

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK:

The Mission of the Highland Park Borough Council is to establish a government based upon the principles of good government: ethics, efficiency and the effective provision of services.

The Borough Council is committed to creating a thriving community, which is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially.

The Borough Council is further committed to creating a community which values its unique and diverse populations and encourages direct public participation in the governing process.

AGENDA

* Denotes Consent Agenda Posted Items. Ordinarily, consent agenda items, pursuant to Ordinance No. 920, are not read nor debated unless there is a request by a member of Council or the public. Furthermore, unless requested by a member of Council for a separate vote, all consent agenda items, as per Council's Rules of Order, Article IV, shall be considered in the form of one **MOTION**.

1. Call to Order and Open Public Meetings Statement.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Agenda Questions by Council Members.
5. Honors and Awards.
 - Proclamation - Dwayne Haskins - Highland Park Hero
6. Approval of Minutes.

- 6.a **MOTION** to approve minutes of the Regular meeting held on February 1, 2022 and February 15, 2022, as distributed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

7. Council Reports.
8. Borough Administrator's Report.
9. Borough Attorney's Report.
10. Mayor's Report.
11. Public Participation.
(21 minutes total; 3 minutes each speaker limited to items on this Agenda, including Work Session).
12. Ordinances Requiring a Second Reading.
13. Ordinances Requiring a First Reading.

- 13.a Clerk reports advertising Bond Ordinance for various roadway improvements, for consideration of passage on first reading by title.
a. **MOTION** to adopt/reject and advertise ordinance on first reading by title.
(Resolution No. 5-22-131) **ROLL CALL VOTE**

- 13.b Clerk reports introduction of Ordinance Concerning the Borough of Highland Park Affordable Housing Program and Amending Chapter 230 of the "Code of the Borough of Highland Park" Concerning Deed-Restricted Control Periods and Mandatory Set-aside Requirements for consideration of passage on first reading by title.
a. **MOTION** to adopt/reject and advertise ordinance on first reading by title.
(Resolution No. 5-22-132) **ROLL CALL VOTE**

14. Consent Agenda Items - Resolutions.

ROLL CALL VOTE

- 14.a *5-22-133 Resolution to Sell Surplus Mobile Phone Equipment
- 14.b *5-22-134 Resolution to Apply for 2022 Reforestation & Tree Planting Grant from NJDEP
- 14.c *5-22-135 Resolution to Amend Annual Salary Resolution
- 14.d *5-22-136 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates for Engineering Services related to Central Avenue One Way Traffic
- 14.e *5-22-137 Resolution to Approve 2022 Taxi Operator
- 14.f *5-22-138 Resolution in Support of Robust Federal Investments for Affordable Homes

to House NJ

14.g *5-22-139 Resolution Endorsing the Enactment of the Reparations Task Force

14.h *5-22-140 Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate

14.i *5-22-141 Resolution to Approve Bills List

15. Resolutions requiring a Separate Reading.

15.a *5-22-142 Chapter 159 - NJ Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services Youth Leadership Grant

MOTION adopt/reject

ROLL CALL VOTE

16. Appointments.

17. Second Public Participation.

(3 minutes per speaker on any items; subject to 9PM conclusion prior to Work Session)

18. Recess (5 minutes).

19. Work Session Items: No formal action to be taken.

a. Rent control (PG/Hersh).

b. Accessible parking amendment (TC).

20. Executive Session (if necessary).

20.a 5-22-143 Executive Session: Litigation: Costas v Borough of Highland Park , Botteon v Borough of Highland Park

MOTION adopt/reject.

ROLL CALL VOTE

21. MOTION to adjourn.

22. **Next Scheduled Meeting: June 14, 2022 @ 7 PM**

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-131

RESOLUTION: Finance

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 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.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
Foster				
George				
Hale				
Hersh				
Kim-Chohan				

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2052

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements or purposes to be undertaken by the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3 hereof, there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$2,000,000, which amount includes the down payment in the amount of \$100,000 (the "Down Payment") now available for said improvement or purpose as required by the Local Bond Law, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. § 40A:2-1 et seq.) (the "Local Bond Law"). Said Down Payment is now available therefor by virtue of provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to meet the part of said \$2,000,000 appropriation not

provided for by application hereunder of said Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,900,000 pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$1,900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to, and within the limitations prescribed by, the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and purposes for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is for the construction, reconstruction, milling, overlaying, surfacing and resurfacing, as required, of various roadways within the Borough. Such improvements or purposes shall include, but are not limited to, as required, repairs to and/or removal and replacement of, as applicable, curbing, curb ramps and driveway aprons, and landscaping, excavation and pavement striping, and also including all engineering and design work, surveying, construction planning, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration, and all work, materials, labor, accessories, appurtenances and equipment necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and available for public inspection.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said improvements or purposes is \$1,900,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said improvements or purposes is \$2,000,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes

to be issued therefor is the Down Payment in the amount of \$100,000 available for such improvements or purposes.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvements and purposes authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount so received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex shall be received by the Borough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no other purpose. This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as “matching local funds” to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in

accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8.1. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 6. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

SECTION 7. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are improvements or purposes which the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements or purposes, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said improvements or purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof

computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$1,900,000, and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$400,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the improvements or purposes hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. This Section 9 is intended to be and

hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intent to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations §150-2. All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than any bonds or notes authorized herein is paid, or (ii) the date the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof are "placed in service" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 10. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this bond ordinance.

SECTION 11. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough, which are authorized herein, and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough, which are authorized herein, and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable

for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

SECTION 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication hereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: May 17, 2022**

**JENNIFER SANTIAGO,
Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park**

**ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: June 14, 2022**

**JENNIFER SANTIAGO,
Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park**

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

**GAYLE BRILL MITTLER,
Mayor**

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-132

RESOLUTION: Finance

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM AND AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK” CONCERNING DEED RESTRICTED CONTROL PERIODS AND MANDATORY SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENTS, 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, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage after public hearing thereon.

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ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
Foster				
George				
Hale				
Hersh				
Kim-Chohan				

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
ORDINANCE NO. 22-2053**

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM AND AMENDING CHAPTER 230 OF THE
“CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK” CONCERNING DEED
RESTRICTED CONTROL PERIODS AND MANDATORY SET-ASIDE
REQUIREMENTS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of The Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State Of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Sections 86-13 and 86-17 of the “Code of the Borough of Highland Park” which establish control periods for ownership and rental units is amended to read as follows: (underlined material is new).

Section 86-13, “Control periods for restricted ownership units and enforcement mechanisms” is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Control periods for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:8—26.5, and each restricted ownership shall remain subject to the controls on affordability for a period of at least 30 years and until the municipality takes action thereafter to release the controls on affordability. After thirty years, the Borough shall have unilateral authority to extend such affordability controls.

Section 86-17, “Control periods for restricted rental units” is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Control periods for restricted rental units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.11, and each restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the controls on affordability for a period of at least 30 years, until the municipality takes action to release the controls on affordability. Prior to such action, a restricted rental unit must remain subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., as may be amended and supplemented. After thirty years, the Borough shall have unilateral authority to extend such affordability controls.

Section 2. A **NEW** Article XXIII of Chapter 230 is hereby added to said Code to establish affordable housing mandatory set-aside requirement and shall read as follows:

Article XXIII. Affordable Housing Requirements

§ 230-207. Affordable Housing Mandatory Set-Aside

A. Purpose

This Article is intended to ensure that any site that benefits from a rezoning, variance or redevelopment plan approved by the Borough or the Borough Planning/Zoning Board that results

in multi-family residential development of five (5) dwelling units or more produces affordable housing at a set-aside rate of twenty percent (20%). This section shall apply except where inconsistent with applicable law. This ordinance shall not apply to existing affordable housing inclusionary zones, which predate the effective date of this ordinance.

B. Affordable Housing Mandatory Set-Aside Requirement

If the Borough or the Borough Planning Board/Zoning Board permits the construction of multi-family or single-family attached residential development that is “approvable” and “developable,” as defined at N.J.A.C. 5:93-1.3, the Borough or the Borough’s Planning Board/Zoning Board shall require that an appropriate percentage of the residential units be set aside for very low, low- and moderate-income households. This requirement shall apply beginning with the effective date the Article creating this section was adopted to any multi-family or single-family attached residential development, including the residential portion of a mixed-use project, which consists of five (5) or more new residential units, whether permitted by a zoning amendment, a variance granted by the Borough’s Planning Board or Zoning Board. For any such development for which the Borough’s land use ordinances already permitted residential development as of the effective date of this Article, this requirement shall only apply if the Borough or the Borough’s Planning Board or Zoning Board permits an increase in approvable and developable gross residential density to at least twice the permitted approvable and developable gross residential density as of the effective date of this Article. Nothing in this paragraph precludes the Borough or the Borough’s Planning Board or Zoning Board from imposing an affordable housing set-aside in a development not required to have a set-aside pursuant to this paragraph consistent with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311(h) and other applicable law. For all inclusionary projects, the appropriate set-aside percentage will be twenty percent (20%) regardless of tenure. This requirement does not create any entitlement for a property owner or applicant for a zoning amendment or variance, or for approval of any particular proposed project. This requirement does not apply to any sites or specific zones otherwise identified in the Borough’s Settlement Agreement with FSHC, which was executed on December 22, 2017, or in the Borough’s Adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated December 18, 2018, for which density and set-aside standards shall be governed by the specific standards set forth therein.

Furthermore, this Article shall not apply to developments containing four (4) or less dwelling units. All subdivision and site plan approvals of qualifying residential developments shall be conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this section. Where a developer demolishes existing dwelling units and builds new dwelling units on the same site, the provisions of this section shall apply only if the next number of dwelling units is five (5) or more.

All affordable units produced as a result of this Article shall comply with the Borough’s Affordable Housing Ordinance, Chapter 86 of this Code, COAH and UHAC regulations and applicable laws, including, but not limited to bedroom and income distributions and income distributions requirements within each bedroom category. This obligation also includes compliance with the Fair Housing Act’s (“FHA”) very low-income requirements, including the requirement that at least 13% very low-income units as defined by the FHA (households earning no more than 30% of the region’s median income).

§230-208. Conflicts; Severability.

- A. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Article is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Article and they shall remain in full force and effect.

- B. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of Highland Park, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the General Ordinances of the Borough of Highland Park are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption; (2) approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-149.7; (3) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (4) filing of the final form of adopted ordinance by the Clerk with (a) the Middlesex County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16, and the Borough Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1.

Introduced at the meeting on May 17, 2022

Adopted: June 14, 2022

Attest:

Approved: June 14, 2022

Jennifer Santiago
Borough Clerk

Gayle Brill Mittler
Mayor

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-133**

RESOLUTION TO SELL SURPLUS MOBILE PHONE EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has recently switched mobile telephone providers and has surplus mobile phones that can no longer be used; and

WHEREAS, Borough employees who had mobile phones were given the option to purchase their old mobile phones for personal use; and

WHEREAS, Scott Brescher, Director of Code Enforcement, indicated an interest in purchasing his cell phone from the Borough for its fair market value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough may sell Scott Brescher his old mobile phone for personal use at the fair market value of \$100.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
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Hersh				
Kim-Chohan				

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-134**

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR 2022 REFORESTATION &
TREE PLANTING GRANT FROM NJDEP**

RESOLUTION: Public Works Committee

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) desires to continue to replenish the Borough's tree canopy and meet the goals outlined in their approved Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has funds available for this initiative through the Urban & Community Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, STAC desires to apply for a grant from NJDEP in the amount of \$150,000 which will require a 25% match totaling \$37,500.

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 STAC, the grant application to NJDEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement upon acceptance on behalf of the Borough of Highland Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

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Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
No. 5-22-135

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL SALARY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

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 4, 2022 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an annual and hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

Tracey Horan, Court Administrator, at an annual salary of \$77,650.00, effective 01/01/2022

Thomas Mancuso, Tax Assessor, at an annual salary of \$51,068.00, effective 01/01/2022

Kathleen Davies, Tax Assessor Clerk, at an annual salary of \$23,980.00, effective 01/01/2022

Gladys T. Sepulveda, Part-time Telecommunicators, at an hourly rate of \$22.90, effective 05/16/2022

Frank Santore, Part-time Fire Fighter, at an annual salary of \$50,000.00, effective 05/25/2022

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.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-136**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CME ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO
CENTRAL AVENUE ONE WAY TRAFFIC**

RESOLUTION: Public Works & Public Utilities Committee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of an engineer to provide engineering services in connection with the Central Avenue One Way Traffic in accordance with letter proposal from Bruce Koch, CME Associates, dated April 22, 2022, attached to the original of this resolution; 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, CME Associates, Parlin, N.J., is a firm of licensed engineers of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation of said consulting engineer; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 2-01-20-165-233 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer certification no. 2022-01.

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 CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859, a copy of which is attached to the original of this original, 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.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of said Borough on the 3rd day of August, 2021.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
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2022

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 18th day of January, 2022, by and between the **BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal offices located at 221 South 5th Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904 (hereinafter referred to as "**BOROUGH**") and David J. Samuel, CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, New Jersey 08859 (hereinafter referred to as "**COMPANY**").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **BOROUGH** requires professional engineering services in connection with the Central Avenue One Way traffic analysis; and

WHEREAS, the **BOROUGH** has adopted a Resolution authorizing the award of a Contract for said professional services to the **COMPANY** without competitive bidding as permitted by *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED between the **BOROUGH** and the **COMPANY**, as follows:

1. Effective May 17, 2022, the **COMPANY** shall render professional services for the **BOROUGH** as required by the **BOROUGH**.
2. The **BOROUGH** agrees to compensate the **COMPANY** as set forth on the proposal dated April 22, 2022 a copy of which is attached hereto is *Schedule A* and made a part hereof; the amount of said compensation shall not exceed \$8,000.00 unless amended by further action of the **BOROUGH** for the above mentioned services.
3. The **BOROUGH** agrees to pay the **COMPANY** for any actual disbursements and out of pocket expenses incurred in carrying out its duties.

4. The **COMPANY** shall submit monthly billing to the **BOROUGH** for said services, if any, on vouchers as required by the **BOROUGH**. The **BOROUGH** agrees to process and pay said vouchers in the same manner as other municipal vouchers. The **BOROUGH** requires billing for professional services to be done to the nearest 1/4 hour.

5. The parties hereto hereby incorporate by reference herein the Affirmative Action Addendum attached hereto and made a part hereof as *Exhibit B*.

6. The **COMPANY** agrees to file its New Jersey Business Registration Certificate with the **BOROUGH's** Chief Financial Officer.

7. The **COMPANY** agrees to adhere to and comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Act, *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1*, and the **BOROUGH's** Pay-to-Play Ordinance No. 1705.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto set their hands and seals the date first above written.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

By: _____
Gayle Brill Mittler, Mayor

WITNESS:

CME Associates

By: _____

JOHN H. ALLGAIR, PE, PP, LS (1983-2001)
 DAVID J. SAMUEL, PE, PP, CME
 JOHN J. STEFANI, PE, LS, PP, CME
 JAY B. CORNELL, PE, PP, CME
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April 22, 2022

Mrs. Teri Jover, Borough Administrator
 Borough of Highland Park
 221 South Fifth Avenue
 Highland Park, NJ 08904

Re: Central Avenue One Way Traffic
 Highland Park, New Jersey
 Our File No.: PHP00548.01

Dear Mrs. Jover:

Based on recent discussions with the Borough, it is our understanding that consideration is being given to modifying vehicular traffic on Central Avenue to One-Way westbound from S. 11th Avenue to S. 10th Avenue. A Municipality may, without the approval of the Commissioner of the NJDOT, establish by Ordinance provisions of New Jersey Statutes, Title 39 – Chapter 4 – Traffic Regulation. This includes provisions of R.S.39:4-197, which includes designation of one-way traffic streets. However, Title 39 indicates that the Municipal Engineer must first certify under a Professional Engineer seal that any designation or erection of signs has been approved by the Engineer after investigation of the circumstances, and conforms to the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). It further states that not only must it be consistent with the MUTCD, it must also be based on the results of an accurate traffic and engineering survey.

We understand the Borough wishes to consider making vehicular traffic on Central Avenue One-Way westbound from S. 11th Avenue to S. 10th Avenue. It is the intent of this analysis to evaluate the existing field conditions, in conjunction with the MUTCD in order to evaluate the viability of implementing this change at this location. We anticipate that performing the following tasks will be included in the Central Avenue One-Way Traffic Analysis:

- Perform site visit and inventory existing conditions.
- Collect and Evaluate AM and PM Peak Hour Vehicular, Truck, Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Volume Data through Manual Turning Movement Counts at the Unsignalized Intersection of Central Avenue and S. 11th Avenue and the unsignalized Intersection of Central Avenue and S. 10th Avenue
- Evaluate operational characteristics of the intersections and adjacent roadways
- Alternate routes will be evaluated with respect to motorists displaced by the proposed operations and potential impacts to adjacent roadways and municipalities will be evaluated
- Prepare a Summary Report including recommendations.
- Prepare an Engineer's Certification



Teri Jover, Borough Administrator
 April 22, 2022
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Upon completion of our evaluation in accordance with MUTCD and NJAC Title 39, considering all of the factors outlined above, CME Associates will provide an engineer's certification will be included with the submission should the findings of the study conclude that the proposed modifications are feasible and in the best interest of the public.

We respectfully request authorization for this project so that we may proceed with the Central Avenue One-Way Traffic Analysis.

• Estimate of In-House Services:	\$4,970.50
• Estimate of Subconsultant Services:	<u>\$2,645.00</u>
o Total RFA Engineering Services:	\$7,615.50

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Bruce M. Koch, PE, PP, CME
 Borough Engineer's Office

BMK/blr

cc: Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler
 All Council Members
 Borough Clerk
 Borough Attorney
 Chief Financial Officer
 Borough Construction Official
 Public Works Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE

N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L.1975, c.127)

N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

GOODS, GENERAL SERVICES, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

EXHIBIT A (Cont)

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;

Certificate of Employee Information Report; or

Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance).

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.

Signature

Date

Print Name and Company

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-137**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF TAXI OPERATOR LICENSE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING TAXI CABS IN THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHLAND PARK**

RESOLUTION: Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, Michael McGlynn has 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 2022; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Deputy Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-138**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROBUST FEDERAL INVESTMENTS
FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES TO HOUSE NJ**

WHEREAS, housing insecurity is one of the biggest threats to public health and safety at any time, but never more so than during the coronavirus pandemic, and our policies must center those who have been harmed most by the pandemic so that we recover equitably; and

WHEREAS, Congress is considering once-in-a lifetime investments in housing affordability, stability and security that will lay a foundation that help create a more affordable NJ for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has caused untold economic hardship for residents and communities, with the threat of foreclosures, evictions and homelessness for many families through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, only one in four households eligible for rental assistance receives it due to decades of chronic underfunding by Congress. People of color – especially women of color – and other marginalized renters are most harmed by the housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, in NJ, renters need an income of \$31.96/hour on average to afford a modest, two-bedroom apartment. This is far above the incomes of many working families, seniors, and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, there is no state or congressional district in America with enough supply of affordable homes for families with the lowest incomes; and

WHEREAS, everyone has struggled under the weight of the pandemic, Black and Brown residents in our state have been disproportionately impacted, while continuing to suffer from hundreds of years of systemic racism and institutional inequities; and

WHEREAS Congress must work to bridge the gap between incomes and housing costs by expanding rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, by expanding rental assistance, the economic recovery package can help bridge the gap between wages and housing costs for America's lowest-income and most marginalized households; and

WHEREAS, by preserving the nation's public housing and building new homes affordable to people with the greatest needs through the national Housing Trust Fund, these essential investments directly address the severe shortage of affordable housing for people with the lowest incomes.

THEREFORE, the U.S. must make robust investments in affordable homes in any budget reconciliation bill similar to what was in the Build Back Better Bill that passed the House, including an expansion of rental assistance by \$25 billion to serve 300,000 additional households; \$65 billion to repair public housing, which is home to 2.5 million residents; and \$15 billion in the national Housing Trust Fund to build and preserve 150,000 homes affordable to people with the greatest needs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Highland encourages Congress to include robust funding to address housing instability and unaffordability and to mitigate the threat of pandemic-related homelessness in any budget reconciliation bill.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-139

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ENACTMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A938/S386,
THE "NEW JERSEY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE ACT"**

WHEREAS, this is a resolution endorsing the establishment of the “New Jersey Reparations Task Force” to conduct research and develop reparatory proposals and recommendations to address the generational harms caused by New Jersey’s role in America’s institution of slavery and its legacy of systemic racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is a multicultural and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, over four hundred years ago, enslaved Africans were brought to Jamestown, Virginia as captives; and

WHEREAS, from 1619 to 1865, approximately 4,000,000 Africans and their descendants, under a practice that was constitutionally and statutorily sanctioned, were enslaved in the United States and the colonies that became the United States; and

WHEREAS, the system of slavery that flourished in the United States constituted an immoral, shameful, and inhumane deprivation of the life, liberty, humanity, citizenship, and cultural heritage of Africans and also denied them, among other things, the fruits of their own labor upon which this country, and its economy, was built; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming body of scholarship, legal and community evidentiary documentation, and the modern day lived experiences of the descendants of enslaved Africans form the basis for inquiry into the ongoing effects of the institution of slavery and its legacy of persistent systemic structures of discrimination on living Black people and communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, following the abolition of slavery, state actors at the federal, state, and local level continued to perpetuate, condone, and profit from practices that continued to brutalize and systemically disadvantage Black people, including sharecropping, convict leasing, Jim Crow laws, redlining, unequal education, and disproportionate treatment at the hands of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, contrary to what many people believe, slavery was not just a Southern institution and took root very deeply in New Jersey. In the early 17th Century, the first enslaved African people arrived in New Netherland, a Dutch settlement established in the Mid-Atlantic, which included portions of present-day New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in 1844, New Jersey also restricted access to the ballot box by denying the vote to people with criminal convictions the same year it restricted voting to white men in its Constitution, the first state in the Northeast to do so. While many Northern states abolished slavery following the Civil War, New Jersey opposed the Emancipation Proclamation and was

the last Northern state to abolish slavery. Following the Civil War, New Jersey refused to ratify the Reconstruction Amendments; and

WHEREAS, a direct line can be traced from New Jersey's role in American slavery to its system today of voter suppression, racial wealth disparities, mass incarceration, racial segregation, and crumbling infrastructure in Black communities in New Jersey, such as the current elevated lead levels in water and homes; and

WHEREAS, the full effects of the institution and legacy of slavery on Black people and communities in New Jersey have not been sufficiently examined, nor have there been remedies for past injustice and present harm, or sufficient efforts at transformation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of historic and continued systemic racial discrimination, Black people in New Jersey confront some of the worst racial disparities in America, including but not limited to these areas; and

WHEREAS, Generations of African American youth have experienced racism in the youth justice system. Today, Black children are almost 18 times more likely to be locked up than white children, the highest disparity rate in America, even though Black and white children commit most offenses at similar rates. As of February 9, 2022, just 11 white children are incarcerated in New Jersey, compared to 65 Black children, according to State data; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey also experienced racially restrictive covenants that prohibited Black people from buying, leasing, or occupying property based on race, and redlining, which targeted Black people who were refused housing loans. Because home ownership is a primary driver of wealth, Black people in New Jersey confront one of the worst racial wealth gaps in America. The median net worth for New Jersey's white families is \$309,000, the highest in the nation. For New Jersey's Black families, it is incredibly just \$5,900, respectively. New Jersey also leads the nation in home foreclosures, according to ATTOM Data Solutions; and

WHEREAS, to address these systemic challenges in New Jersey, the "New Jersey Reparations Task Force" will research, write, and publish a report that will make the case for State-based reparations in New Jersey and outline policy recommendations that seek to repair the harm that has resulted from America's original sin in the Garden State and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State and of the people of New Jersey for the government to initiate and foster methods of improving knowledge and understanding between African Americans and other ethnic groups in New Jersey and to adopt and initiate means to foster communication and dialogue, for the purpose of achieving truth, transformation, and reparation. Therefore, it is in the interest of the State and the people of New Jersey to establish the "New Jersey Reparations Task Force" to urge New Jersey to take responsibility for its role in American slavery and its aftermath, and to set forth comprehensive and sweeping policy recommendations aimed to develop profound and reparative financial and other investments in Black communities impacted by New Jersey's history of systemic racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the urgency for the establishment of this task force is compelling. The elder African American population, some of whom are the grandchildren of formerly enslaved Black people and can bear direct witness to some of the severest forms of racism and oppression, is

advancing in age. As too many generations of Black people have already passed without benefit of any remedies for the injustices they endured, it is important that New Jersey make the establishment of this task force an imperative; and

WHEREAS, this resolution endorses that the task force recommend appropriate ways to educate the New Jersey public of the task force’s findings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this body fully endorses the enactment of the “New Jersey Reparations Task Force” bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Assembly and the New Jersey Senate, including the Borough’s local representatives of those bodies.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough of Highland Park at its regular meeting held on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-140**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

WHEREAS, on a property known as Block 3406, Lot 35, also known as 409 South 9th Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, Tax Sale Certificate #20-00009 was sold on December 18, 2020, due to unpaid Municipal charges to FIG Cust FIG NJ19, LLC; and

WHEREAS, it was found that the a subsequent tax payment in the amount of \$2,308.89 was made by the lien holder on December 13, 2021 and in error was not recorded to the lien; and

WHEREAS, the lien was redeemed with an erroneous redemption amount; and

WHEREAS, according to statutes, FIG Cust FIG NJ19, LLC is entitled to a refund of the remainder of the redemption amount of \$2,308.89, along with legal interest in the amount of \$189.75.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey:

1. That the proper City Officials are hereby directed to issue FIG Cust FIG NJ19, LLC payment for the remainder of the redemption amount for a total of \$2,489.64; and
2. That the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to adjust the records accordingly.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-141**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

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.

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 5/17/2022 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 42.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-142**

**REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
DMHAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the 2022 budget in the sum of \$5,000.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

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**BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 5-22-143**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION: Council as a Whole

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:

Executive Session: Litigation: Costas v Borough of Highland Park, Botteon v Borough of Highland Park

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.

ADOPTED: May 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of said Borough on the 17th day of May 2022.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

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