need to increase revenues by 10%. We can look at the different categories, but she would like some direction before she spends the time doing calculations. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she told the Borough Administrator that she was against penalizing seniors and small users. In the past, we have given the big users a higher percentage increase than we have the smaller users. If we go that route again, we have to give her direction in terms of what percentages of what she should be looking at. Councilman Fine noted that in order for the water and sewer system to be viable, they need this increase. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the increase is needed to fund the future additional debt. Councilman Fine would like them to look at the budget for possible cuts so that if this is presented to the public, they are not also hit with a huge tax increase also. Councilman George noted that he is concerned with just going with a 10% increase as it unfairly falls on the seniors. We have to make up for prior years when it was buried and the system cannot be supported without the increase. Councilman Hale asked if some of the 10% increase would be going to the capital budget, if not a bigger increase would be needed. Borough Administrator Jover noted that some of the increase will go into paying back, but we are not at that point yet. Governing Body concerned with amount of increase and impact to the residents. Would like to see numbers needed to run the Water & Sewer Utility. Borough Administrator noted that the borough runs a tight budget and without looking at layoffs of personnel, there are not many places to cut. They are running quarter to quarter with water and sewer.

2020 Bulk Waste Pick-Up Program – Councilman George noted that a monthly bill for recycling is \$8,000 and the rates are increasing. The last bulk trash pickup was 91 tons which is a record for the post-September town wide garage sale. The cost was \$10,000 for that event alone. They are looking to move to town wide bulk pickup twice a year. They are doing 4 pickups per year and cannot afford to keep doing it. They get a lot of bulk trash put out in the spring when Rutgers students move out. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Princeton charges for bulk trash pickup. Borough Administrator Jover noted that it is proposed to have 2 bulk pickups by appointment only. In the future looking at 1 a year and residents paying for the 2nd pick up. They are looking into what other towns charge.

Woodbridge Avenue Repaving Project – Borough Administrator Jover noted that she and the Borough Engineer met with the County and they have an estimated cost for that project. They have to pay for all off duty traffic control on the County Road. It is estimated to be about \$200,000. Woodbridge Avenue will be paved from 11th Avenue up to the Edison border. This repaving will address a lot of the drainage issues. The Council approved at a prior meeting a grant application to the DOT for discretionary funding. The Borough's share is about \$650,000 including the \$200,000 and that is capital which will need to be borrowed. There are particularly old sections of water lines in that area and if that is a high priority for water and sewer issues, we certainly would not move forward on the repaving without making the necessary repairs.

Electric Vehicle Resolution – Councilman George noted that the Governing Body needs to adopt a resolution urging the State to adopt resolution for the expansion of electric vehicles and charging stations.

Government Energy Aggregation Ordinance Next Steps – Borough Administrator Jover explained that Glen Rock adopted ordinance committing to a renewable portfolio, while New Brunswick and Food and Water Watch want 100% renewable and is much more aggressive. Need to make a decision and there is no urgency, but there is still a possibility of aligning with Piscataway.

Jewish Family Services Program – Councilwoman Kim-Chohan noted that the Senior Program Coordinator has been working them. They provide kosher meals for the seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays. They receive a grant, but they weren't receiving the number of participants they needed to get the grant and that is why they were teaming up with the Borough. They are housed in the Conservative Temple and they were looking to move to the Community Center. They want to be more visible to the residents. They would pay rent to the Borough and they have a full budget. They have decided to wait for a little while.

Highland Park Family Network Proposal – Councilwoman Kim-Chohan noted that the group met with the Recreation Program Coordinator and she brought it to the Recreation Advisory Committee and then the Recreation and Arts Committee met. This is a free program for Highland Park children ages 0-5 and their parents and caregivers. Some of their programming ideas are new parenting programs, pamphlets, play groups, etc. They would meet monthly indoors at the Borough. Discussion about budget for this program and whether the Community Center is appropriate for the program as there are no rugs on the floors.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Santiago
Deputy Clerk