

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
ADJOURNED MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019 – 6:30 PM

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. 918, 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, Section 3, 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. 1-19-367 Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers.

MOTION adopt/reject.

ROLL CALL VOTE

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – MOTION to adopt the following starred (*) items.

ROLL CALL VOTE

- * 5. 1-19-368 Resolution to Refund Duplicate Tax Payment – Block 132, Lot 35.
- * 6. 1-19-369 Resolution to Approve Façade and Awning Improvement Contract.
- * 7. 1-19-370 Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Utility Service Affiliates, Inc. for Licensed Operator Services and Laboratory Services.
- * 8. 1-19-371 Resoluton Authorizing Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. to Apply for Grant Funding to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Site Investigation and Remedial Investigation of the Property at Classic Cleaners, 125 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lots 43, 46 and 49.
- * 9. 1-19-372 Resoluton Authorizing Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. to Apply for Grant Funding to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Site Investigation and Remedial Investigation of the Property at Urbry's Inc., 115 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lot 47.
- * 10. 1-19-373 Resoluton Authorizing Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. to Apply for Grant Funding to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Site Investigation and Remedial Investigation of the Property at Bergen Care Car Center, 101 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lot 48.

MOTION adopt/reject.

ROLL CALL VOTE

11. Public Discussion (5 minutes).
12. **MOTION** to adjourn sine die.

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
1-19-367

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that transfers of 2018 budget appropriation balances shall be made as follows:

Description	From	To
Legal		\$ 40,000.00
Administration OE	\$ 5,000.00	
Group Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds OE	\$ 10,000.00	
Motorpool OE	\$ 20,000.00	
Total	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>

ADOPTED: January 2, 2019

ATTEST:

Joan Hullings, BOROUGH CLERK

I, Joan Hullings, 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 2nd day of January, 2019.

Joan Hullings, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Fine				
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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 1-19-368

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

RESOLUTION: Finance Committee

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to remit to the following the amount set opposite, the same being the amount of overpayment of 2018 4th quarter taxes for the properties indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
132	35	C. Schantz & S. Tikoo-Schantz 811 Abbott Street Highland Park, NJ 08904 (811 Abbott Street)	\$1,761.29

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

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 1-19-369

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FAÇADE AND AWNING IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION: Economic Development and Planning Committee

WHEREAS, the following business/property owners have submitted a completed application to the Borough of Highland Park for matching grant under the Highland Park Façade Improvement Program and/or the Highland Park Awning Promotion Program, both funded through the Community Block Development Grant and further described on the Purchase Requisition attached to the original of this resolution for the location designated, to wit:

<u>APPLICANT</u> University Laundromat, LLC	<u>BUSINESS LOCATIONS</u> 410 Raritan Avenue
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and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Design Committee has reviewed the applications and has recommended that the above applications be approved by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be available in Account No. G-02-16-CD6-210 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the application from the above named business/property owner be approved for funding under the Highland Park Façade Improvement and Awning Promotion Program in the amount set opposite, to wit:

<u>APPLICANT</u> University Laundromat, LLC	<u>AMOUNT</u> \$1,500.00
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the applicant, Finance Department and the Main Street Executive Director forthwith.

APPROVED: January 2, 2019

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NO. 1-19-370

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX
WATER COMPANY – LICENSED OPERATOR SERVICES

RESOLUTION: Public Works and Public Utilities Committee

WHEREAS, regulatory agencies require that the water distribution and sewer collection systems require a licensed operator with both W-2 and C-2 licenses to oversee these systems; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex Water Company, who provides the treated water used in the Borough's water distribution system, also provides licensed operator services to other municipal water and sewer systems and possess the required W-2 and C-2 licenses necessary to operate the Borough systems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to award this contract as a professional service agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to enter into an agreement with the Water Company for these services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Middlesex Water Company in a form approved by the Borough Attorney and consisting of terms and conditions consistent with the attached contract outline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall send certified copies of this resolution to the following:

Richard M. Risoldi, Vice President, Subsidiary Operations, Middlesex Water Company, 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin, NJ 08830-3020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk publish a notice of this award or contract in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
NO. 1-19-371

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXCEL ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, INC. TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR SITE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPERTY AT CLASSIC CLEANERS, 125 RARITAN AVENUE, BLOCK 173, LOS 43, 46 AND 49, HIGHLAND PARK, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION: Economic Development and Planning Committee

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund, has grant funds available to municipalities for the purpose of funding preliminary assessments, site investigations and remedial investigations to determine the existence or extent of hazardous substance discharge conditions on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (the "Borough") wishes to conduct a site investigation and remedial investigation with respect to the property located at 125 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lots 43, 46 and 49 in Highland Park, Middlesex County, New Jersey (hereinafter the "Property"); and.

WHEREAS, Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. ("Excel") is qualified to prepare and submit all Applications for such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to acquire the Property through voluntary conveyance and is committed to develop or redevelop the Property within a three-year period from the completion of the remediation.

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

1. Excel is hereby authorized and directed to apply for grant funding in order to conduct a site investigation and remedial investigation for the above-described parcels.
2. The Mayor, Borough Administrator and other appropriate Borough Officials are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in order to apply for the aforesaid grant.
3. In the event that funding is approved pursuant to a grant issued in favor of the Borough, Excel shall be authorized and directed to implement a site investigation and remedial investigation for the above described parcels in accordance with a contract to be approved by the Borough and the NJDEP, but only to the extent that NJDEP grant funds are available for payment for the aforesaid services.

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RESOLUTION: Economic Development and Planning Committee

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund, has grant funds available to municipalities for the purpose of funding preliminary assessments, site investigations and remedial investigations to determine the existence or extent of hazardous substance discharge conditions on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (the "Borough") wishes to conduct a site investigation and remedial investigation with respect to the property located at 115 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lot 47 in Highland Park, Middlesex County, New Jersey (hereinafter the "Property"); and.

WHEREAS, Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. ("Excel") is qualified to prepare and submit all Applications for such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to acquire the Property through voluntary conveyance and is committed to develop or redevelop the Property within a three-year period from the completion of the remediation.

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RESOLUTION: Economic Development and Planning Committee

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund, has grant funds available to municipalities for the purpose of funding preliminary assessments, site investigations and remedial investigations to determine the existence or extent of hazardous substance discharge conditions on the property; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park (the "Borough") wishes to conduct a site investigation and remedial investigation with respect to the property located at 101 Raritan Avenue, Block 173, Lot 48 in Highland Park, Middlesex County, New Jersey (hereinafter the "Property"); and.

WHEREAS, Excel Environmental Resources, Inc. ("Excel") is qualified to prepare and submit all Applications for such funding; and

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