

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:01 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; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Fine, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on October 3, 2019, were approved as distributed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Board of Health is currently working on some target dates for the Vape and Vibe Act Program and they are also going to be teaming up with Code Blue to assist in their needs by buying some new blankets and snacks. The Commission for Universal Access will have their next meeting on February 10th at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall and that will be her first meeting. The ramp at Main Street Highland Park has been installed and this was a long project and a request by Universal Access. The Community Food Pantry will be meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. The Housing Authority voted on their budget at their last meeting and they are exploring options for better Wi-Fi reception within the building. The Human Relations Commission is currently working on their by-laws and exploring sub-committees to combine the Equity Commission and Immigrant and Refugee Task Force. This is just being discussed and nothing has been finalized and their next meeting will be February 19th at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall. On Friday, at 5:30 PM, the Highland Park High School Chinese Culture Club will celebrate the lunar new year at the high school auditorium. February is Black History Month and it is a reminder of where we as a country have been so that we know where we need to go. On February 9th at 1:00 PM there will be a Pan African Flag raising ceremony at the Middlesex County Administrative Building, 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick.

Councilman Hale reported that Highland Park is celebrating its 115th anniversary later this year. It is the 100th anniversary of Pino's. Pino's has been a tremendous asset to Highland Park. There are some festivities planned around February 14th featuring scotch and chocolate.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that the Borough is now accepting applications for the Community Development Block Grant fund. The committee will be reviewing the submissions before the public meeting which is scheduled for the week of February 24th.

Councilwoman Foster Dublin reported that the Teen Center is doing a lot and they have implemented meditation sessions on Wednesdays. The Girls Group is doing a coding project and the teens are invited to come to the Teen Center. There is a movie day on February 20th featuring the movie "In My Field" which is about Dr. Martin Luther King and is a celebration of Black History Month. Community forums were promised to be held quarterly, but with the holidays they were not able to put one together in January. Please stay posted for the next dates for community forums. Chief Abrams noted that Coffee with a Cop will take place at Dunkin Donuts at 10:00 AM. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that they will be hiring new Police Officers.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilman George reported on the benchmarking for the water and sewer improvement programs. There is a resolution on the agenda to approve some cleaning of some of the sewers. They will hopefully be scoping some of them to inspect for possible infiltration. Another benchmark achieved is the receipt of the RFP's for the water reorganization for the management company or person in charge of organizing and managing the separate water entity. Some residents will be getting a letter from the Shade Tree Advisory Committee about tree plantings. They have revised the regular planting plan to make it much more organized and condensed and to make it easier for the Borough to manage. They will be announcing locations throughout the town to plant trees that were chosen to be non-invasive, to be native and not to have the roots spread. Residents who receive the letters should follow the instructions to respond. Finally, on the agenda tonight are two important benchmarks for everyone as citizens. One is the memorialization of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage and the other is Black History Month. This is also the 150th anniversary of the amendment that finally granted suffrage to all black men.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that there will be letters going out to residents along roads that are going to get improved through the Borough's state aid projects. The three roads on the front burner are Cherry Street, South Park Avenue between North 5th and North 8th, and South Adelaide Avenue from Raritan Avenue to Valley Place. The letter will also remind them of an important provision when using state aid money that there is a moratorium on road openings following the improvement.

Borough Attorney Schmierer- No report.

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Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the 5th Annual Park Partners event will be held on February 23rd. The deadline for submissions has passed. There were more grant proposals submitted this year and residents will have an opportunity to see the projects being suggested and have a chance to vote. It is the Borough’s chance to give back the opportunity to decide on how your tax money can be spent to the residents. Later this week, on February 6th at 7:00 PM there will be a moving presentation on the history of lynching through the eyes of artists.

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

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, noted that at a previous meeting he mentioned that there are 15 members of Congress that are Veterans. He passed around a magazine with the photographs.

