

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:05 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, Welkovits.

Mayor Brill Mittler commented that she is delighted to see so many first responders at tonight's meeting. She thanked them for their heroic efforts on Christmas Eve at the fire on Cedar Lane. She read proclamation and handed out the proclamations to the attendees from the Police Department, Fire Department First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management, Community Emergency Response Team and representatives from the Rutgers University Police Department and the various mutual aid fire departments that responded.

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

Councilwoman Foster Dublin thanked all the first responders for their efforts with the fire on Cedar Lane. The Borough will continue to work with the affected families. She outlined stats from the Police Department for calls that they responded to from the previous month. The Borough has opened their warming center at the Community Center due to the temperatures outside. If anyone needs assistance, they should contact the Highland Park Police Department.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan thanked the first responders for their efforts with the fire on Cedar Lane. She lives in a complex directly across the street and they lost power for a while. She appreciated the fast response and the help provided by the community. The Windows of Understanding Project begins on January 17th and will run until February 28th. This is a joint project with New Brunswick and there will be nearly 40 storefronts participating. Mayor Brill Mittler will talk about Tables of Understanding that will occur in February.

Councilman Hale reported that the Highland Park Food Pantry that it is open to anyone who lives or works in Highland Park. I mention this specifically because I want any of our federal workers effected by the government shut down to know that if needed they can come to the Food Pantry for help. Since federal workers and federal contractors hurt by the shutdown are likely not familiar with the policies and procedures of the food pantry I want to just briefly outline them here. The Highland Park Food Pantry is located at the Community Center on 220 South Sixth Ave. The normal hours of operation for the Food pantry and the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9-10:45 am and 6-7 PM and the Saturday following these Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30am. We ask people to pick either a Thursday or Saturday under normal circumstance. That means the next normal operations day are Thursday January 24th, Saturday January 26th, then again on Thursday, February 14 and Saturday February 16th. A full schedule is of course available on the borough web site. In addition to these regular distribution days, it is possible to do an emergency distribution by calling Nicole Huff at 732-819-0047 for an appointment. Calling and appointments are not 100% necessary but doing so really makes the process and is much appreciated. The federal shutdown is also impacting our residents in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or SNAP. Because of the shutdown SNAP recipients will be receiving their BENEFITS EARLY. If you received your SNAP benefits at the beginning of January and were expecting to receive them in February, you should know that you will be receiving those February Benefits on January 17th. So the entirety of the February benefits will be coming on January 17th. It is important to know this because there will likely not be another distribution until March. These are just two instances where the federal government shutdown is having direct and real impacts on people. More will come and please if you or your family are experiencing difficulty because of the shutdown please don't hesitate to let the borough know. We can't promise to fix everything or but we promise to listen and try to help you get through this. The second event to mention is our annual Dr. Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award Program. This event will take place on Monday January 21st from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Highland Park High School Auditorium at 102 North 5th Ave. This year we will honor Tyrone Harrison a beloved local educator, a former Highland Park and Ohio State Football player who was tragically killed at the end of 2018. In addition, we will hear a Keynote Address from Amiri Tulloch a local student journalist. This, as always promises to be an uplifting and inspirational event and I encourage everyone to attend. The third and last thing I want to mention is a special public meeting coming up on February 6th at 7:30 at the Community Center. As many of you know our current police chief Stephen Rizco will be retiring in April. The process for finding Chief Rizco's replacement is underway and a significant part of that will this meeting on February 6th at 7:30pm at the Community Center. The meeting is sponsored and will be run by the Highland Park Equity Commission (HP Equity) which will be new name for the Highland Park Bias-Free Commission. The primary goal of the meeting is to identify community questions have for the candidates. We will begin with an explanation and overview of the process and the legal and labor union regulations that the borough is following. But the bulk of the meeting will consist of all participants breaking up into several small focus groups around broad topic areas. Each focus group will be charged with coming up with interview questions they want the hiring committee to pose to the new chief. Each focus group will then report to the larger group on their work and all of the information will be collected, organized and prioritized by the HP Equity commission, who will come up with the final list of questions. My hope is that this model of organizing a public meeting might become a model to use in many other areas. But that will only work if people come out, participate and do the honest work of this process. Please help spread the word far-and-wide about this important meeting. The borough and the HP Equity Commission will be widely publishing this in our social media channels but we can use all the help we can get. So please tell everyone about the meeting, which is again going to be held WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 7:30PM AT THE HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY CENTER.

Council President George reported that door hangers were distributed for bulk trash, recycling and garbage pickup. Additional door hangers are available if you did not receive one. The Borough will have a working session regarding deer management with State officials. They have been working on implementing recommendations received from Middlesex Water Company.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that there is a developer proposing an all-girls school on Cleveland Avenue. They are working on community outreach prior to an application being submitted. Will have a small working meeting and an open public meeting on January 31st at 7PM. The meetings will be run by the Borough Planner.

Borough Attorney Schmierer- No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that there is a flyer available for meeting about Police promotions. Tonight they will be appointing over 100 new and/or returning volunteers. Highland Park is a community that comes together to work for the betterment. She appreciates all the volunteers who want to work towards a better Highland Park. Lastly, Highland Park list a wonderful volunteer, Marc Mappen, who was a former Chairperson of the Library Board of Trustees for many years. She met him when they used to commute to New York on the train. He was an historian of New Jersey history and had a wonderful sense of humor. She remembers him for what he did for Highland Park and New Jersey. She asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

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

Tina Weishaus, 143 North 5th Avenue, commented that she is the Chairperson of Sustainable Highland Park. She thanked the Council for introducing the Plastic Bag ordinance on first reading tonight. She and Sustainable Highland Park wrote the grant two years ago. They worked hard to do a lot of outreach, surveys, handing out recyclable bags, showed movies and talked to people. They held more community meetings when they worked on the ordinance and they tried to be responsive to objections raised. It was an excellent process of outreach and transparency. The ordinance is on the Borough website. She thanked Councilman George for working with her and she also thanked Borough Administrator Jover for writing the grant and working with her on the ordinance. She thanked the Mayor for being supportive. She thinks this is a best practices ordinance that is aligned with the State bill. The second reading of the ordinance will be done at the next council meeting where there will be public comment.

Josh Pruzansky, 141 North 10th Avenue, commented that 3 years ago tomorrow, a boy was killed on Route 27 near Columbia Street. The Borough has been lobbying the State for a road diet to shrink the lanes from four down to two. To date nothing has happened. Residents of that area walk to and from temple and the kosher food store located on Route 27. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she spoke today with Senator Diegnan. He spoke with the Department of Transportation and they were talking recently about the Upper Raritan situation. Wants to set up another meeting with the DOT officials to discuss this issue. Mr. Pruzansky commented that there needs to be a push as this is a serious issue.

Tara Canavera, 361C Crowells Road, thanked the Highland Park Police Department for their gifts for the children, it was most appreciated. In her heart, she is for the plastic bag ordinance, but she is on a low income. After paying her bills and co-pay, she is left with \$7 to feed a family of 4. She is thankful for the food pantry. Other things come up and it affects them. Wants help getting reusable bags. Ms. Weishaus noted that there is a low income exemption on paying the fee on the plastic bags. They have lots of bags to distribute and she will bring some to Borough Hall.

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that Highland Park lost a veteran, Lou Borberly. Freedom is not free, you have to fight for it and earn it. He asked for a moment of silence.

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

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

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

No. 1-19-19

WHEREAS, a need has arisen to provide adequate funds for certain budget items pending adoption of the Local Municipal Budget for 2019 and NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the making of emergency appropriations in such cases; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2019 pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, PL 1951), as amended, including this resolution, total \$6,035,266.00; and

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

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

DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET #2
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION		

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Salaries & Wages	20-100-1	49,609.00
Other Expenses	20-100-2	6,234.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL		
Salaries & Wages	20-110-1	8,672.00
Other Expenses	20-110-2	2,494.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK		
Salaries & Wages	20-120-1	41,330.00
Other Expenses	20-120-2	6,923.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries & Wages	20-130-1	15,300.00
Other Expenses	20-130-2	33,311.00
ANNUAL AUDIT		
Other Expenses	20-135-2	-
TAX COLLECTION		
Salaries & Wages	20-145-1	21,535.00
Other Expenses	20-145-2	3,885.00
TAX ASSESSMENT		
Salaries & Wages	20-150-1	15,853.00
Other Expenses	20-150-2	3,078.00
LEGAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-155-2	91,875.00
ENGINEERING & PLANNING		
Other Expenses	20-165-2	5,775.00
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Salaries & Wages		1,838.00
Other Expenses	20-170-2	28,088.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Other Expenses	20-140-2	28,744.00
CENTRAL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	20-316-2	21,656.00
PLANNING BOARD		
Salaries & Wages		1,838.00
Other Expenses	21-180-2	8,701.00
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT		
Salaries & Wages	21-185-1	5,330.00
Other Expenses	21-185-2	3,977.00
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	21-195-2	1,000.00
GENERAL LIABILITY/WORKERS COMPENSATION		
Other Expenses	23-211-2	202,240.00
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH		
Other Expenses	23-220-2	433,500.00
POLICE		
Salaries & Wages	25-240-1	900,478.00
Other Expenses	25-240-2	46,213.00
POLICE DISPATCH/911		

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Salaries & Wages	25-250-1	62,704.00
Other Expenses	25-250-2	656.00
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Other Expenses	25-252-2	919.00
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTION		
Other Expenses	25-260-2	-
FIRE		
Salaries & Wages	25-265-1	57,166.00
Other Expenses	25-265-2	18,769.00
LOSAP		
Other Expenses	25-265-2	4,331.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR		
Other Expenses	25-275-2	9,188.00
STREETS & ROADS		
Salaries & Wages	26-290-1	289,413.00
Other Expenses	26-290-2	31,946.00
APARTMENT COLLECTION		
Other Expenses	26-305-2	56,175.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS		
Salaries & Wages	26-310-1	11,581.00
Other Expenses	26-310-2	46,988.00
MOTOR POOL		
Salaries & Wages	26-315-1	19,743.00
Other Expenses	26-315-2	39,113.00
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Other Expenses	27-330-2	250.00
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	27-335-2	250.00
COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE AFFAIRS		
Other Expenses	27-336-2	250.00
SAFE WALKING & CYCLING COMMITTEE		
Other Expenses	27-337-2	250.00
SUSTAINABLE HIGHLAND PARK		
Other Expenses	27-338-2	250.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	27-339-2	250.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES - RECREATION		
Salaries & Wages	28-370-1	15,127.00
Other Expenses	28-370-2	3,938.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES - AGING		
Salaries & Wages	28-371-1	55,587.00
Other Expenses	28-371-2	6,786.00
ARTS COMMISSION		
Other Expenses	28-374-2	250.00
SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
Other Expenses	28-375-2	250.00
TEEN CENTER		

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Salaries & Wages	28-373-1	17,750.00
Other Expenses	28-373-2	
ELECTRICITY		
Other Expenses	31-430-2	40,000.00
STREET LIGHTING		
Other Expenses	31-435-2	62,000.00
TELEPHONE		
Other Expenses	31-440-2	16,984.00
FUEL OIL/GASOLINE/NATURAL GAS		
Other Expenses	31-460-2	29,271.00
SANITARY LANDFILL		
Other Expenses	32-465-2	69,563.00
Salaries & Wages	22-195-1	84,853.00
Other Expenses	22-195-2	4,014.00
CABLE TELEVISION		
Other Expenses	30-411-2	1,706.00
ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE		
Salaries & Wages	30-415-1	16,275.00
COMMUNICATIONS		
Salaries & Wages	20-105-1	25,076.00
Other Expenses	20-105-2	4,883.00
MUNICIPAL COURT		
Salaries & Wages	43-490-1	55,259.00
Other Expenses	43-490-2	3,084.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
Other Expenses	43-495-2	1,575.00
Salaries & Wages	29-390-1	174,166.00
Other Expenses	29-390-2	90,643.00
COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES		
Other Expenses	42-401-2	11,665.00
M.C.I.A. RECYCLING		
Other Expenses	42-402-2	2,363.00
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES		
Other Expenses	27-340-2	3,938.00
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS		
NJDEP Radon Awareness	41-707-2	2,000.00
Fire Victims Donations	41-735-2	10,015.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES		
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-472-2	86,121.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE		
Other Expenses	23-225	1,313.00
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-471-2	-
POLICE AND FIREMAN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
Other Expenses	36-475-2	-

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	SUBTOTAL	3,536,124.00
DEBT SERVICE		
BOND PRINCIPAL		
Other Expenses	45-920-2	625,000.00
INTEREST ON BONDS		
Other Expenses	45-930-2	242,369.00
M.C.I.A. LEASE/LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-950-2	79,500.00
DBIZ LOAN		
Other Expenses	45-925-2	-
	SUBTOTAL	946,869.00
	GRAND TOTAL	4,482,993.00

2019 TEMPORARY WATER AND SEWER BUDGET

DESCRIPTION		2019 TEMP
OPERATING		
Salaries & Wages		63,140.00
Other Expenses		630,933.00
Middlesex County Utilities Authority		330,750.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES		
Public Employee Retirement System		-
Social Security System		-
DEFERRED CHARGES		
Over expenditure Budget Appropriation		-
	SUBTOTAL	1,024,823.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Payment of Bond Principal		460,000.00
Interest on Bonds		67,450.00
	SUBTOTAL	527,450.00
	GRAND TOTAL	1,552,273.00

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2019 budget under the various captions listed herein.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, "BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE", had been introduced in writing by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Foster-Dublin, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan/

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, Welkovits.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 1-19-20

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, "BRING YOUR OWN BAG ORDINANCE", has been introduced and duly passed on first reading;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that this Council meet at the Borough Hall, 221 South Fifth Avenue, Highland Park, New Jersey, on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 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.

Resolution Nos. 1-19-21 through 1-19-46, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, Welkovits.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-21

WHEREAS, David Angel, Salah Badran, Daniel Myers, Frank Catalfamo, Brian Mooney, Nicholas Lagakos, James Thomas, Lawrence Dick, Robert G. Hala, Keith Wierzbowski, Akmal Magrufkhddzhayev, Randy Shutz, Robert Miller, Chimaeze Nwaro, Robert Pacconi, Larry Sale, and Ely Kotin have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2019; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that said applicants are qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of said Licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Operator License to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-22

WHEREAS, EK NO. 11 LLC (Ely Kotin), DA No. 7 LLC, Matnikell LLC, Randy Shutz, and Frank Catalfamo have filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for an Owners License to operate taxicabs in this Borough under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such licenses for the year 2019; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Council hereby determined that said applicant is qualified and that public necessity and convenience would be served by the issuance of such Licenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue an Owner License to the aforesaid applicants.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-23

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

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

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-24

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Attorney for the calendar year of 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Schmierer, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Attorney for 2019;

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

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$45,000.00 and an additional \$20,000.00 for litigation, without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$65,000.00 in Account No. 9-01-20-155-2AT, upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Edwin Schmierer, Esq., a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-25

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Tax Appeal Counsel for the calendar year 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen of the Law firm of Di Francesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in tax appeal matters and has heretofore been appointed as Tax Appeal Counsel for 2019; and

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

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

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be available in the amount of \$10,000.00 in Account No. 9-01-20-155-2TA, upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Martin Allen, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of hereof, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-26

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Labor Consultant for the calendar year of 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Thibault, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in labor relations matters and has heretofore been appointed as Labor Consultant for 2019; and

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

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$40,000.00 in Account No. 9-01-20-155-2LA, upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

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

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

No. 1-19-27

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of Bond Counsel for bonding and related matters the calendar year of 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., is a firm of attorneys at law of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in bonding and related matters and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Bond Counsel for 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, funds are or will be made available for this purpose in all capital ordinances as the same are adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, Esqs., a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-28

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Engineer for the calendar year of 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, David J. Samuel, of CME Associates, is a licensed engineer of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal engineering and has heretofore been appointed Borough Engineer for 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed \$9,500.00 or the amount specified in agreements for specific projects; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$9,500.00 in Account No. 9-01-20-165-2EN, upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with David J. Samuel, CME Associates, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-29

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Planning Consultant for the calendar year of 2019 and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, James Constantine, PP of LRK, Inc. is a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and has heretofore been appointed as Borough Planner for 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 9-01-21-180-2PL in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below, and in various escrow accounts now or hereafter established pursuant to Chapter 17-10.12 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Highland Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Jim Constantine, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-30

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Counsel for Affordable Housing for 2019; 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, Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, is an Attorney at Law Firm of the State of New Jersey with experience in municipal law and has heretofore been appointed as Special Counsel for the above mentioned period; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-31

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Planning Consultant for the calendar year of 2019 and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Philip B. Caton is a licensed professional planner of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal land use and planning matters and has heretofore been appointed as Special Planner for 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to provide for the method of compensation for the Special Planner as per the attached Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Philip B. Caton, Clarke Caton Hintz, 100 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-32

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Auditor for the calendar year of 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company, is a certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal auditing and has heretofore been appointed Borough Auditor for 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are not to exceed the amount of \$37,950.00 without further resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$37,950.00 in Account No. 9-01-20-135-235 and Account No. 9-05-55-500-4AE, upon adoption of the municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company,

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a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-33

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Special Counsel for Redevelopment for 2019; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.: 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, an Agreement for professional services with McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, LLC, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-34

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Prosecutor for the calendar year of 2019 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-27; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Robert Janzekovich, Esq., is an Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey with experience as a Municipal Prosecutor and has heretofore been appointed as the Municipal Prosecutor for 2019; and

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

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$34,000.00 in Account No. 9-01-25-275-235 upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Robert J. Janzekovich, LLC, 6 Julia Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-35

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Public Defender for the calendar year of 2019 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2B:12-28; and

WHEREAS, such services are professional services as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Roselli & Roselli, are Attorneys at Law in the State of New Jersey with experience as Public Defenders and have heretofore been appointed as the Public Defender for 2019; and

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

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$9,000.00 in Account No. 9-01-43-495-235 upon adoption of the 2019 municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an Agreement for professional services with Roselli & Roselli, 11 Stephen Street, South River, NJ 08882, a proposed copy of which is attached hereto, and that notice of this contract be published as required by law and that a copy of executed Agreement be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

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

No. 1-19-36

WHEREAS, the following employees are entitled the following payouts in the amounts listed below:

NAME	AMOUNT DUE
Sade Edens	\$1,082.58
Bryant Fitzgerald	\$127.80
Mohab Hannout	\$903.75
David Soden	\$105.44

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the comp time payouts be approved and distributed in the next available pay cycle.

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

No. 1-19-37

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 the buyback of 2 vacation time for the Borough Police Chief:

	Calculation	Amount Due
Vacation	128 hours x \$88.52	\$11,330.56
Total Payment		\$11,330.56

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Borough Administrator forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-38

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record services in connection with one or more bond issuances to provide certain financial and other information and notices; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. 9-01-20-130-235 in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 without further resolution of Council, as reflected by the Certification of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough the AGREEMENT providing for Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record services with Phoenix Advisors, LLC., 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Finance Director and Phoenix Advisors, LLC forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-39

WHEREAS, from time to time property owners within the Borough of Highland Park will appeal their assessment to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation or the New Jersey Tax Court; and

WHEREAS, said appeals are addressed by the Highland Park Tax Assessor, Thomas Mancuso and Special Counsel to the Borough of Highland Park for Tax Appeals, Martin Allen, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, it is determined from time to time that appropriate disposition of said real property tax appeals may involve agreeing to a settlement of said appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Highland Park Tax Assessor, Thomas Mancuso, and the Special Counsel for Tax Appeals, Martin Allen, Esq., are hereby authorized to settle said real property tax appeals when in their opinion to do so serves the best interests of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Assessor and the Special Counsel for Tax Appeals.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 1-19-40

WHEREAS, 433 Cleveland Avenue, LLC (“Taxpayer”), the owner of 415 Cleveland Avenue, Block 154, Lot 11 on the Borough of Highland Park Tax Assessment Maps (the “Property”), filed an appeal of its 2017 tax assessment in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 008967-2017; and

WHEREAS, the Property was assessed in said year at a total tax assessment of \$566,400 which, based upon the common level ratio for said year, equalized to a value of \$1,278,844 (44.29% ratio); and

WHEREAS, the building on the Property was recently torn down; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeal and the recommendations of its Borough Tax Assessor and Special Tax Attorney; and

WHEREAS, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal has been negotiated which reduces the 2017 tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$416,400 (\$940,167 equalized value). The provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall be applicable to the assessment for tax year 2018, as more specifically set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed to this Resolution, which has been reviewed by the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer has agreed to waive interest provided that any refunds are paid within 60 days of entry of the Tax Court Judgment, made payable to “433 Cleveland Avenue, LLC and The Davidson Legal Group, LLC, as attorneys”; and

WHEREAS, the tax assessor has removed the building value from the 2019 tax assessment and has set the total tax assessment for tax year 2019 at \$244,200; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid settlement has no general application to other properties within the Borough as a result of the aforesaid specific fact situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council make this settlement with Taxpayer without prejudice to its dealings with any other Borough taxpayer’s request for tax assessment reduction.

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 Special Tax Attorney is hereby authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, relative to the tax appeal captioned 433 Cleveland Avenue, LLC vs. Borough of Highland Park, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 008967-2017, which settlement results in the 2017 total tax assessment being reduced to \$416,400 for the Property, at the allocation between the land and improvements, as more fully set forth in the annexed Stipulation of Settlement; and which provides that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall be applicable to the assessment for tax year 2018; and which provides that the Taxpayer waives the payment of interest provided that any refunds are paid within 60 days of the entry of the Tax Court Judgment and made payable to “433 Cleveland Avenue, LLC and The Davidson Legal Group, LLC, as attorneys”; and which further provides that the tax assessor has set the total tax assessment for tax year 2019 at \$244,200.
2. The settlement outlined above shall be without prejudice to the Borough’s dealings with any Borough’s taxpayers’ request for tax assessment reductions.

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

No. 1-19-41

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Educational Foundation has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct games of chance commonly known as Bingo in accordance with the Bingo Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-24 to 49), on March 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Bingo in accordance with the requirements of the Bingo Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Highland Park Educational Foundation for the holding, operation and conduct of games of chance commonly known as Bingo upon payment of a license fee, subject to the provisions of said Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

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

No. 1-19-42

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Educational Foundation, Inc. has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct a 50/50 Off-Premises Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on March 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Raffles in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Highland Park Educational Foundation, Inc., for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefor, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

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

No. 1-19-43

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Educational Foundation, Inc. has made application to the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park for a license to hold, operate and conduct a 50/50 Off-Premises Raffle in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law (NSJA 5:8-50 to 76), on March 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has made or caused to be made an investigation of the qualifications of said applicant and the merits of said application and have determined that said applicant is qualified to hold, operate and conduct Raffles in accordance with the Raffles Licensing Law and the findings set forth in the attached Form 5A of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a license to the Highland Park Educational Foundation, Inc., for the holding, operation and conduct of a raffle on the above date upon payment of a legal fee therefor, subject to the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law and the rules, regulations and amendments thereto promulgated by said Control Commission.

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

No. 1-19-44

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to apply for and obtain a TD Green Space Grant for the Teen Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application for the TD Green Space Grant on behalf of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee and Finance Director forthwith.

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

No. 1-19-45

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
Finance OE		24,000.00
Information Technology OE	24,000.00	
Total	<u>\$24,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>

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

No. 1-19-46

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that all claims presented prior to this meeting as shown on a detailed list prepared by the Borough Treasurer, and which have been submitted and approved in accordance with Highland Park Ordinance No. 1004, shall be and the same are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall include in the minutes of this meeting a statement as to all such claims approved as shown in a Bills List Journal in accordance with said Ordinance.

The bills approved for payment at this meeting, Bills List 1/15/2019 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 39.

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Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire August 1, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Allison Baldwin	Arts Commission

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire August 1, 2021:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Maggie Dominick	Arts Commission

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Justin Burton	Bias-Free Commission
Sheela Sekhar	Bias-Free Commission
Julie Luck	Bias-Free Commission
Lucinda Holt	Bias-Free Commission
Sonya Headlam	Bias-Free Commission
Matthew Hersh	Bias-Free Commission
Rev. Kermit Moss	Bias-Free Commission

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire January 1, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Kenneth Sachs	Board of Health
Cassie Kingsbury	Board of Health

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve with terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Joshua Fine	CDBG Advisory Committee
Edward Prince	CDBG Advisory Committee
Sheila Highsmith	CDBG Advisory Committee
Sheryl Magaziner	CDBG Advisory Committee
Deborah Morgan	CDBG Advisory Committee

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire March 2, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Debbie Hehir	Commission for Universal Access

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire March 2, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Michaele May, Alt. #1	Commission for Universal Access

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
John Adler	Immigration & Refugee Task Force
Tracy Cangiano	Immigration & Refugee Task Force
Leticia Almeida	Immigration & Refugee Task Force
Jordan Steiner	Immigration & Refugee Task Force
Nasrin Rafiq	Immigration & Refugee Task Force

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Joanna Joseph	Community Emergency Response Team
Elissa Kaplan	Community Emergency Response Team
Pamala Plastock	Community Emergency Response Team
Brian Douches	Community Emergency Response Team
Roberto Munoz	Community Emergency Response Team
Shari Larsen	Community Emergency Response Team
Paul Scharf	Community Emergency Response Team
Susan Winter	Community Emergency Response Team
David Larsen	Community Emergency Response Team
Bruce Nadler	Community Emergency Response Team
Ann-Sheryl White	Community Emergency Response Team
Nancy Wolf	Community Emergency Response Team
Rodolfo Juliani	Community Emergency Response Team

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Janice Ballou	Community Food Pantry
Monica Day	Community Food Pantry
Andrea Greenberg-Horowitz	Community Food Pantry
Susan Powell	Community Food Pantry
Laurel Kornfeld	Community Food Pantry
Lynne Platt	Community Food Pantry
Carlie Andrews	Community Food Pantry
Susan MacKinnon	Community Food Pantry
Deborah Convery	Community Food Pantry
Bruce Bush	Community Food Pantry
Evelyn Sedehi	Community Food Pantry
Nancy Lord	Community Food Pantry
Sylvia Hove	Community Food Pantry
Miriam Lefkowitz, Alt.	Community Food Pantry

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Kathi Lombardi, Alt. Community Food Pantry

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire April 1, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Angela Perone	Council on Aging
Paul Scharf	Council on Aging
Arlene Orlinick	Council on Aging

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire April 1, 2020:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Lila Frost	Council on Aging
Ah Lok, Alt. #1	Council on Aging

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire April 1, 2021:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Dee Donnelly, Alt. #2	Council on Aging

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Catherine Cirociari	Crossing Guard
Mary Ann Kinsey	Crossing Guard
Kibby May	Crossing Guard
Lucille Morris	Crossing Guard
Charlene Rayside	Crossing Guard
Beverly Robinson	Crossing Guard
Michael Stazeski	Crossing Guard
Willis Ivan Thomas	Crossing Guard
Margaret Toman	Crossing Guard
Deborah Riddick Smith	Crossing Guard

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Joan Hullings	Digital Data Task Force
Haim Cohen	Digital Data Task Force
Mike Schoeffler	Digital Data Task Force
Jennifer Senick	Digital Data Task Force
Keith Peckman	Digital Data Task Force

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire April 24, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
H. James Polos, OEM Coordinator	Emergency Management Council

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2021:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Donald Newton, Deputy OEM Coordinator	Emergency Management Council

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Thomas Hammill, Police Dept. Rep.	Emergency Management Council
Linda Hoefele	Emergency Management Council
Teri Jover	Emergency Management Council
Donald Rish	Emergency Management Council
Scott Brescher	Emergency Management Council
Nancy Wolf	Emergency Management Council

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Leann Cosley Richardson	Employee Safety Committee
Stephen Rizco	Employee Safety Committee
Donald Rish	Employee Safety Committee
Robert Cahill	Employee Safety Committee
Renee George	Employee Safety Committee
Jay Littman	Employee Safety Committee
Brian O'Mara	Employee Safety Committee
Kim McGraw	Employee Safety Committee

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire April 20, 2020:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Michele Racioppi	Historical Commission
Ana Pairet	Historical Commission
Tom Glynn	Historical Commission
Jeremy Gross	Historical Commission
John Beetham	Historical Commission

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Monica Jackson	HP Gives a Hoot Committee
Sylvia Hove	HP Gives a Hoot Committee
Michael Buchman	HP Gives a Hoot Committee

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Joyce Orenstein	HP Gives a Hoot Committee
Eva Love	HP Gives a Hoot Committee
Evelyn Sedehi	HP Gives a Hoot Committee
H. James Polos	HP Gives a Hoot Committee
Marilyn Pruce	HP Gives a Hoot Committee

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2023:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Nora Krieger	Library Board of Trustees

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Cliff Lacy	Mayor's Wellness Campaign
David Seigman	Mayor's Wellness Campaign
Justin Footerman	Mayor's Wellness Campaign
Ptl. Gaetano Palumbo	Mayor's Wellness Campaign
Donald Corr	Mayor's Wellness Campaign
Michele Kornblum	Mayor's Wellness Campaign
Dr. Marc Scheiner	Mayor's Wellness Campaign

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Ashton Burrell, Priv. Cit.	Municipal Alliance
Irene Marx, Priv. Cit.	Municipal Alliance
Kim McGraw, Local/Civic	Municipal Alliance
Elizabeth Asamoah, HPEA Rep.	Municipal Alliance
Wendy Yang, Stud. Mbr.	Municipal Alliance
Nan Farl, Stud. Asst. Coord.	Municipal Alliance
Leann Cosley-Richardson, Local/Civic	Municipal Alliance
Lara Arp, Relig. Rep.	Municipal Alliance
Sgt. Jose Curbelo, Police Designee	Municipal Alliance

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Marcia Levinson	Parking Review Task Force
Jeff Ackerman	Parking Review Task Force
Paul Lanaris	Parking Review Task Force
Lt. Gary Panichella	Parking Review Task Force
Donald Rish	Parking Review Task Force
Scott Brescher	Parking Review Task Force
Marc Liebeskind	Parking Review Task Force

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire May 1, 2021:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Valeri Weidmann	Public Information Commission
Beth Stevens	Public Information Commission
Haim Cohen	Public Information Commission

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Micky Landis	Recreation Advisory Committee
Debbie Hehir	Recreation Advisory Committee
Kenneth Haskins	Recreation Advisory Committee
Kathie Pace	Recreation Advisory Committee
Jay Weinberg	Recreation Advisory Committee
Tara Canavera	Recreation Advisory Committee
Nick Kambitsis	Recreation Advisory Committee

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Wolfram Hoefler	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
Judy Richman	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
Robert Fechter	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
Randall Solomon	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
Kim Hammond	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
Judi Shade Monk	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
Rebecca Hersh	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.
James Nichols	Rehab. & Redevelopment Screening Comm.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Carol Avelsgaard	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Aileen Coffey	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Roseann Cala	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Karen Swaine	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Belinda Beetham	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Mary Denver	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Roseanne Baruh	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Mary Ann Allard	Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Christine Best	Shade Tree Advisory Committee

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Joshua Best
Marian Sackrowitz
Paul Sauers

Shade Tree Advisory Committee
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Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Stephen Nolan	Shared Services Commission
Donald Rish	Shared Services Commission
Linda Hoefele	Shared Services Commission
Jane Stanley	Shared Services Commission
Darcie Cimarusti	Shared Services Commission
Stephen Rizco	Shared Services Commission
Donna Brightman	Shared Services Commission
Dr. Marc Scheiner	Shared Services Commission
Phyllis Goldstein	Shared Services Commission

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve for terms to expire December 31, 2019:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
Tina Weishaus	Sustainable Highland Park
Allan Williams	Sustainable Highland Park
Hagit Mano	Sustainable Highland Park
Irene Riegner	Sustainable Highland Park
Irene Chan Marx	Sustainable Highland Park
Wendy Rosen	Sustainable Highland Park
Nicole Wines	Sustainable Highland Park
Julia Woodward	Sustainable Highland Park
Sophia McDermott	Sustainable Highland Park
Paul Sauers	Sustainable Highland Park

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, the above appointments were confirmed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, Welkovits.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Scott Brescher to serve as the Borough Official Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire January 1, 2020.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Padraic Millet to serve as the Mayor's Designee on the Planning Board for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Ronald Wong to serve as the Mayor's Alternate on the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

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

Rev. Kermit Moss
NO CONFIRMATION NECESSARY

Tammy Russ Fishbane

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented that she hates plastic bags and always has cloth bags in her pockets. You should charge people for not bringing bags. She commented on the condition of streets and sidewalks on Magnolia Street and South 3rd Avenue. Councilman George commented that the Borough has contracted with company to teach them to do interim repairs/maintenance. Borough Administrator Jover noted that they had the Borough Engineer look at that crosswalk and has cost proposal to present to Council to include in the work program. Ms. Bickhardt would like to see speed bumps installed on Magnolia Street and Benner Street. People don't come to a complete stop. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that there are traffic calming measures they can look into and she will have the Traffic Department of the Police Department look into that. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that this is an ongoing concern that they need to address. Looking at possibility of parking compact cars only near intersections to give vehicles a better site line. Ms. Bickhardt commented about leaves not being cleaned up and feels there should be an ordinance about cleaning up. Borough Administrator Jover noted that having an ordinance about leaves is tough because they blow around.

Josh Pruzansky, 141 North 10th Avenue, commented about the entrance to the driveway of Agudath Israel on Washington Avenue. Outside the driveway there are sometimes cars parked there and you cannot see when exiting. He asked that yellow lines be painted in that area. Councilman George noted that the Borough's striping machine is under repair. Now is not a good time to do painting, too cold. The Department of Public Works has requested a second machine. Part of the area was looked at some time ago and they painted the sidewalks and cleared growth in that area. Made one of the streets in that area as a one-way street. Borough Administrator Jover noted that they have been working with consultants on bicycle and pedestrian plans. There is something in the plan to look at Washington Avenue as is Upper Raritan Avenue. Additionally, the issues of speeding and Magnolia Street and Benner Street is on their radar. In the Master Plan, some of the things they will focus on is goals and mechanisms to address those issues.

Ann Sheryl White, 56 North 6th Avenue, commented that the Borough should look at the corner of Abbott Street and North 6th Avenue. It was repaved due to utility work, but repaved differently, ice builds up at that intersection and impacts walkers and drivers. The Police Department and/or Public Works Department put up traffic cones. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the cause of the water is sump pumps pumping out water. Ms. White noted that the water is backing up before the storm drain.

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Hale, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilpersons Fine, Welkovits.

Abstained: None.

No. 1-19-47

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

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

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

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk