

ADJOURNED MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2019

An Adjourned Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, January 2, 2019, and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 6:34 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Present: Councilpersons Fine, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits; Borough Clerk Hullings; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Attorney Schmierer.  
Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstained: None.

No. 1-19-367

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	
Motor pool OE	\$ 20,000.00	
Total	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Consent Agenda Resolution Nos. 1-19-368 to 1-19-373 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 Fine, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstained: None.

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

No. 1-19-368

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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes for the properties indicated:

BLOCK	LOT	REMITTEE	AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED
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.

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

No. 1-19-369

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:

APPLICANT	BUSINESS LOCATIONS
University Laundromat, LLC	410 Raritan Avenue

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:

APPLICANT	AMOUNT
University Laundromat, LLC	\$1,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the applicant, Finance Department and the Main Street Executive Director forthwith.

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

No. 1-19-370

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.

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

No. 1-19-371

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.

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 preliminary assessment, 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 preliminary assessment, 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.

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

No. 1-19-372

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

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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

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

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

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM, sine die.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings  
Borough Clerk