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 Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, 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. 2-20-52

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

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 \$11,594,916.00; 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	89,871.00
Other Expenses	20-100-2	11,875.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	16,518.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	5,994.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK		
Salaries & Wages	20-120-1	78,910.00
Other Expenses	20-120-2	13,188.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries & Wages	20-130-1	19,600.00
Other Expenses	20-130-2	67,350.00
ANNUAL AUDIT		
Other Expenses	20-135-2	13,500.00
TAX COLLECTION		
Salaries & Wages	20-145-1	37,806.00
Other Expenses	20-145-2	8,200.00
TAX ASSESSMENT		
Salaries & Wages	20-150-1	27,956.00
Other Expenses	20-150-2	6,875.00
LEGAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-155-2	175,000.00
ENGINEERING & PLANNING		
Other Expenses	20-165-2	10,000.00
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Salaries & Wages		3,570.00
Other Expenses	20-170-2	52,500.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Other Expenses	20-140-2	54,750.00
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-316-2	42,250.00
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION		
PLANNING BOARD		
Salaries & Wages		3,570.00
Other Expenses	21-180-2	25,075.00
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Salaries & Wages	21-185-1	10,357.00

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Other Expenses	21-185-2	6,075.00
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	645,029.00
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS		
POLICE		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	1,759,173.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	105,968.00
POLICE DISPATCH/911		
Salaries & Wages	25-250-1	119,361.00
Other Expenses	25-250-2	2,250.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Salaries & Wages	25-252-1	10,000.00
Other Expenses	25-252-2	13,250.00
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION		
Other Expenses	25-260-2	7,500.00
FIRE		
Salaries & Wages	25-265-1	117,325.00
Other Expenses	25-265-2	36,465.00
LOSAP		
Other Expenses	25-265-2	8,250.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR		
Other Expenses	25-275-2	17,500.00
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS		
STREETS & ROADS		
Salaries & Wages	26-290-1	569,798.00
Other Expenses	26-290-2	60,350.00
APARTMENT COLLECTION		
Other Expenses	26-305-2	112,500.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS		
Salaries & Wages	26-310-1	22,496.00
Other Expenses	26-310-2	85,500.00
MOTOR POOL		
Salaries & Wages	26-315-1	38,359.00
Other Expenses	26-315-2	69,500.00
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	35,460.00
Other Expenses	28-370-2	8,250.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES - AGING		
Salaries & Wages	28-371-1	101,978.00
Other Expenses	28-371-2	14,603.00
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	34,959.00
Other Expenses	28-373-2	

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UTILITY EXPENSES & BULK PURCHASING		
ELECTRICITY		
Other Expenses	31-430-2	55,000.00
STREET LIGHTING		
Other Expenses	31-435-2	85,000.00
TELEPHONE		
Other Expenses	31-440-2	26,000.00
FUEL OIL/GASOLINE/NATURAL GAS		
Other Expenses	31-460-2	50,000.00
SANITARY LANDFILL		
Other Expenses	32-465-2	159,548.00
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE		
Salaries & Wages	22-195-1	171,336.00
Other Expenses	22-195-2	6,675.00
UNCLASSIFIED		
CABLE TELEVISION		
Other Expenses	30-411-2	5,000.00
ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE		
Salaries & Wages	30-415-1	40,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS		
Salaries & Wages	20-105-1	52,833.00
Other Expenses	20-105-2	11,591.00
MUNICIPAL COURT FUNCTIONS		
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salaries & Wages	43-490-1	90,012.00
Other Expenses	43-490-2	6,325.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
Other Expenses	43-495-2	3,000.00
LIBRARY		
Salaries & Wages	29-390-1	328,256.00
Other Expenses	29-390-2	176,143.00
INTERLOCAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS		
COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES		
Other Expenses	42-401-2	22,664.00
M.C.I.A. RECYCLING		
Other Expenses	42-402-2	5,384.00
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	27-340-2	7,800.00
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	164,630.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE		
Other Expenses	23-225	15,000.00
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	7,807,640.00
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	291,704.00
DBIZ LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-925-2	-

	SUBTOTAL	1,159,073.00
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GRAND TOTAL	8,966,713.00
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2020 TEMPORARY WATER AND SEWER BUDGET

DESCRIPTION	2020 TEMP
OPERATING	
Salaries & Wages	120,444.00
Other Expenses	1,239,409.00
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	740,900.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	
Public Employee Retirement System	-
Social Security System	-
DEFERRED CHARGES	
Over expenditure Budget Appropriation	-
	SUBTOTAL 2,100,753.00
DEBT SERVICE	
Payment of Bond Principal	460,000.00
Interest on Bonds	67,450.00
	SUBTOTAL 527,450.00

GRAND TOTAL	2,628,203.00
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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 George, 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. 2-20-53

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
Planner OE		1,600.00
Telephones	1,600.00	
Total	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,600.00</u>

The Clerk reported advertising 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", 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 George, seconded by Councilman Hale, 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 George, seconded by Councilman Hale, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 19-1995, 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 Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 2-20-54

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 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", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him,

that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in the "Home News Tribune", of Neptune, 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 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", 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 George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 19-1996, 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 Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:
No. 2-20-55

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 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title in the "Home News Tribune", of Neptune, 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 AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 247, "LICENSING", 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 Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:
No. 2-20-56

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 247, "LICENSING", 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 18, 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 §407-12 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR BASIC TOWING SERVICE AND STORAGE FEES, had been introduced in writing by the Public Safety Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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 Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:
No. 2-20-57

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §407-12 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR BASIC TOWING SERVICE AND STORAGE FEES, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

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The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING BOARD AND THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, had been introduced in writing by the Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 2-20-58

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010" CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK PLANNING BOARD AND THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

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The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 433 CLEVELAND AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., had been introduced in writing by the Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, 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 Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 2-20-59

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 433 CLEVELAND AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

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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. 2-20-60 through 2-20-69, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, 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. 2-20-60

WHEREAS, the Police Department's fleet is aging and older vehicles are costlier in terms of fuel usage and maintenance than newer, more efficient vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has funds available to spend on three new Ford Police Utility Interceptors through the Middlesex County Improvement Authority's 2017 and 2019 Pooled Capital Equipment and Improvement Financing Programs; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford is on state contract #A88728 for the 2020 Ford Police Utility Interceptors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to purchase three new Ford Police Utility Interceptors for the total price of \$108,686.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and the Police Department forthwith.

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

No. 2-20-61

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requires additional trucks to fulfill their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has funds available to spend on a new 2020 Ford F-450 Mason Dump Truck through the Middlesex County Improvement Authority's 2017 Pooled Capital Equipment and Improvement Financing Program; and

WHEREAS, Beyer Ford is on state contract #A88214 for the 2020 Ford F-450 Mason Dump Truck;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to purchase a new Ford F-450 Mason Dump Truck for \$51,028.50.

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

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

No. 2-20-62

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requires additional trucks to fulfill their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has funds available to spend on a new 2020 Ford F-250 through the Middlesex County Improvement Authority's 2019 Pooled Capital Equipment and Improvement Financing Program; and

WHEREAS, Beyer Ford is on state contract #A88727 for the 2020 Ford F-250;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to purchase a new Ford F-250 with a snow-plow prep package for \$36,680.

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

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

No. 2-20-63

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, this centennial offers an opportunity to commemorate a milestone of democracy; that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the federal or state governments on account of gender; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has had a long, storied history in the suffrage movement with New Jersey women playing a crucial role in pursuing the rights of women to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1776 women property owners were enfranchised under the New Jersey State Constitution, which was unique in the nation at the time. However, in 1807, the New Jersey Legislature eliminated the property requirement for voting rights and limited the ballot to white males; and

WHEREAS, in 1867 New Jersey residents Lucy Stone and Harry Blackwell organized the New Jersey Woman Suffrage Association (NJWSA), devoted to gaining women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 New Jersey's first open air suffrage rallies were held in Orange and Newark, led by Dr. Emma O. Gantz and Martha Klatshchken with NJWSA collecting 5,000 signatures for a petition in support of the federal amendment guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, although the 1912 state referendum on woman's suffrage was soundly defeated in the New Jersey Legislature a corner was turned for the New Jersey suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 an automobile rally led by "General" Rosalie Jones traveled through New Jersey on the way to Washington, D.C., in a Suffrage Parade of over 8,000 marchers with many New Jersey women including event organizer Alice Paul; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 a second suffrage constitutional referendum was pursued in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts with active campaigns by many suffrage organizations, including the "Passing of the Torch of Liberty" via tug boats on the Hudson River from New York to New Jersey, but was defeated in all four states October 1915; and

