

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:02 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

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

Councilwoman Foster Dublin reported that the Teen Center last month provided meals for 31 families. They also had a teen Christmas party that was well attended. They had free photos for 25 families for Christmas portraits. On Saturday, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. they will hold a dance off with other community centers. They will be able to include all teens in Highland Park as the event will be held after sundown. There is also a discussion group that will be put together and the teen center has received a NASA grant that they will be working on. The retaining walls are up at the Teen Center and the pavers are being put in. Come spring, all the construction work will be done and the next phase will be the plantings. They are looking at where they can do some murals and they are also looking for artists.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan wished everyone a Happy New Year. Some Council Committee Chairs have changed. She enjoyed her time working with the Arts and Recreation Committee, but she is looking forward to joining the Board of Health, the Commission for Universal Access, Community Food Pantry, Housing Authority, HP Gives a Hoot, Human Relations Commission and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. She has not yet attended all the meetings yet, but stay tuned next month for a full update. If you are interested in volunteering on any of those committees, you can stop at the Clerk's Office for an application. She addressed the anti-Semitic attacks that have been happening in the Orthodox community. Since the last heated meeting where she voted to table the anti-Semitic resolution, she has learned a lot from educational seminars and research on her own. Sadly, she didn't have to go far with attacks happening just 30 minutes away from here. When you know better, you do better. She is asking her fellow Council colleagues that were torn last year, just like herself, let's do better and pass the anti-Semitic resolution. Yesterday was MLK day and this quote from him seems so fitting – "in the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends".

Councilman Hale thanked Councilwoman Kim-Chohan for her strong words. He noted that the Art Academy of Highland Park is one of the businesses that might be interested in working on the mural. They have done murals in the past and both of his kids have gone through their process and they are a great resource for young artists. He is now the Economic Development and Planning Chairperson and is very excited to be a part of the Planning Board and Zoning Board and Main Street Highland Park. He wanted to let everyone know that the ramp to Main Street Highland Park has finally been installed. He thanked Scott Brescher and Teri Jover for all of their hard work in making that happen. He also thanked the Commission for Universal Access for pushing this work. He wished a very special happy birthday to former Council Member Matt Hersh.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that it was a pleasure to serve on the Economic Development and Planning Committee for about three years and they made a lot of progress. The old international market (Popov Project) is nearly finished and that was one of the first new buildings on the avenue in about 20 years. They have also worked on the redevelopment agreement for 31 River Road and they amended the redevelopment agreement for the property across from the Popov unit and they met their COAH obligation for the first time in 20 years. Goodbye to 20 years of litigation with low income housing and with the cynical developers that try to come in and build high density housing instead. The Planning Board did a great job in reviewing the master plan and they met that goal in December. It was approved and the bike pedestrian plan that they were awarded through the NJ Department of Transportation was also adopted as part of that plan. They had another \$220,000 award from the Department of Transportation for the Safe Walking and Cycling Committee. The Main Street pavilion looks beautiful and they have been using it, even before it was finished and they are thrilled with it. It creates a sense of space and a sense of borough square, center of town, and they are thrilled with that and Main Street has more things planned for next year. She thanked them for keeping the residents engaged and involved by having activities every weekend throughout the year. She will now be chairing the Finance Committee. She thanked several people and departments for something personal that happened to her the day before Christmas. At 3:30 AM she was awakened by the sound of a truck idling. She got up and looked out and saw that her neighbors house behind her was in flames. She quickly got dressed and went outside. The first people she stumbled upon was the First Aid Squad, David and Robin Loewentstein. Nobody was in the house as the resident was away. She then saw the Police Department (Officers Garrity and Edens) and the Fire Department with about a dozen of them in the backyard. She thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, First Aid Squad, Code Enforcement, County Fire Marshall and the Department of Public Works. She also thanked those fire departments that responded in mutual aid. Thank you for keeping us safe and Happy New Year!

Borough Administrator Jover reported that she has received a lot of inquiries about the work being done by PSE&G in town. They have an aggressive gas main replacement program going on in 2020. These are improvements to make us safer in the long run, but we have to endure the disruptions while they are here. If your home is impacted, you should have received a door hanger and you should get reverse 9-1-1 calls before they are on your street and we are working with them with doing a better job on parking signage being posted a couple of days in advance and not just 24 hours prior. When they are done with the replacement, they will come back in the spring to do road restoration. They will post on the website a link to PSE&G's website which gives the complete list of roads that are impacted by the program. In addition to doing the roadways, they are also doing service connections and must deal with individual homeowners and make arrangements to do that. The bulk of the work should be done in the next month.

Borough Attorney Schmierer- No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported on things that have happened over the last couple of weeks in Highland Park. Many of us who have been watching the rise of hate in, not only our community, but in the country, have been walking around in disbelief of what this country and the people who live here are capable of. Councilman Kim-Chohan touched on some of that before. Over the last of couple of weeks after two events that she was fortunate enough to attend, she has hope again. Last week, the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom had one of their vigils against hate and anti-Semitism, which was held in the Highland Park High School cafeteria. There were over 300 people in attendance from every walk and every faith in our community and beyond. That entire evening and the things that were said, prayers shared by the people of faith, the words that were shared by those that same up to speak gave her hope for this country. The, just last night, picking up on that theme of unity, the Human Relations Commission had their annual Dr. King event. It was a beautiful event and there were speakers from both the Rutgers NAACP Chapter and Rutgers Hillel. The point that was being made was that we cannot continue to work in our individual silos, we must support each other against the hate that has been unleashed in this country and the only chance that we have of standing up against that and moving forward and moving this country back to the type of civilization that it was meant to be, is for us to support one another. When you see someone at our farmers market being told to stop speaking Spanish and start speaking English in America, when you see an observant Jewish person walking down the street on Raritan Avenue being harassed, step up and say something. When you see someone throwing something at a member of the LGBTQ community, don't just stand there, do something. We must stand up for one another and that became clearer than ever over these last couple of weeks. She thanked everyone in Highland Park who came out to those two events and she hopes that that hope that she was given and many other people she has spoken with can stay with us and change and move into action.

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

John Valeri, 106 South 6th Avenue, commented about the Karsey Street Park that used to have a basketball court, but in 1994, the rims were removed. The park was being abused with littering and the basketball court eventually got removed. There used to be a family that lived next door to the park that constantly filed complaints about noise, etc. He asked if there is a way to get the basketball court reinstalled. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Councilman Fine is the Council Liaison to the Recreation Commission and she will have him take it up with his committee. Mr. Valeri further commented that he was harassed by the Police Department back in the day and experienced hate. He was continuously followed by that Police Officer. He is glad that the Council is taking a stand against hate.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented about the commemoration of the Battle of Iwo Jim 75 years ago. The greatest Mayor of all time who served in Iwo Jima as a Marine, was Harold Berman. He took care of the residents and the veterans. He saluted former Mayor Berman and former Mayor Tanzman. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that yesterday, a naval officer, Doris Miller, who was at Pearl Harbor during attack and manned a gun and attended to wounded, will have an aircraft carrier named after him.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, asked about an update on the discussions the Council has been having about the structure of the meetings and when public comment is allowed and what the topic of the comment is and also making sure that every open public meeting has a public comment section. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the format that they have been following last time and today, is pretty much where they are going to be going forward. The Borough Attorney is actually working on and relooking at all of our Rules of Order because there were other things as well that needed to be updated based on new laws passed regarding OPRA and OPMA and lots of other updates. Once he has completed going through everything, then the format will be part of that. There are two public discussions. They begin at 6:30 p.m. with the agenda meeting, which is where Council Members can ask questions about agenda items. At the Regular Council Meeting there are 2 sessions for public comment. The first session is limited to 15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker. The second session is limited to 3 minutes per speaker on any item and is subject to 9:00 p.m. conclusion. The reason for the 9:00 p.m. conclusion is in the rules of order. They are supposed to be completed with their work session by 10:00 p.m. Ms. Stern Cardinale noted that the first public comment session is supposed to be limited to items on the agenda and the second session is open. She asked if the work session is a separate meeting or part of the regular meeting. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they take a five-minute break and move to the table below the dais and discuss items on the work session. Ms. Stern Cardinale wanted to clarify which meetings are supposed to be videotaped as they are done by volunteers. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that traditionally the regular meeting has always taped. They have not spoken to HPTV volunteer about their quit time and whether he would stay for the work session. Ms. Stern Cardinale commented that she knows everyone is a volunteer, but she feels they should solicit additional volunteers and encourage all of those meetings if they are open.

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

No. 1-20-19

WHEREAS, a need has arisen to provide adequate funds for certain budget items pending adoption of the Local Municipal Budget for 2020 and NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the making of emergency appropriations in such cases; and

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WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2020 pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, PL 1951), as amended, including this resolution, total \$7,632,938.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Highland Park (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-20;

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the budgetary appropriations herein:

DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2020 TEMPORARY BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS		
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries & Wages	20-100-1	47,182.00
Other Expenses	20-100-2	6,234.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	8,672.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	2,494.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK		
Salaries & Wages	20-120-1	41,428.00
Other Expenses	20-120-2	6,923.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries & Wages	20-130-1	10,290.00
Other Expenses	20-130-2	35,359.00
ANNUAL AUDIT		
Other Expenses	20-135-2	7,088.00
TAX COLLECTION		
Salaries & Wages	20-145-1	19,848.00
Other Expenses	20-145-2	4,305.00
TAX ASSESSMENT		
Salaries & Wages	20-150-1	14,677.00
Other Expenses	20-150-2	3,609.00
LEGAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-155-2	91,875.00
ENGINEERING & PLANNING		
Other Expenses	20-165-2	5,250.00
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Salaries & Wages		1,874.00
Other Expenses	20-170-2	27,563.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Other Expenses	20-140-2	28,744.00
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-316-2	22,181.00
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION		
PLANNING BOARD		
Salaries & Wages		1,874.00
Other Expenses	21-180-2	13,164.00
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Salaries & Wages	21-185-1	5,437.00
Other Expenses	21-185-2	3,189.00
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	21-195-2	525.00
INSURANCE		
GENERAL LIABILITY/WORKERS COMPENSATION		
Other Expenses	23-211-2	206,660.00
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH		
Other Expenses	23-220-2	343,365.00
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS		
POLICE		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	923,566.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	55,633.00
POLICE DISPATCH/911		
Salaries & Wages	25-250-1	62,664.00
Other Expenses	25-250-2	1,181.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		

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Salaries & Wages	25-252-1	10,000.00
Other Expenses	25-252-2	6,956.00
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION		
Other Expenses	25-260-2	3,937.00
FIRE		
Salaries & Wages	25-265-1	61,595.00
Other Expenses	25-265-2	19,144.00
LOSAP		
Other Expenses	25-265-2	4,331.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR		
Other Expenses	25-275-2	9,188.00
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS		
STREETS & ROADS		
Salaries & Wages	26-290-1	299,144.00
Other Expenses	26-290-2	31,684.00
APARTMENT COLLECTION		
Other Expenses	26-305-2	59,063.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS		
Salaries & Wages	26-310-1	11,810.00
Other Expenses	26-310-2	44,887.00
MOTOR POOL		
Salaries & Wages	26-315-1	20,138.00
Other Expenses	26-315-2	36,487.00
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FUNCTIONS		
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Other Expenses	27-330-2	525.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	27-335-2	275.00
COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE AFFAIRS		
Other Expenses	27-336-2	263.00
SAFE WALKING & CYCLING COMMITTEE		
Other Expenses	27-337-2	1,313.00
SUSTAINABLE HIGHLAND PARK		
Other Expenses	27-338-2	302.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	27-339-2	263.00
PARKS & RECREATION FUNCTIONS		
COMMUNITY SERVICES - RECREATION		
Salaries & Wages	28-370-1	18,617.00
Other Expenses	28-370-2	4,331.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES - AGING		
Salaries & Wages	28-371-1	53,538.00
Other Expenses	28-371-2	7,666.00
ARTS COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	28-374-2	525.00
SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Other Expenses	28-375-2	302.00
TEEN CENTER		
Salaries & Wages	28-373-1	18,353.00
Other Expenses	28-373-2	
UTILITY EXPENSES & BULK PURCHASING		
ELECTRICITY		
Other Expenses	31-430-2	28,875.00
STREET LIGHTING		
Other Expenses	31-435-2	44,625.00
TELEPHONE		
Other Expenses	31-440-2	13,650.00
FUEL OIL/GASOLINE/NATURAL GAS		
Other Expenses	31-460-2	26,250.00
SANITARY LANDFILL		
Other Expenses	32-465-2	83,763.00
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE		
Salaries & Wages	22-195-1	89,951.00
Other Expenses	22-195-2	3,504.00
UNCLASSIFIED		

CABLE TELEVISION		
Other Expenses	30-411-2	2,625.00
ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE		
Salaries & Wages	30-415-1	21,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS		
Salaries & Wages	20-105-1	27,738.00
Other Expenses	20-105-2	6,085.00
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS		
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salaries & Wages	43-490-1	47,256.00
Other Expenses	43-490-2	3,321.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
Other Expenses	43-495-2	1,575.00
LIBRARY		
Salaries & Wages	29-390-1	172,334.00
Other Expenses	29-390-2	92,475.00
INTERLOCAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS		
COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES		
Other Expenses	42-401-2	11,898.00
M.C.I.A. RECYCLING		
Other Expenses	42-402-2	2,827.00
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	27-340-2	4,095.00
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS		
NJDEP Radon Awareness	41-724-2	
Art & History Grant		3,750.00
Township Match		938.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES		
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-472-2	86,431.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE		
Other Expenses	23-225	7,875.00
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-471-2	489,601.00
POLICE AND FIREMAN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-475-2	837,812.00
DCRP		
Other Expenses	36-476-2	5,775.00
	SUBTOTAL	4,843,520.00
DEBT SERVICE		
BOND PRINCIPAL		
Other Expenses	45-920-2	625,000.00
INTEREST ON BONDS		
Other Expenses	45-930-2	242,369.00
M.C.I.A. LEASE/LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-950-2	297,704.00
DBIZ LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-925-2	-
	SUBTOTAL	1,159,073.00

GRAND TOTAL	6,002,593.00
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2020 TEMPORARY WATER AND SEWER BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	2020 TEMP
OPERATING	
Salaries & Wages	63,233.00
Other Expenses	650,689.00
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	388,973.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	
Public Employee Retirement System	-

Social Security System		-
DEFERRED CHARGES		
Over expenditure Budget Appropriation		-
	SUBTOTAL	1,102,895.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Payment of Bond Principal		460,000.00
Interest on Bonds		67,450.00
	SUBTOTAL	527,450.00
	GRAND TOTAL	1,630,345.00

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2020 budget under the various captions listed herein.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Foster-Dublin, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.
 Opposed: None.
 Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

No. 1-20-20

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:

Description	From	To
Street Lighting		700.00
Electricity	700.00	
Total	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>

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 Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Foster-Dublin, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.
 Opposed: None.
 Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

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

No. 1-20-21

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, February 4, 2020, 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.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Foster-Dublin, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.
 Opposed: None.
 Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

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

No. 1-20-22

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", 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, February 4, 2020, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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Resolution Nos. 1-20-23 through 1-20-50 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

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

No. 1-20-23

WHEREAS, Keith Gregory Wierzbowski, Brian Mooney, Dominic DeFrank, and Kenneth Leo 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 Licenses to the aforesaid applicants.

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

No. 1-20-24

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to use Balken Risk Management Consulting Services, LLC for risk management consulting services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the agreement for aforesaid services, attached to the original of this resolution, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Balken Risk Management Services, LLC forthwith.

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

No. 1-20-25

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Attorney for the calendar year of 2020; 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, Edwin Schmierer, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Attorney for 2020;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide a written agreement providing for the compensation of the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$170,000.00, without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$170,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-155-2AT, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Edwin Schmierer, Esq., a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-26

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Tax Appeal Counsel for the calendar year 2020; 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, Martin Allen of the Law firm of Di Francesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in tax appeal matters and has heretofore been appointed as Tax Appeal Counsel for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide compensation for the Tax Appeal Counsel; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be available in the amount of \$25,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-155-2TA, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Martin Allen, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of hereof, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-27

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Labor Consultant for the calendar year of 2020; 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, Arthur Thibault, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in labor relations matters and has heretofore been appointed as Labor Consultant for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said Labor Consultant; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$40,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$40,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-155-2LA, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available 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 and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Arthur Thibault, Esq., Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, 25 Independence Boulevard, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-28

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Bond Counsel for bonding and related matters the calendar year of 2020; 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, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., is a firm of attorneys at law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in bonding and related matters and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Bond Counsel for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$40,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$40,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-130-233, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-29

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Engineer for the calendar year of 2020; 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, David J. Samuel, of CME Associates, is a licensed engineer of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal engineering and has heretofore been appointed Borough Engineer for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation for the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed \$20,000.00 or the amount specified in agreements for specific projects; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$20,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-165-2EN, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with David J. Samuel, CME Associates, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-30

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Planning Consultant for the calendar year of 2020 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, James Constantine, PP of LRK, Inc. is a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Planner for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide compensation for the Planning Consultant; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 0-01-21-180-2PL in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below, and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established pursuant to Chapter 17-10.12 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Highland Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Jim Constantine, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-31

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Counsel for Affordable Housing for 2020; 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, Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC, is an Attorney at Law Firm of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Special Counsel for the above-mentioned period; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide compensation for the Special Counsel; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$15,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$15,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-155-2ML, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-32

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Planning Consultant for the calendar year of 2020 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, Philip B. Caton is a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and has heretofore been appointed as Special Planner for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide a written agreement providing for the compensation of Special Planner; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$10,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-155-233, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Philip B. Caton, Clarke Caton Hintz, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-33

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Auditor for the calendar year of 2020; 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, Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company, is a certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal auditing and has heretofore been appointed Borough Auditor for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation for the Borough Auditor; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$48,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$48,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-135-235 and Account No. 0-05-55-500-4AE, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-34

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Counsel for Redevelopment for 2020; 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, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, is an Attorney at Law Firm of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Special Counsel for Redevelopment for the above mentioned period; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of the Special Counsel; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$70,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$70,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-20-170-2AT, upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-35

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Prosecutor for the calendar year of 2020 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-27; 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, Robert Janzekovich, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with experience as a Municipal Prosecutor and has heretofore been appointed as the Municipal Prosecutor for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said Municipal Prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose and are not to exceed the amount of \$34,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$34,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-25-275-235 upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available 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 and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Robert J. Janzekovich, LLC, 6 Julia Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-36

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Public Defender for the calendar year of 2020 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-28; 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, Roselli & Roselli, are Attorneys at Law in the State of New Jersey with experience as Public Defenders and have heretofore been appointed as the Public Defender for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose and are not to exceed the amount of \$9,000.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$9,000.00 in Account No. 0-01-43-495-235 upon adoption of the 2020 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available 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 and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Roselli & Roselli, 11 Stephen Street, South River, NJ 08882, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract 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. 1-20-37

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has concluded negotiations with the Policeman's Benevolent Association (PBA) Local #64 for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022.

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

The Borough Administrator is authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the PBA Local #64, said agreement to be in a form approved by the Labor Attorney;

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

No. 1-20-38

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park's Tax Collector resigned; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 states that vacancies in the Tax Collector position shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Elsa Y. Diaz (License No. T-8542) is hereby appointed to the position of Tax Collector, effective January 22, 2020 and expiring January 1, 2021.

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

No. 1-20-39

WHEREAS, Sustainable Highland Park would like to apply for a \$20,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey & PSEG to fund an initiative to install water filling stations on Raritan Avenue;

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 submit, on behalf of Sustainable Highland Park, the grant application to Sustainable Jersey, a copy of which is attached to the original of this resolution.

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

No. 1-20-40

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for receipt of bids for the following contract items:

1. Spring 2020 Tree Plantings

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said bids will be received at a date and time to be determined by the Borough Clerk and the Superintendent of the Public Works Department, said bids to be in accordance with specifications prepared by the Public Works Department.

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

No. 1-20-41

WHEREAS, the Complete Count Committee would like to apply for a \$2,000 grant from Middlesex County for activities related to the Complete Count Census 2020 initiative;

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 submit, on behalf of Sustainable Highland Park, the grant application to Sustainable Jersey, 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. 1-20-42

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK01 – a cooperative pricing system for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Highland Park.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

No. 1-20-43

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Borough, the Middlesex County Local Arts Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,750.00, 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. 1-20-44

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the following the amount set opposite, the same being the amount of overpayment of 2020 1st quarter taxes for the property indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
164	35	Montgomery House Realty LLC P.O. Box 1425 Highland Park NJ 08904	\$5,274.11

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

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

No. 1-20-45

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 7, 2020 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:

ELSA DIAZ, Tax Collector, at an annual salary of \$64,000.00 effective January 22, 2020.

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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 1-20-46

WHEREAS, the Borough has contracted with Integrated Systems and Services, Eatontown, NJ, for warranty/service for the Police Department video camera/swipe card system; and

WHEREAS, said contract has expired; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to renew said agreement for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, three (3) quotes were solicited and received as follows:

A&K Equipment Company, Inc.	\$6,765.90
Trius Inc.	\$6,913.85
CPW	\$8,447.20

and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available for this purpose in Account No. 0-01-25-240-235 in the 2020 Municipal Budget upon adoption in the amount of \$8,580.00, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Finance Director, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Police Chief is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for warranty/service with Integrated Systems and Services, 541 Industrial Way, Suite B, Eatontown, NJ 07724 at a cost of \$8,580.00 for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, said agreement to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney and that notice of this contract 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 Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 1-20-47

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Highland Park Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highland Park Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include but not be limited to office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and

moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Highland Park Police Department, without restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highland Park Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

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

No. 1-20-48

WHEREAS, JANE STANLEY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, has retired from the Highland Park Public Library effective December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, per the requirements of the Agreement between the Borough of Highland Park and the former Library Director, Jane Stanley is entitled to unused accrued time payments in the amount as calculated below.

	Calculation	Amount Due
Sick Hours	509.49 x \$70.26	\$5,000.00
Vacation Hours	43.00 x \$70.26	\$3,021.18
Settlement Agreement –	\$6,000.00 – 2020	
Longevity	\$6,000.00 – 2021	\$12,000.00
Total Payment		\$20,021.18

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the unused accrued time payment in an amount not to exceed \$20,021.08 be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

No. 1-20-49

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park and Middlesex County recognize the desirability of providing improvements for Woodbridge Avenue from North 10th Avenue to Fox Road; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned parties in discharge of their public duties are desirous of jointly providing for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park and Middlesex County have selected CME Associates to provide professional engineering services for the development of contract plans and specifications for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park wishes to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Middlesex County Office of Public Works, attached hereto, for the provision of regrading and reprofiling Woodbridge Avenue to provide positive drainage for 100 feet minimum on all side streets as permitted by the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act" N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The attached Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Highland Park and Middlesex County Office of Public Works for the provision of regrading and reprofiling services is hereby approved by the Borough Council.
2. Upon receipt of the Middlesex County Resolution approving the Shared Services Agreement and an executed copy of the Agreement, the Borough shall provide copies of all Resolutions and the Shared Services Agreement to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(b).
3. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney and other necessary Borough Officials and Employees are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Highland Park and Middlesex County Office of Public Works for the provision of regrading and reprofiling services attached hereto and all other documents and undertake all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement this Resolution and the terms of the Shared Services Agreement.
4. The Borough Clerk is also directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution once adopted to the Borough Attorney and the Middlesex County Clerk.

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

No. 1-20-50

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 1/21/2020 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 40.

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

John Valeri, South 6th Avenue, commented about the condition of his street and it is really dangerous with snow and ice. His street has been in this condition for 2 ½ years and he has filed complaints. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the road is being engineered to be resurfaced in 2020. She will have the Department of Public Works take a look at it and have them do interim patching. The project to repave the road needs to be put out to bid.

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

A five minutes recess was taken at 7:42 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

Work Session:

Census 2020 Count Initiative – June Burton, Partnership Specialist with the US Census Bureau, appeared to give a presentation on behalf of Udi Shorr. The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. Highland Park has three census tracts. Last census Highland Park was undercounted by approximately 3,188. There are three ways to respond to the census: online, phone and paper. The census will be available in 12 languages. There are 9 basic questions and citizenship is not on there. There are no questions relating to gender. Questions 1 through 4 are about the household. Questions 5 through 9 are about individual residents. Online responses close on April 27th. The door to door campaign will begin in May.

Resolution to Purchase three (3) new police vehicles – Borough Administrator Jover noted that the money was authorized for the purchases as part of the MCIA Lease Program. The program was not used in the last couple of years, so we are playing catch up. They plan to get 2 vehicles for Public Works and 2 vehicles for Code Enforcement. They are waiting on a charging station grant and hoping to have resolutions to purchase through state contract.

STAC Mailing – Borough Administrator Jover noted that last May the Shade Tree Advisory Committee did something different. They want to take a zoned approach this time and identified a zone on the South Side. A mailing was sent from STAC to homeowners in the zone and providing an option to opt out. The bid to approve the tree planting is on the consent agenda. Looking at planting 117 trees at residences who want them and others in the target zone. They have ideas for better success for watering the newly planted trees. Councilman Hale asked about the PSE&G work and trees being planted in the work areas. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the Governing Body endorsed this five-year plan. The trees to be planted are 3” in caliper. A lot of planting was done on Lincoln Avenue and Madison Avenue and it brightened up the streetscape. Need to be positive and encourage it. Before a tree is planted, there is a second mailing that would be sent out. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Borough Administrator should have Communications publicize this project. Borough Administrator Jover noted that there are 117 trees to be planted at 113 households. Can do social media and other announcements. STAC worked very hard on the tree species and identified trees that would work well with sidewalks.

Board of Health Condom Proposal – Councilman Hale explained that the Board of Health bought 3,500 condoms (24 cases). The intention was to distribute them at the schools. The School Board Liaison for the Board of Health is beside themselves and the Board of Health is mad. They want to do social action to hand them out. He promised to share their concerns. Councilman Kim-Chohan noted that the School Board changed their liaison. He will try to go back to the Board. She sent Councilwoman Foster-Dublin an email for the Teen Center. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that she would prefer to give them to the Social Worker at the Community Center. Councilman Hale noted that his sense is that his topic never went to the Board of Education. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they should look into another channel. There is a high rate of STD's in nursing homes. It was suggested to find another group in town. Councilwoman Welkovits suggested leaving supply with school nurse. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that when a Board/Commission wants to spend money on something that might be controversial, it needs to be discussed prior to approval. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin suggested contacting the Peer to Peer Group.

Re-Writing and Improvement Disabled Parking Ordinances – Councilman Hale noted that the Commission for Universal Access would like the wording in the Borough's ordinances changed from handicapped to accessible. Diane Feldman has volunteered to help. Borough Clerk to search Code Book for chapters that need updating.

Changes to Tree Ordinance – Public Works Committee Recommendation – Councilman George noted that Borough Staff met with representatives of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee to discuss the ordinance. Key changes made were that for a lot of the trees, the calipers were too small, and were weed trees. All the groups are jointly recommending to increase trees that are counted from 3” to 8”, and to change fee for permit to \$25 from \$100. The goal is to make it more clear for what the rules are. The ordinance will also clarify what STAC's role will be. When you get a permit, you can put in another tree or pay into the tree fund. The ordinance will increase the way it is enforced. They are trying to be fairer to residents. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that residents in town don't realize you need a permit.

Deer Survey – Next Steps – Borough Administrator Jover noted that she distributed the report via email that was done by Raritan Valley Community College. There are a lot of deer in Highland Park. The majority of the deer are on the South Side near the Park. There are also a lot of deer near and in the Rutgers Ecological Preserve and Johnson Park. She shared the report with the Division of Fish and Wildlife Services. They suggested she get all parties in the room to see how they can contribute with the deer issue in Highland Park. She will work on putting that meeting together. The public was promised access to the report and that the Division of Fish and Wildlife would come back to Highland Park for a meeting. The bulk of the deer are on properties that the Borough does not control. Councilman Hale suggested getting tat

meeting together soon so as not to miss another season. Mayor Brill Mittler suggested that they mobilize the residents to write to the Freeholders. Borough Administrator Jover noted that she will work on scheduling meeting with Fish and Wildlife and invite the other agencies. She would like to post the report on the Borough's website.

NJLM Light Up Public Spaces for Suffrage – Mayor Brill Mittler would like the Borough Council to consider passing resolution that would light up public squares for suffrage and to remind people about celebrating the 100th year of women's right to vote. Resolution to be considered on the February 4, 2020 meeting for action.

Water Filling Station – Raritan Avenue – Councilman George noted that the Borough approved a resolution for a grant for Sustainable Jersey and Sustainable Highland Park wants to install a water filling station, water fountain, and dog filling bowl on Raritan Avenue. Project would be subject to money being available in the budget. This would be in line with the placemaking events held last year. Borough may have to contribute matching funds and this project could be expensive. Idea is to install on Borough owned property.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, George.

Abstained: None.

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WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the closed session at close of tonight's open session.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
(Litigation: JSM at Highland Park v. Borough of Highland Park update)
(Litigation: Borough of Highland Park v. Cappell update)
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public when these matters are resolved or as soon thereafter as it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:04 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk