

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2024 – 7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, and was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 PM. Annual Notice of this meeting was provided to The Home News Tribune, the Star Ledger and the Highland Park Planet on January 5, 2024 and was posted on the Borough website at www.hpboro.com and on the bulletin board at Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, NJ and has remained continuously posted as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Flag salute led by Michael Klaser.

Mayor Foster introduced the new Borough Attorney, Sapana Shah of Rainone, Coughlin and Minchello.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor Foster, Councilpersons Hale, Hersh, Postelnik, Borough Administrator Jover,
Borough Attorney Shah.
Absent: Councilpersons Canavera, George, Kim-Chohan

Mayor Foster announced Councilman George is out due to having surgery.

Approval of Minutes.

It was MOVED by Councilman Hale and seconded by Council President Hersh the following minutes, January 2nd, 2024 Reorganization Meeting were approved, as distributed, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilpersons Hale, Hersh, Postelnik
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilpersons Canavera, George, Kim-Chohan
Abstain: None.

Council Reports.

Councilman Hale reported he attended an event at Rutgers regarding the topic of the growing rise of anti-semitic and semitic violence in New Jersey. The Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division noted an increase in the number of anti-Semitic incidents at colleges and universities. The biggest rise noticed was in K through 12th grade schools. Today schools are the number one place for reported bias incidents. There was a plea from law enforcement and legislative people to please report incidents of hate or bias. Police will investigate thoroughly and when appropriate prosecute to the full extent of the law. You can report incidents to the Highland Park Police Department and also directly to the Attorney General's office. There's a bias crime unit, the telephone number is 609-984-6500 or toll free 800-277-BIAS (2427). He acknowledge and thanked Mike Beaverman and Cyber Knight Computing, who celebrated 25 years in Highland Park. The Mayor presented Mike with the key to the city.

Police Chief Abrams added there are links on the Borough's website from the Police Department and also on the Attorney General's Office. It has all the directions, it's in other languages other than English and it tells you everything you need to do to report any kind of bias. He said to please let the Police Department know as soon as it happens.

Councilman Postelnik reminded everyone that the Borough has grocery transportation and online food shopping assistance, reach out to the Community Center. Today the Community Center hosted a Luna New Year Celebration, members enjoyed an afternoon of music and performances featuring dragon and line dances. Monday, February 12th at 12:00pm there's a Valentine's Day lunch, with a musical performance. There are also free Covid tests available while they last at the Community Center. Upcoming Spring Recreation programs will include youth flag football, tee baseball and softball, basketball, spring track and field, theater program, recreation dance, and art class, adult fitness, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and pickle ball. The Summer Camp programming is underway. Summer Camp positions will be open to the public later this month. There will be a summer camp job fair at the high school on February 22, 2024. The summer camp programs include day camp, sports camp, leaders and training camp and a theater camp. Please check my rec website for more information.

Council President Hersh reminded everyone there is an Environmental Commission meeting tomorrow, February 7th on Zoom at 8pm – 9:30 pm. In Councilwoman Canavera's absence, reported the Board of Health will meet tomorrow, February 8th at 7pm on Zoom. On Monday, January 29th in the Triangle section one of our garbage trucks broke down during collection. Collection will resume on Tuesday. I am second chair of the Finance Committee, I was able to be the liaison for the new Rent Control Board. He thanked the Board for being thoughtful and deliberative. The needs of the tenants and property owners were taken seriously. The resolution of the outcome made all parties happy.

Borough Administrator.

Administrator Jover - no report.

Borough Attorney's Report – Borough Attorney Sapana Shah thanked everyone for having her and she looks forward to working with everyone.

Mayor's Report.

Mayor Foster mentioned she also attended the Luna New Year Festival and thought it was spectacular. This Thursday, February 8th at 8pm, at the High School we will have our own Luna New Year festivity, that's put on by the Asian Club. The Mayor mentioned they had their first Supermarket Advisory Council meeting a week ago and they are still looking for people to come out and share their thoughts and comments. They will be meeting 1 or 2 more times. Check with Harry Glazer our Public Information Officer or look at our Take Five or go to the Borough website to see when the meetings are going to be held. To help mark Black History Month, I will share with you an overview of a celebrated 20th century African American intellectual who made his home in Highland Park, NJ. Dr. Ivan Van Sertima was born in Guyana, South America. He attended London University and the Rutgers University Graduate School and had degrees in African Studies and Anthropology. He spent much of his career as a Professor of African Studies at Rutgers University. Dr. Van Sertima is perhaps best known for writing *They Came Before Columbus: The African Presence in Ancient America*, published by Random House in 1977. The book has had 29 printings and was awarded the Clarence L. Holte Prize. Dr. Van Sertima also wrote *Early America Revisited*, founded and served as editor of the Journal of African Civilizations, and edited many books such as *African Presence in Early America*, and *Great African Thinkers*, and *Great Black Leaders: Ancient and Modern*. Dr. Van Sertima lectured at more than 100 universities in the United States and presented talks in Canada, the Caribbean, South America, and Europe. He also served as a visiting professor at Princeton University. In 1991 he presented a talk at the Smithsonian on his controversial thesis about the African presence in pre-Columbian America, which the Smithsonian published in 1994 in *Race, Discourse, and the Origin of the Americas: A New World View of 1492*. Dr. Van Sertima was chosen by the Nobel Committee of the Swedish Academy to select nominees for the Nobel Prize in Literature from 1976-1980. He was also invited to join UNESCO's International Commission for Rewriting the Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind. Dr. Van Sertima passed away in May 2009, leaving behind his wife Jacqueline and two daughters. A colloquium celebrating his life and legacy was held by the Pan African Studies department of the University of Louisville in Kentucky in January 2010.

Public Participation.

Lois Lebbing, North 2nd Avenue, asked if Resolution 2-24-67 regarding Professional Services Redevelopment for 810 North 2nd Avenue was the old block building that had Hilltop Laboratories? Councilman Hale responded yes 810 is the old laboratory building.

Lois Lebbing asked about Resolution 2-24-76 the purchase of rock salt and stated that animals cross over so why are we going to rock salt, that also breaks up cement and burns animals feet? Mayor Foster responded we will look into what type of rock salt is used.

There being no one further, Mayor Foster closed public participation.

Ordinances Requiring a Second Reading

Ordinance No. 24-2081 Capitol Ordinance Providing for Improvement to N. Fourth Avenue, Denison Street and Harper Street Project, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$609,980.00 from the Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program Therefor to Pay the Cost Thereof

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, Capitol Ordinance Providing for Improvement to N. Fourth Avenue, Denison Street and Harper Street Project, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, Appropriating \$609,980.00 from the Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program Therefor to Pay the Cost Thereof, 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.

Mayor Foster 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.

Lois Lebbing, North 2nd Street thanked the Mayor and Council stating it's been long overdue. She asked if that included sidewalks if they're required? Borough Administrator Jover replied it did not include sidewalks it is for corners where we would do what is necessary to bring them up to ADA curb standards. Corners are typically included as we do our road projects.

There being no one further to be heard and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilman Hale seconded by Council President Hersh, Ordinance No. 23-2081 entitled as above, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilpersons George, Hale, Hersh, Postelnik
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilpersons Canavera, George, Kim-Chohan.
Abstain: None.

Ordinances Requiring a First Reading

Ordinance No. 23-2082 Calendar Year Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) Has Been Duly Introduced by the Finance Committee for Consideration of Passage On First Reading by Title.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, Calendar Year Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) Has Been Duly Introduced by the Finance Committee for Consideration of Passage On First Reading by Title., had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Council President Hersh, the ordinance entitled as above was duly adopted on first reading by title, authorize publication and set public hearing for February 20, 2024, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilpersons George, Hale, Hersh, Postelnik
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilpersons Canavera, George, Kim-Chohan.
Abstain: None.

Consent Agenda Items – Resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 2-24-48 through 2-24-81 were duly adopted on a motion made by Councilman Postelnik seconded by Council President Hersh and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilpersons George, Hale, Hersh, Postelnik
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilpersons Canavera, George, Kim-Chohan.
Abstain: None.

Resolution 2-24-48

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the municipality authorizes the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (Fund) to pay its Risk Management Consultant a fee as compensation for services rendered, an amount equal to 7% of the Borough’s annual assessment as promulgated by the Fund. Said fee shall be paid to the Consultant within thirty (30) days of payment of the Municipality's assessment.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with David L. Balken of Balken Risk Management Consulting Services LLC, 4 Walter E. Foran Blvd, Suite 105B, Flemington, NJ 08822, attached hereto.
2. 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.
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and Balken Risk Management Services, LLC.

Resolution 2-24-49

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Attorney for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the firm Rainone Coughlin Minchello has provided a proposal to the Borough of Highland Park for the sought-after legal services that demonstrates extensive experience in municipal law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-155-233 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Rainone Coughlin Minchello, 555 US Highway One South, Suite 440, Iselin, NJ 08830, a copy attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-50

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Tax Appeal Counsel for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen, Esq. of the Law firm of Di Francesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in tax appeal matters and has heretofore been appointed as Tax Appeal Counsel for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-155-245 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-13.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Martin Allen, Esq., DeFranscesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ 07059, a copy attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2--24-51

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Labor Attorney for the calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Thibault, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in labor relations matters and has heretofore been appointed as Labor Attorney for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4 -01-20-155-234 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-14.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Arthur Thibault, Esq., Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, 25 Independence Boulevard, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Notice of this contract shall be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Resolution 2-24-52

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Bond Counsel for bonding and related matters the calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., is a firm of attorneys at law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in bonding and related matters and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Bond Counsel for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, in Finance and various General Capital Accounts, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-15.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 900, Woodbridge, NJ 07095-0958, a copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-53

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Engineer for the calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Koch, P.E., P.P., CME of CME Associates, is a licensed engineer of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal engineering and has heretofore been appointed Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-165-233 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, and in various capital and escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-16.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Bruce Koch, P.E., P.P., CME, CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, NJ 08859, a copy attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-54

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Planning Consultant for the calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, James Constantine, PP and Christopher Cosenza, PP of LRK, Inc. are licensed professional planners in the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and have heretofore been appointed as Borough Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account Nos. 4-01-21-180-233, 4-01-20-170-233, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various capital and escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-17.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Jim Constantine, PP of LRK, Inc., 1218 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, a copy attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-55

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Auditor for the annual audit for years ending December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company, is a certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal auditing and has heretofore been appointed Borough Auditor for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account Nos. 4-01-20-135-249 and Account No. 4-05-55-500-275 in an amount not to exceed \$58,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-18.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company, 36 West Main Street, Suite 303, Freehold, NJ 0772, a copy is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-56

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Counsel for Redevelopment for 2024; and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-170-233, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various capital and escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-19.

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

1. 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 Joseph Baumann, Esq., McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, LLC, 75 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068, a copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-57

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Prosecutor for the calendar year of 2024 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-27; and

WHEREAS, Robert Janzekovich, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with experience as a Municipal Prosecutor and has heretofore been appointed as the Municipal Prosecutor for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-25-275-235 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-20.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Robert J. Janzekovich, LLC, 6 Julia Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-58

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Public Defender for the calendar year of 2024 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-28; and

WHEREAS, Roselli & Roselli, are Attorneys at Law in the State of New Jersey with experience as Public Defenders and have heretofore been appointed as the Public Defender for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-43-495-235 and T-12-56-500-006, in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-21.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Roselli & Roselli, 11 Stephen Street, South River, NJ 08882, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-59

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Planning Board Counsel for land use and related matters the calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dolan and Dolan, is a firm of attorneys at law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in land use matters and has heretofore been appointed as Planning Board Counsel for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-21-180-233 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-22.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Roger Thomas, Esq. of Dolan and Dolan, PO Box D, Newton, NJ 07860-0106, a copy attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-54-60

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Planning Board Engineering services for calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Koch, PE, PP, CME of CME Associates is a licensed engineer of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal engineering and has heretofore been appointed Engineer for the Borough Planning Board for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-21-180-233 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-23.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Bruce Koch, PE, PP, CME of CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859 a proposed copy is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-54-61

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Zoning Board of Adjustment Counsel for land use and related matters the calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Roger Thomas, Esq., of Dolan and Dolan, is a firm of attorneys at law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in land use matters and has heretofore been appointed as Zoning Board of Adjustment Counsel for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-21-185-233, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-24.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Roger Thomas, Esq., of Dolan and Dolan, One Legal Lane, 53 Spring St, Newton, NJ 07860, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-54-62

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Planning Consultant related to affordable housing for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Brian M. Slaugh, PP, AICP is a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and has heretofore been appointed as Special Planner for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-155-250 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-25.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Brian M. Slaugh, PP, AICP, Clarke Caton Hintz, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, a copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-54-63

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of an Engineer for the Highland Park Planning Board for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Koch, PE, PP, CME of CME Associates is a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal engineering and has heretofore been appointed Engineer for the Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-21-185-233, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-26.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Bruce Koch, PE, PP, CME of CME Associates, 3141 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859, a copy attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-54-64

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Planner for the Highland Park Planning Board for calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Cosenza, AICP, PP, LEED AP of LRK is a licensed planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal planning and has heretofore been appointed Planner for the Borough Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-21-180-233 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-27.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Christopher Cosenza, AICP, PP, LEED, AP of LRK, 1218 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 a proposed copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Notice of this contract shall be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Resolution 2-24-65

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Planner for the Highland Park Zoning Board of Adjustment for calendar year of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Cosenza, AICP, PP, LEED AP of LRK is a licensed planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal planning and has heretofore been appointed Planner for the Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-21-185-233 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-28.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Christopher Cosenza, AICP, PP, LEED, AP of LRK, 1218 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 a proposed copy of which is attached hereto.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-66

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has an ongoing need for Special Environmental Counsel to assist the Borough in its representation in the matter known as JSM at Highland Park, LLC v. the Borough of Highland Park, Docket No. MID-L-4958-17; and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann (MSB) has provided said legal services to the Borough since March 3, 2020 and the Mayor & Borough Council would like MSB to continue in this capacity as Special Environmental Counsel as it relates to JSM v. Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-155-235 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-29.

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

1. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with McManimon, Scotland, & Baumann, LLC, 75 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-67

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Planner to provide redevelopment planning services in connection with 810 No. 2nd Avenue, Block 503, Lot 24; and

WHEREAS, LRK has provided a proposal to the Borough of Highland Park for these services and has demonstrated that they are a firm of licensed planners in the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in drafting redevelopment plans; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for “Professional Services” as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-20-170-233 in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-30.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with LRK, Inc., 1218 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, attached hereto.
2. Notice of this contract shall be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Resolution 2-24-68

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park was awarded \$216,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the 2016 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park was included in the NJDOT's design assistance program, whereby the costs related to engineering and design for the 2016 SRTS project are fully reimbursable up to \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park selected NV5 as its preferred consultant for the 2016 SRTS project from a pool of engineering design consultants established by NJDOT through a quality-based selection process; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for "Professional Services" as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, NV5 provided a revised proposal for final design services for the 2016 SRTS project dated September 13, 2023 in the amount of \$89,753.05, bringing the new total engineering costs to \$196,309.79; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT approved the revised proposal for final design services; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Capital Fund Account No. C-04-55-816-001 in an amount not to exceed \$196,309.79, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-___.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with NV5, 800 Lanidex Plaza, Suite 300, Parsippany, NJ 07054, a copy of which is attached hereto.
2. Notice of this contract shall be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Resolution 2-24-69

WHEREAS the Highland Park Police Department is in need of a maintenance contract for their E-Ticketing System; and

WHEREAS, under the terms and conditions of the Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, a municipality may purchase items without competitive bidding from a firm or corporation currently under contract with the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, under State Contract No. 17-Fleet-00716, the Borough may purchase said maintenance contract from Gold Type Business Machines, 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ 07073, at the State contract prices; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-25-240-235, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer no. 2024-32.

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

1. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to execute said maintenance contract with Gold Type Business Machines, 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ 07073, at a total cost not to exceed \$11,500.00.
2. That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 2-24-70

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2021 by Resolution 5-21-133, the Borough of Highland entered into a five (5) year contract (2021-2025) with Axon Enterprises for body cameras and services under State Contract No. 17-FLEET-00738; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2021, by Resolution 1-22-37, the Borough of Highland Park authorized payment no. 2 to Axon Enterprises Inc., in the amount of \$21,432.00; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, by Resolution 2-23-37, the Borough of Highland authorized payment no. 3 to Axon Enterprises Inc., in the amount \$19,100.00; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise Inc. is due Year Four Payment in the amount of \$21,432.00; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-25-240-235, in an amount not to exceed \$21,432.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, no. 2024-33.

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

1. The Finance Director shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment no. 4 in the amount of \$21,432.00 to Axon Enterprise, Inc., PO Box 29661, Department 2018, Phoenix, AZ, 85038-9661.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police and Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 2-24-71

WHEREAS, the Borough has contracted with Let's Think Wireless (LTW), 26 Chapin Road, Suite 1112, PO Box 628 Pine Brook, NJ, 07058 for warranty/service for the Police Department video camera/swipe card system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to enter into said agreement for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-25-240-235, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Finance Director No. 2024-34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that

1. The Police Chief is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for warranty/service with Let's Think Wireless (LTW), 26 Chapin Road, Suite 1112, PO Box 628, Pine Brook, NJ, 07058 at a cost of \$10,000.00 for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-72

WHEREAS, under the terms and conditions of the Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, a municipality may purchase items without competitive bidding from a firm or corporation currently under contract with the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the Highland Park Police Department is in need of a maintenance contract for their portable radios, as more fully described on the attached quote; and

WHEREAS, under State Contract No. 83932, the Borough may purchase said maintenance contract from Tactical Public Safety, 1036 Industrial Way, West Berlin, NJ 08091, at the State contract prices; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-25-240-235, in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Finance Director No. 2024-35.

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

1. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to execute said maintenance contract for the portable radios from Tactical Public Safety, 1036 Industrial Way, West Berlin, NJ 08091, for a total amount not to exceed \$15,500.00.
2. That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Richard Abrams, Chief of Police and the Finance Director, forthwith.

Resolution 2-24-73

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park seeks to update Molimock-Graff Park, located in the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) District of town; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) has funds available for these purposes through their Local Recreation Improvement Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to apply for this grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 which requires no cash match; and

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit the grant application to NJDCA.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-74

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park seeks to implement actions outlined in its Community Energy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) has funds available for these purposes through their Community Energy Plan Grant program; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to apply for this grant funding in an amount up to \$250,000 which requires no cash match; and

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit the grant application to NJBPU.
2. 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.

Resolution 2-24-75

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has a need for a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) to perform routine tree evaluations for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Richard Wolowicz of RichView Consulting is a Licensed Tree Expert (License #281) in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has solicited these services without a "fair and open process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law," and will require completion of all necessary Pay-to-Play forms, including the Campaign Contributions Affidavit and the Certification Regarding Political Contributions, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26, respectively; and

WHEREAS, a contract for these services may be awarded without public advertising for bids as the contract is for "Professional Services" as defined by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-26-290-237 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, and will be provided for by the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Certification no. 2024-36.

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Richard Wolowicz of RichView Consulting, 4 Maude Lane, Hackettstown, NJ 07840-5619, attached hereto.
2. Notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of the executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Resolution 2-24-76

WHEREAS, under the terms and conditions of the Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, a municipality may purchase items without competitive bidding from a firm or corporation currently under contract with the County of Middlesex Cooperative Purchasing Program Common Cents; and

WHEREAS the Highland Park Department of Public Works is in need of rock salt; and

WHEREAS, under Middlesex County Bid No. B-23-560, the Borough may purchase said rock salt from Morton Salt Inc., 444 West Lake Street, Suite 300, Chicago IL 60606, at County prices; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-26-290-207 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, and will be provided for by the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Certification no. 2024-37.

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

1. The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to purchase said rock salt from Morton Sale Inc., 444 West Lake Street, Suite 300, Chicago IL 60606, for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.
2. That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Public Works Department and Finance Director.

Resolution 2-24-77

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Public Works Department is need to make emergency repairs to Garbage Truck No. 5; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law NJSA 40A:11-6 et seq, a contract may be awarded and immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services may be provided when an emergency affects the public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, On-Site Fleet Services, Inc. is qualified and able to make said emergency repairs and has been authorized to proceed with the work in an amount not to exceed \$9,109.49; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget, Current Fund Account No. 4-01-26-315-232, in an amount not to exceed \$9,109.49, and will be provided for in the 2024 Municipal Budget as adopted, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer No. 2024-38.

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

1. The Chief Financial Officer shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue payment in the amount not to exceed \$9,109.49 to On-Site Fleet Service, Inc., 36 Edgeboro Road, East Brunswick NJ 08816, for services in connection with repairs to Garbage Truck No. 5.
2. Copies of this Resolution shall be provided to Public Works Department, and the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution 2-24-78

WHEREAS, under the terms and conditions of the Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, a municipality may purchase and/or rent items without competitive bidding from a firm or corporation currently under contract with the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is in need of replacing photocopiers in the Community Center, the Police Department and the Code Enforcement, said equipment as more fully described on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, under State Contract No. M2075- 24-FOOD-52426, the Borough may lease four (4) Ricoh Copiers; one (1) Ricoh IMCW2200 in the Code Enforcement Dept.; one (1) Ricoh IMC6010 in the Community Services.; One (1) IMC2510 for the Police Department; One (1) Ricoh IM3500A for the Police Department; for a 48 month rental contract, at the State contract prices; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose shall be made available in Account No. 4-01-20-121-208 in a monthly amount of \$1,097.41 excluding any possible overage charges, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer, no. 2024-39.

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

1. The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the lease of the aforesaid photocopying equipment from Ricoh USA, Inc., 300 Eagleview Blvd, Suite 200, Exton, PA 19341.
2. That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Police Chief, Community Service, Code Enforcement and Borough Clerk.

Resolution 2-24-79

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 4-23-116, adopted by the Borough Council on April 18, 2023, a contract was awarded to Molba Carpentry, Inc. t/a Molba Construction of Little Ferry, NJ, for the Highland Park Public Library Interior renovations; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 6 certified by Arcari + Iovino Architects PC, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved and there is due to Molba Carpentry, Inc. t/a Molba Construction. the sum of \$91,876.68 in accordance with said Pay Estimate No. 6 for work performed through January 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Capital Fund Account No. C-04-55-831-001 in an amount not to exceed \$91,876.68, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by Chief Financial Officer Certification No. 2024-40.

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

1. The Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Molba Carpentry, Inc. t/a Molba Construction the sum of \$91,876.68, as certified by the Architects certification of Pay Estimate No. 6, subject to the Clerk’s receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports; and
2. Certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Chief Financial Officer and the Arcari + Iovino Architects PC.

Resolution 2-24-80

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 4-23-116, adopted April 18, 2023, the Borough Council authorized execution of a contract with Molba Carpentry, Inc. t/a Molba Construction for Highland Park Public Library Interior Renovations, in an amount not to exceed \$697,300.00; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10-23-229, adopted on October 24, 2023, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 1, in an amount not to exceed \$4,960.80, for a total contract amount of \$702,260.80; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10-23-230, adopted on October 24, 2023, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 2 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, for a total contract amount of \$717,260.80; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10-23-231, adopted on October 24, 2023, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$6,405.75, for a total contract amount of \$723,666.55; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1-24-23, adopted on January 16, 2024, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 4, in an amount not to exceed \$1,659.33, for a total contract amount of \$726,765.29; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1-24-24, adopted on January 16, 2024, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 5, in an amount not to exceed \$1,439.41, for a total contract amount of \$726,765.29; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1-24-25, adopted on January 16, 2024, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 6, in an amount not to exceed \$4,112.50, for a total contract amount of \$730,877.79; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1-24-26, adopted on January 16, 2024, the Borough Council authorized Change Order No. 7, in an amount not to exceed \$3,393.00, for a total contract amount of \$734,270.79; and

WHEREAS, the Architect, Arcari + Iovino Architects, P.C. has prepared the attached Change Order No. 8 to the said contract for fire alarm signalization, for an increase of \$1,053.00 in the contract amount and is less than 20% of the original contract, for a total contract amount of \$735,323.79; and

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed the proposed Change Order No. 7 for this contract and has approved the same subject to satisfaction of N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9 relating to change orders; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Capital Account No. C-04-55-831-001, in an amount not to exceed \$1,053.00, for a total contract amount of \$735,323.79, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer certification no. 2024-41.

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

1. Mayor Elsie Foster is hereby authorized and directed to execute Change Order No. 8, dated January 12, 2024, to the contract of Molba Carpentry, Inc. t/a Molba Construction upon satisfaction of N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9 relating to the submission of a certification relating to the change orders to date, to the satisfaction of the Borough Attorney and Architect; and
2. Certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Molba Carpentry, Inc. t/a Molba Construction.

Resolution 2-24-81

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 2/6/2024 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 44.

Resolutions requiring a Separate Reading.

Resolution 2-24-82

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 allows for a municipality to adopt a temporary budget within the first 30 days of its budget year when contracts, commitments or payments need to be made prior to the adoption of the regular budget, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park requires additional appropriations to maintain operations until such time that the Borough Budget is adopted,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that the following additional temporary emergency budget appropriations be authorized:

CURRENT FUND		
DEPARTMENT	TYPE	AMOUNT
Township of Freehold IT Svcs	O/E	\$16,980.00
Community Development Block Grant	O/E	\$76,445.00
WATER/SEWER UTILITY		
DEPARTMENT	TYPE	AMOUNT
Middlesex County Utilities Authority	O/E	\$300,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough.

Resolution No. 2-24-82 was duly adopted on a motion made by Council President Hersh and seconded by Councilman Postelnik, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

ROLL CALL Ayes: Councilpersons Hale, Hersh, Postelnik
Opposed: None.
Absent: Councilpersons Canavara, George, Kim-Chohan
Abstain: None.

Appointments

On motion made by Councilman Postelnik and seconded by Councilman Hale, Jennifer Perry-Hidalgo was appointed to the Board of Health, carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

ROLL CALL Ayes: Councilpersons Hale, Hersh, Postelnik
Opposed: None.
Absent: Canavera, George, Kim-Chohan.
Abstain: None.

Mayor Foster appointed Bryant Fitzgerald, Highland Park Police Department Rep. and Caitlyn Dean, Highland Park Police Department 2nd Rep., no confirmation needed.

Second Public Participation.

Lois Lebbing North 2nd Avenue, said that she spoke to the Mayor about some price tags missing in the Borough stores against the State law violation. A thrift shop employee told her they refused to do a general price list. Is there any movement on whoever at our Chamber of Commerce is working on seeing that the prices are items are tagged with price tags? Mayor Foster replied that there is a Department of Consumer Affairs in Middlesex County that you can call. They will send an investigator out to those stores who do not have prices listed on their items.

Lois Lebbing asked how many tickets have been issued for residential sidewalks? Owner Occupied homes and two family homes do not owe any repairs or snow removal to the public, only commercial. We are not supposed to be ticketed for snow removal as has been done in the past. Have any snow tickets been handed out to owner occupied and two family homes? Mayor Foster replied that she was unaware of any tickets issued to any household for not following our Ordinance of cleaning the sidewalk within 24 hours of snowfall. She said that she would look into that as well as the rock salt and report back.

Council President Hersh added that it is required for residents to remove snow from their sidewalks according to local ordinance. . That is enforceable. You may have a resident that is vision impaired and can't maneuver the sidewalks, pushing a stroller or a wheelchair. There are a number of reasons why having a clear sidewalk is important. If there is a concern or if you have a neighbor or you see an unclear sidewalk up to 24 hours after the snowfall. Please call and report it to the Department of Public Works. They will reach out to the property owners without being punitive, but will instruct what our policy is and at least assist in making sure that they provide a list of vendor volunteers to remove snow.

There being no one further, Mayor Foster closed public participation.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilman Postelnik and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Santiago
Borough Clerk