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WHEREAS, in 1917 New Jersey suffragists Allison Turnbull Hopkins, Julia Hulburt, Beatrice Reynolds Kinkead, and Minnie D. Abbott picketed in front of the White House as part of the Silent Sentinels and subsequently were arrested and imprisoned; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919 Congress passed the 19th Amendment guaranteeing all American women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1920, New Jersey became the 29th state to ratify the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the ratification of the 19th Amendment Margaret Laird and Jennie Van Ness were the first two women elected to the New Jersey Assembly in 1921 and in 1925 Rebecca Estelle Bourgeois Winston of Estell Manor was New Jersey's first woman mayor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment, the Borough of Highland Park will light the municipal building in purple, one of the colors of the New Jersey Suffrage movement, for the week of February 10; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Highland Park supports the efforts of New Jersey's Suffrage Centennial NJ Women Vote and strongly encourages local celebrations of this historic milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor, Secretary of State and New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

No. 2-20-64

WHEREAS, the Month of February is traditionally recognized throughout the United States as Black History Month; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park wish to recognize the Month of February 2020 as Black History Month; and,

WHEREAS, this year, the Mayor and Council also recognize 150 years of suffrage regardless of race following the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and that immediately thereafter, Thomas Mundy, an African-American resident of Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, became the first African American anywhere to vote under the United States Constitution in a Perth Amboy Municipal Charter election:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough of Highland Park recognizes the Month of February 2020 as Black History Month, including the 150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment.

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

No. 2-20-65

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Department of Public Works had a need to clean sewers on South Park Avenue, South Adelaide Avenue and Cherry Street, as more fully described on the attached quotation; and

WHEREAS, 3 quotes were solicited and only 2 quotes were received as follows:

Oswald Enterprises, Inc.	\$18,200.00
National Water Main Cleaning	\$18,396.00

and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended that said repairs be done by Oswald Enterprises, Inc. based on their quote; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the amount of \$18,200.00 in Account No. C-04-55-821-001, 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 Superintendent of Public Works shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for said sewer cleaning from Oswald Enterprises, Inc., 161 East Road, PO Box 126, Belford, NJ 07718, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Superintendent of Public Works Michael Wiczorkiewicz and the Chief Financial Officer, forthwith.

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

No. 2-20-66

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:

KATHERINE JAGGERS, Library Director, at annual salary of \$96,000.00 effective February 19, 2020.

LINGYAN ZHUANG, Tax Collector Clerk, at an annual salary of \$37,140.00, effective February 5, 2020.

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 hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

FREDERICK DIAZ, Seasonal Recreation, at an hourly rate of \$11.00, effective January 1, 2020.

COLLEEN Au, Circulation Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$13.17, effective January 1, 2020.

MARIA BECK, Library Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$17.46, effective January 1, 2020.

MARTA HERRARA, Circulation Assistant, at an hourly rate of \$13.17, effective January 1, 2020.

CARLA HERNITER, PT Librarian, at an hourly rate of \$32.05, effective January 1, 2020.

JENNIFER LARSEN, PT Librarian, at an hourly rate of \$32.05, effective January 1, 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 Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-20-67

WHEREAS, street lights are an integral public service provided by municipalities, and are vital for the safety of homeowners, businesses, institutions, pedestrians, motorists and first responders; and

WHEREAS, street lights make up a large portion of municipal electricity bills, and consume a significant amount of energy; and

WHEREAS, streetlights that use light-emitting diode (LED) technology are an efficient means to light our streets and public spaces because of their energy saving efficiency, using 15 percent of the energy of an incandescent bulb while generating more light per watt and longevity with bulbs lasting up to 100,000 hours; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that street lighting costs can be reduced by as much as 65 percent when switched to LED street lights, and even more if advanced lighting controls are incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJPU) offers incentives for municipalities to convert their street lights to LED; and

WHEREAS, the rates paid by municipalities for the operation of street lights is often set by a public electric utility's tariff which is a flat fee that does not pass the cost savings generated by switching to LED street lights onto the municipality or the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, this tariff structure has caused municipalities to underutilized the NJPU's incentive programs because there are no costs savings being passed along that would offset the upfront costs of converting to LED; and

WHEREAS, this practice by public electric utilities disincentives municipalities from making these changes, which would reduce energy usage and could save taxpayers money.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Highland Park urges all utilities in New Jersey to revise their street light tariff structure to accurately reflect the energy and costs savings generated from switching to LED lights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, all members of the New Jersey General Assembly and the State Senate, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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

No. 2-20-68

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park, a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is authorized pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the "Redevelopment Law") to determine whether certain parcels of land within the Borough constitute an area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 16-1921, adopted on December 20, 2016, the Borough Council declared the entire Borough, including the property commonly known as 433 Cleveland Avenue and identified as Block 153, Lots 15, 17, 18 and 19, Block 154, Lots 6.01, 10 and 11 and Block 191, Lots 6.01 and 6.02 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough (the "Property") an 'area in need of rehabilitation'; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law the Borough Council caused a redevelopment plan, to be prepared for the Property, entitled the "433 Cleveland Avenue Redevelopment Plan" (the "Redevelopment Plan"), attached hereto as *Exhibit A*; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, has determined to refer the Redevelopment Plan to the Borough Planning Board for its review and recommendation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)*; and

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Planning Board is hereby requested to review the Redevelopment Plan and provide the Borough Council with a report and recommendations recommendation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e)*.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-20-69

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 2/4/2020 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 40.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as members of the Human Relations Commission for terms to expire April 17, 2021:

Austin Morreale

Pastor Antoinette Moss

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as members of the Human Relations Commission for terms to expire April 17, 2022:

Phyllis Pollak

Hava Freidenreich

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

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

Frank Puskas, 23 South 4th Avenue, commented that he is a graduate of Highland Park High School Class of 1969 and they had their 50th reunion. While back at the high school, he noticed that they used to have a plaque at the main entrance that gave their lives from WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and he noticed it is missing and he wants to know what happened to it. He thinks it was a disgrace that it was taken down. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that she knows he has been in touch with Harry Glazer from her office and with the schools and nobody seems to know what happened to it. Mr. Puskas noted that he has never received a response back from Mr. Glazer. Mayor Brill Mittler agreed to have something posted on the Borough's Facebook page to see if someone can provide information on what happened to the plaque.

Juan Ratliffe, 219 South 6th Avenue, commented that there is a problem with people on the side streets not stopping at stop signs. Chief Abrams advised that the Police Department has been doing selective enforcement around town for speeding and stop signs and they are enforcing infractions that they get complaints about. They rotate the enforcement around town. Most importantly, they let people know why they are there. They have done South 6th Avenue for parking and for speeding as well. Mr. Ratliffe noted that he has witnessed Police Officers running stop signs. The Police Department posts data on their Facebook Page on Mondays.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that he is a former member of the American Legion Post 88. When they lost their lease, a health organization came in and they were the last ones that saw the plaque that he was talking about.

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

Work Session:

Library Construction Bond Application Resolution – Councilman George explained the process. Round 2 criteria were announced on January 6th. Plans need to be submitted by the beginning of April. The municipality must adopt a resolution to agree to match funding. The form of the resolution to be placed on the next agenda for adoption to go along with the packet. He will circulate plan that is being proposed. Borough Administrator Jover indicated that the roof leaks have been addressed. The Borough will need to bond for the structural issues and the library needs to have a better layout. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they have hired a new Library Director and she is excited about her coming to the Borough. She will be a breath of fresh air and is energized and wants to work with the Administration to have a better relationship moving forward. Councilman Fine noted that a long-time employee from the Library, Fran Lee, is retiring. He suggested doing a proclamation recognizing her at the next meeting.

Recreation Complex Upgrades – Borough Administrator Jover noted that the plan is for the Borough to make application to Middlesex County through the Open Space Trust and to split the cost for the upgrades 50% with the schools. The recreation complex is a community area. The costs to do the upgrades are very high and it will be over 1 million dollars to complete. The lighting at the complex also needs to be redone. She is strategizing with the Mayor on the application submittal. There are rebates that can be obtained for the lighting and there will be some energy savings by converting to LED lights. They had hoped to do playground improvements also. Will have to approach the County soon with the proposal. Mayor Brill Mittler asked how it will impact the Borough by asking for funds for this project and the splash park. Borough Administrator Jover noted that her Assistant is drafting a statement to go along with the application submission. The Borough needs to move quickly. This is Borough property and there is a long-term easement in place.

Water/Sewer Contract Operations RFP Update – Borough Administrator Jover noted that the RFP is out and the facility tour was conducted yesterday for interested bidders. The Borough Administrator, Superintendent of Public Works, CFO (Greg Fehrenbach) and Water and Sewer Employee, Jose Gonzalez, went to all the meter pits, interconnections with Middlesex Water and also showed them some manholes. Formal questions to the RFP would come through the Attorney. Hoping to get a lot of bid submittals which are due February 21st.

Code Blue – Discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

Anti-Semitism – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she conducted a meeting at her home with 10 people who wanted BDS language and 10 people who did not want BDS language. It was an opportunity for people to talk civilly with each other. They did not discuss the resolution. She wants to see the resolution on an agenda for adoption in the first quarter of 2020. Councilwoman Kim-Chohan noted that she met with the Mayor and the Communications Officer to discuss the resolution. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that each of the attendees who came to her home were given \$5 Dunkin Donuts gift cards and were urged to use those gift cards to have coffee with someone they wouldn't normally have coffee with. Councilman Hale noted that there will be an anti-Semitism program on February 10th at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohav Emeth. Mayor Brill Mittler spoke about the incident in Pittsburgh last June and that she had started having meetings with the Police Chief and the Rabbis from the synagogues in town. The Police Chief will consult with the Public Safety Committee about which Officers should attend that meeting.

Mayor's On-Call Community Advisors Group – Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she wants to reactivate a group put together by former Mayor Frank. The group will only meet when an incident occurs in town to address how to handle this incident for the residents. The membership will include doctors, medical professionals, psychologists and clergy. Councilman Hale suggested that it might make sense to have the group not meet reactively, but proactively. Set up a community response procedure ahead of time. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin suggested that they meet quarterly and have tabletop exercises.

Splash Park – Councilman Fine distributed information to the Governing Body. He thanked Councilwoman Kim-Chohan for doing the legwork to find a company that has worked on them throughout New Jersey. He contacted Rick Lear, Director of Middlesex County Parks Department, and he sent back a very long email. He also contacted the Code Enforcement Director to see if there is parking in the suggested area and whether water and sewer systems are available. The County has indicated that none of their properties are available. One area the County thought was a good idea, was Karsey Street Park. Before preparing plans, would need to have community meeting about a splash park. The question is how soon to do that and how to set it up. Borough Administrator Jover asked if the Recreation Advisory Committee is recommending this. Councilman Fine noted that they did not think it was a good idea. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that since the Borough is going to work on the Recreation Complex, there is a space in the back of the property where there is an archery area. She wondered if there is enough space for a spray park. If the Borough is going to be spending money anyway and looking for funding, she wondered if it made sense to do something at the high school. Borough Administrator Jover spoke about the kid's playground and there was some concern about drainage. She is concerned that if the spray park is added to the project at the recreation complex, the schools might not want to go 50/50. They are eager to proceed with the track and the turf. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin suggested that they not just do a spray park, but also use as an ice rink. Borough Administrator Jover noted that spray grounds are designed as climbing areas and fun places for kids. Councilman Fine noted that he reached out to New Brunswick but has not yet heard back. Councilman George commented that there would be maintenance that would need to be done by the Public Works Department and there would also be extra work for the Police Department (i.e., patrols). The Borough needs to be more practical about management of the spray park. Borough Administrator Jover noted that she is concerned about having to pursue two projects at the same time. She also noted that the Department of Public Works is overloaded at the moment. She wondered if there was a service plan that the installing company can provide. She will delegate some of the leg work for the project to her Assistant.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, 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.

Abstained: None.

No. 2-20-70

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)
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.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk