

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 17, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:07 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler noted that one of the joys of her job is to express appreciation. She has the privilege of presenting two proclamations tonight. One proclamation will be presented to Sustainable Highland Park for Earth Day and one will be presented in honor of Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month. Middlesex County is one of the greatest counties and one of the greatest things is diversity.

The proclamation for Sustainable Highland Park was read by Mayor Brill Mittler and presented to Sustainable Highland Park Chairperson Tina Weishaus by Council President George. They thanked Ms. Weishaus for her work on the plastic bag program. Stop & Shop has weekly drawings for \$25 gift certificates. They hope to see everyone at Earth Day on April 22nd. Ms. Weishaus noted that there is a large sign on the brick face of Stop & Shop to remind residents to bring their reusable bags to pack their groceries. She invited everyone to come to the Environmental Center on April 22nd from 11AM to 3PM.

The proclamation for Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month was read by Mayor Brill Mittler and presented to representatives from the Sikh Community by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan. A member from the Sikh Community noted that they are honored to be here and thanked the Mayor and Council. Little is known about their faith. It originated in India and has a lot of commonalities with Judaism and Catholicism. They have a distinct identity and represent only 1% of the population in India. They face discrimination in a positive way.

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

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Historical Commission will be hosting walking tours on Wednesday, May 23rd at 7PM and Sunday, June 3rd at 10AM. The Arts Commission had a full house at the Fluxus Art Panel. There was a small turn out for the Book Arts Workshop, but it was very successful. Upcoming events include a Comic Book Workshop, Open Studios and collaboration with HPTV interviewing local artists. The Highland Park Arts Collective, the artist group in town, will have a table at the Earth Day Celebration selling prints of their posters which the town's artists designed especially for this year's Earth Day theme of "Water" in cooperation with Sustainable Highland Park. The full sized posters will be displayed at the Environmental Center on the day of the celebration. Proceeds will be used to further art projects at the Environmental Center, Meadows Trail and downtown art walks. The Highland Park Arts Collective is once again sponsoring the "Buck Art" show in May. Pieces from the 2014 show and some for this year's show were displayed at the Park Partners this year. This has been offered in past years and offers a chance for all ages to submit an art piece made from no more than ten dollars' worth of stuff bought at the Dollar Store downtown. Applications will be on the table down front. On Thursday, April 19th, the Highland Park High School's National Honor Society will be at the senior center for a special visit. Join them to play board games, read stories or get your nails painted. There are still a few seats available for an upcoming Atlantic City trip that will take place on April 24th. Cost is \$35 and you receive \$25 back in slot play upon your arrival in Atlantic City. This trip is open to all residents. Please sign up for the Middlesex County 90's Birthday Bash on May 9th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Any resident 90 or above is invited to attend this celebration luncheon and may bring a guest. Contact the senior center to register or for more details. Transportation will be provided. The next Senior Luncheon will be May 22nd at 12:00 noon and the annual Senior Prom Event will be held on June 19th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Registration is underway for Day Camp, Sports Camp, and Theater Camp. Camps run from July 5th through August 17th. Highland Park summer camp jobs are posted on the employment section of the Borough's website. Applications are due by May 5th. Willy Wonka Jr. will be performed by the Highland Park Youth Theatre Company on May 3rd and May 6th in the High School Auditorium. The Independence Day Fireworks Event will be hold on July 2nd, with a rain date of July 3rd.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that on tonight's agenda the Council is introducing an amendment to our amusement and entertainment ordinance. In the old days they limited business floor space and hours of operation for amusements probably due to tenancy issues. Now, however, arcades and escape rooms are some of the most popular types of entertainment for kids and families, and adults young and old. They would welcome this type of business in Highland Park and expect this change to allow businesses whose primary offer is amusement and entertainment to remain open until midnight, while following local noise ordinances. Last August, they passed an abandonment and vacant property ordinance. They identified 22 properties which were abandoned and added 3 more. This is a revolving list. They notified the properties of the list, the 1st year they pay \$500 and the 2nd year they pay \$1,000 to be listed. 11 registered for the list. Once registered, Code Enforcement further evaluated the properties for items needing repairs. Of the total list, half have been sold. Several are under renovations for resale. She thanked the Code Enforcement Director for taking this on and improving home values for the residents. The Safe Walking and Cycling Committee, in conjunction with the Public Safety Committee are hosting another pop-up bike lane. She invited residents to join them on Sunday, Earth Day, to help test out the temporary controlled bike lane on Walter Avenue. They expect the bike lane to help with the day's traffic and provide traffic calming for Walter Avenue. She thanked Kelcie Ralph and the graduate students at Rutgers for taking the lead on this. She also thanked Lt. Panichella of the Police Department. Sunday, May 6th is one of the biggest days in Highland Park. In the morning, it's the 10th annual Run in the Park 5K, followed by a Kids Run. There are special t-shirts, new logos and prizes designed to celebrate the 10th year. Online registration and sponsorships are available. If you have not already signed up, please do so at runinthepark.org. The 5K is an inclusive event and is open to walkers, persons with disabilities and all wheels. Later in the day is the annual street fair. Shop and eat local and

check out Highland Park's newest restaurant, Okie Poke Café at 55 Raritan Avenue, serving popular poke bowls.

Councilman Hersh reported that he was excited to sign up for the 5K and he challenged anyone to come out and beat him. He thanked everyone who came out on a rainy, cold night to attend the roundtable on gun violence on Sunday at the Highland Park Middle School and to the panel that participated. The event gave a multi-dimensional look at an emergent and complex policy issue. He thanked Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler, Congressman Frank Pallone, Senator Pat Diegnan, Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin, Freeholder Shanti Narra, Bruce Morgan of the NAACP, Ms. Crane of the Highland Park Public Schools, Ms. Locke, a student at the Highland Park High School, Rutgers Psychologist Jeff Axelbank, and Karen Kanter of the Brady Campaign and Million Moms March for participating. The event will be published on You Tube and HPTV. This is a complex issue that causes a lot of issues in the policy arena and to have an honest discussion about this issue does a great service to addressing a pressing issue that affects so many communities. He attended a panel discussion last week at the Rutgers School of Social Work that included Karen Kanter and former Governor Jim Florio who shepherded what is still considered the most aggressive gun safety legislation back in the 1990's. It has been almost 30 years since New Jersey passed its landmark gun safety legislation. The Human Relations Commission will hold its monthly meeting on April 18th at 7PM. She thanked the Human Relations Commission for hosting a book talk at the library last Sunday and for organizing these types of events. Last Wednesday, the Board of Health passed a resolution calling on the Highland Park Board of Education to reinstate the teen pep program and as part of that program to provide regular access to condoms at the Highland Park High School. Teen pep was previously successful in the high school by trained Peer educators under faculty sponsorship through the end of the 2014 school year.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin reported that there was a newborn baby death in Highland Park. The teenager is in the hospital. Unwanted babies can be dropped off at the hospital, Police Department, Fire Department or First Aid Squad. She asked for a moment of silence for the baby.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilman George reported that the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), an interagency initiative authorized as a voluntary program in 1991 under the National Defense Authorization Act and made mandatory under the VOW to Hire Heroes Act in 2011 to help service members adjust to civilian life has been updated and the Department of Veteran's Affairs website has been improved to make it more accessible for veterans and families undergoing transitions. He was pleased to acknowledge his oldest son Justin, a Marine Veteran, who has implemented the VOW program at his workplace for Marine vets. For the PSE&G Solar Field, thanks to Administration, there was an on-site meeting last week with all the participants which has gotten this project back on track. With Governor Murphy's support and Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin's coordination, the meeting resulted in clearing a lot of the resistance coming from NJDEP and an agreement which returns the project to its original scope of cleanup work. All of the participants now have a clear expectation of the site work, PSE&G is submitting a final landscaping plan, and the Borough is getting the necessary contracting requirements in place for the site work. The better news is that the Meadows will not be impacted. He thanked Steve Barnes for the Trail Volunteers and Allan Williams of the Environmental Commission for their letter to NJDEP outlining the environmental value of the Meadows and its State and Federal protection status. The Department of Public Works has been engaged in tree removal since the March 2018 storm which brought down so many trees and branches. This is taking up a lot of time, but will continue until they are through with removal now that Spring is here. Leaf pickup for Spring cleanup is ongoing for the next few weeks. Bulk trash pickups were completed in the past 2 weeks. There is a resolution on tonight's agenda for street tree replacement, a coordinated project with the Department of Public Works, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee and the Borough's arborist. The Department of Public Works and the Shade Tree Advisory Committee are coordinating the Emerald Ash Borer removal program and we are also exploring disposal of removed ash trees at the Meadows trail by in-place reuse and recycling as trail markers and trail wood-chipping which are required under the National Trails Grant criteria for this year. This will save an enormous cost of off-site removal and is recommended by both Middlesex County and the State. The Department of Public Works is exploring possible share services with Edison for maintenance of the municipal vehicle pool, and we are hoping this develops more fully in the next two months. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee is assisting Public Works with the Emerald Ash Borer removal program by marking their on-line mapping of all Borough Street trees for removal, greatly speeding up the process of identifying the scope of our removal effort for all 73 trees to be removed. They will continue to coordinate to reduce or eliminate any need for outside contracting at Borough expense and he thanked all of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee members for their continued engagement. The Environmental Commission was advised that the Meadows Trail Volunteers would be holding their Strategic Planning Meeting on Sunday, April 15th. The trail project has to complete a number of tasks this year by September 1, 2018 to meet national Trails grant criteria, and they are confident that all goals will be met. They also have planned for 2 and 3 year goals as well. The Commission also reviewed plans for improvements to property along Woodbridge Avenue which are pending Planning Board approval and approved the plans subject to clarification of several features. Sustainable Highland Park approved the design for permanent signage at Stop & Shop to remind shoppers to take their reusable bags out of the car and use them. The big news is the Earth Day celebration at the Environmental Center on Sunday, April 22nd. There will be food, entertainment and demonstrations, as well as tours of the Native Plant Reserve. This year, as Councilwoman Kim-Chohan mentioned, Sustainable Highland Park teamed up with the artists from the Art Collective to design original posters for the event featuring the theme of water this year. The Art Collective will be selling prints at the event to support other environmental and art projects in the Borough this year.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that they are hoping to move forward with the solar field project soon. Local Government Energy Audit was conducted last week where they went through all the Borough buildings. Hope to get report next week.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported on the teen center project. The senior center was originally constructed as a Senior/Youth Recreation Center and the seniors have kicked the youth out. The delivery date/completion of the center will be next month. She attended a gun safety panel last night and there was a very good discussion. There were members of the legislature there to hear from students and teachers and talk about gun violence and how it impacts them and what they hope to see. She thanked the panel and those that came out to the meeting. HPTV was there to film the meeting and it will be shown on HPTV soon. This week she will be meeting with the new Mayor's Teen Advisory Council. Approximately 6-7 students sent in applications to be members. The Committee of Understanding met last Thursday. This is a very good group of people to have a conversation with. She thanked the residents who came out to participate and the Police Officers that attended. They will be continually looking at practices here in Highland Park and will have other meetings going forward.

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

Herb Gross, Adelaide Gardens, commented that the Community of Hope, Inc. and the Piscataway Vo-Tech and Veteran's Post #370 extended an invitation to attend an event on April 19th from 10AM to 2PM at the Vo-Tech on Suttons Lane in Piscataway.

Jackie Zinberg, 239 South 6th Avenue, commented that there is a No Shame, No Blame, No Name program for unwanted babies. They welcome children in the senior center and you should see the smiles on the seniors faces. She has a vision disparity and walks and the corner of South 2nd Avenue and Magnolia Street is horrible. The Borough should address that street and the one by Rite Aid. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that the phone number for the No Shame, No Blame Program is 877-839-2339. People can call anonymously. The Teen Center will be providing services for teen mothers.

Andrew Schwartz, 1412 Central Avenue, commented that he is the Vice President of the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department. They give their time and energy to protect the residents of the Borough. The budget that is proposed for the Fire Department is significantly lower than what was requested by the Fire Department.

LJ Smith commented that he lived in Highland Park for 24 years and has cousins and a niece that go to school in Highland Park. He comes from a sports culture and played football in High School, at Rutgers and for 7 years in the NFL. He is concerned whether Highland Park is doing enough to give students a platform in the sports arena to win. He donated \$4,000 in 2005 for uniforms and they are still wearing those uniforms. The track is deteriorating and pride is not what it used to be. There is nothing like sports to bring a community together. He is working with Mr. Holme on open gym nights and he sees that a teen center is coming. Children need to come together so that there is continuity. Football games used to be a community night out. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they met last month. The Board of Education and the schools are separate from what the Borough does. You speak very well to the issue because you lived it. She encouraged him to go to the Board of Education. She hopes that when the Borough has the teen center up and running that he would come out and help them get kids engaged in sports and other things. She encouraged Mr. Holme to discuss any issues with recreation with Councilwoman Kim-Chohan. The HP Gives a Hoot was started to feed kids when school was not in session. The fund is growing and there are scholarship programs. Councilman Hersh commented that he sees the good and the bad all around New Jersey. He asked about the High School track and talked about the field, which is newer than 30 years. There needs to be an assessment of other fields in the County Parks.

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

The Clerk reported advertising 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), 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 for public inspection as required by law.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler 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.

No one appearing to be heard and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1956, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 4-18-106

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the 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), passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the

same by title 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 in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that the Borough identified an issue with the Water/Sewer Utility Billing as anticipated revenues were not achieved in 2017. Highland Park water rates were not increased in 7 years, despite the fact that costs have gone up. The cost of buying water, the rates the Borough pays to Middlesex Water, have increased 4 times since the last rate increase. None of those increases were passed on to residents or businesses in town. Additionally, New Jersey mandates that Highland Park purchase a minimum quantity of water, even if that water does not get used. These minimum requirements have increased, so we are forced to buy more water than we are going to use. Additionally, Middlesex County Utility Authority has increased the rates for processing sewage. Finally, due to infrastructure deficiencies, we anticipate possible inflow and infiltration problems. She is dismayed to say that these items did not come to our attention until they were uncovered by the Borough Administrator. She does not ever want to see the Borough in the position of discovering any unanticipated shortfalls again. She has asked for swift action to prevent this from ever happening again. One quick fix, she has called for a quarterly review of our progress against the budget beginning this year, on all line items. She has also asked Council President George to work with the Borough Administrator in fixing the infrastructure issues associated with the Borough's water and sewer systems. She asked Councilman George to report on this issue. They are required at this Council meeting to have the open public discussion about the 2018 budget as introduced on March 20th. However, they anticipate some amendments to this budget at the next Council Meeting.

Councilman George reported on the nature of the infrastructure problem: (1) age of the system; (2) at or exceeding capacity; (3) DEP requirements for emergency connections; (4) leakage – up to 34% in water supply lost due to uncaptured billing or loss through leaks; (5) some leakage is infiltrating the sewer system which doubles the damage as they pay for the water and its disposal, possibly losing the revenue, but paying for it; and (6) new Water Quality Assessment Act requirements and Asset Management Plan. The Borough is doing this to address the problem: (1) set up a running dialogue with Middlesex Water for the past 18 months; (2) regular meetings with Middlesex Water regarding contract administration and performance; (3) addressed areas of partnership in evaluating system; (4) borrowing equipment for Borough personnel to conduct many of the tests needed on equipment and for parts of the Water Quality Assessment Act requirements; (5) Infrastructure Bank program – loan convertible to bond, possible all or partial forgiveness, start remediating the system immediately; and (6) Capital Fund – could have averted part of the rate problem, maintain a separate fund which can address repairs, meter replacement, testing. Middlesex Water Company Proposals: (1) meter replacements; (2) pass ordinance for Borough to take ownership of all water meters; (3) Borough needs to decide whether they want to address cross connection control concerns as part of this and where to locate meters (pits vs. internal) prior to passage of Ordinance and starting meter replacement; (4) single/multi-year project (Borough should decide how quickly to approach this) to replace all water meters in the Borough and digitize all paper documents to develop GIS attribution data; (5) this will be required for the Asset Management and prioritization tasks; (6) create Asset Management Plan to help define 5-year capital program for water and wastewater system; (7) USAHP would provide a Utility Engineer working through a full-time, on-site Assistant Utility Engineer to manage and coordinate the functional components of the Asset Management Plan and the WQAA; (8) connection of transmission water mains at South Sixth and Exeter, filling in the "missing link" along Woodbridge Avenue; and (9) WQAA Valve & Hydrant Inspections through "Find & Fix" Approach and significant I&D in sanitary sewer system through "Find & Fix" Approach.

The Clerk reported advertising a summary of the 2018 Municipal Budget and Tax Resolution, introduced and approved on first reading March 20, 2018, with the public hearing scheduled for April 17, 2018, and that affidavits of publication thereto are on file. She also reported that copies of the budget were made available to the public in Borough Hall and the Highland Park Library.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget amendment was opened.

No one appearing to be heard, on motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the public hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget was closed.

There will be a Special Meeting on April 24, 2018 to make amendments to the 2018 Municipal Budget.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, AMENDING THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", 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.

On motion made by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler 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.

No one appearing to be heard and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1957, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 4-18-107

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, AMENDING THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, 2010", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title 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 in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", 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.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was taken up on final reading by title.

Mayor Brill Mittler 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.

No one appearing to be heard and no objections having been received in writing, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

On motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1958, was duly adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Foster-Dublin, seconded by Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 4-18-108

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, CHAPTER 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for her approval, and if approved by her, that the same be recorded in full by the Borough Clerk in a proper book kept for that purpose, and be advertised by publishing the same by title 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 in this municipality, in the manner prescribed by law.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK CONCERNING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR AMUSEMENT GAMES, had been introduced in writing by the Economic Development and Planning Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

The following resolution, introduced by the Economic Development and Planning Committee, was duly adopted on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 4-18-109

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK CONCERNING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR AMUSEMENT GAMES 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, May 1, 2018, 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.

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

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim, Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

No. 4-18-110

WHEREAS, a need has arisen to provide adequate funds for certain budget items pending adoption of the Local Municipal Budget for 2018 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 2018 pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, PL 1951), as amended, including this resolution, total \$8,266,824.00; 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 appropriation herein:

DESCRIPTION	Temp Budget #3
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION - SW	\$ 80,254
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION - OE	\$ 9,896
MAYOR & COUNCIL - SW	\$ 13,765
MAYOR & COUNCIL - OE	\$ 3,958
MUNICIPAL CLERK - SW	\$ 64,448
MUNICIPAL CLERK - OE	\$ 10,990
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - SW	\$ 19,519
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - OE	\$ 66,753
ANNUAL AUDIT - OE	\$ 9,975
TAX COLLECTION - SW	\$ 22,410
TAX COLLECTION - OE	\$ 6,167
TAX ASSESSOR - SW	\$ 24,608
TAX ASSESSOR - OE	\$ 4,885
LEGAL - OE	\$ 190,000
ENGINEERING & PLANNING - OE	\$ 15,000
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV - SW	\$ 2,000
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV - OE	\$ 55,000
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - OE	\$ 60,833
COMMUNICATIONS - SW	\$ 37,958
COMMUNICATIONS - OE	\$ 13,708
CENTRAL SERVICES - OE	\$ 34,375
PLANNING BOARD - SW	\$ 2,000
PLANNING BOARD - OE	\$ 27,500
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - S & W	\$ 9,987
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - OE	\$ 6,313
CODE ENFORCE - SW	\$ 141,335
CODE ENFORCE - OE	\$ 12,630
COUNTY HEALTH SERV - OE	\$ 18,516
ANIMAL CONTROL - OE	\$ 8,750
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE - OE	\$ 200,000
EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH - OE	\$ 548,418
UNEMPLOYMENT - OE	\$ 1,667
POLICE - SW	\$ 1,460,407
POLICE - OE	\$ 84,812
POLICE DISPATCH - SW	\$ 99,529
POLICE DISPATCH - OE	\$ 1,042
POLICE EMERG MGT - OE	\$ 2,708
FIRST AID CONTRIB - OE	\$ 6,825
FIRE - SW	\$ 146,958
FIRE - OE	\$ 60,675
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - SW	\$ 5,666
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - OE	\$ 12,167
MUNICIPAL COURT - SW	\$ 87,712
MUNICIPAL COURT - OE	\$ 5,000
PUBLIC DEFENDER - SW	\$ 1,575
PUBLIC DEFENDER - OE	\$ 3,000
PUBLIC WORKS - ROADS - SW	\$ 459,386
PUBLIC WORKS - ROADS - OE	\$ 46,542
PUBLIC BUILDING & GROUNDS - SW	\$ 18,382
PUBLIC BUILDING & GROUNDS - OE	\$ 76,042
MOTOR POOL - SW	\$ 31,339
MOTOR POOL - OE	\$ 64,167
MCIA - RECYCLING - OE	\$ 3,750
COMM SERV - RECREATION - SW	\$ 29,219

COMM SERV - RECREATION - OE	\$	7,083
COMM SERV - AGING - SW	\$	95,945
COMM SERV - AGING - OE	\$	9,104
TEEN CENTER - SW	\$	5,250
LIBRARY - SW	\$	278,882
LIBRARY - OE	\$	167,926
HUMAN RELATIONS COMM - OE	\$	1,200
IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE COMM - OE	\$	788
BOARD OF HEALTH - OE	\$	341
ARTS COMMISSION - OE	\$	2,500
ENVIRONMENTAL COMM - OE	\$	500
SUSTAINABLE HIGHLAND PARK - OE	\$	600
SHADE TREE - OE	\$	131
SAFE WALKING & CYCLING - OE	\$	788
CABLE - OE	\$	2,231
ELECTRICITY - OE	\$	43,750
STREET LIGHTING - OE	\$	79,167
TELEPHONE - OE	\$	26,958
FUEL OIL/GASOLINE/NATURAL GAS - OE	\$	45,000
SANITARY LANDFILL - OE	\$	100,000
PERS - OE	\$	479,828
PFRS - OE	\$	780,028
SOCIAL SECURITY - OE	\$	119,423
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - OE	\$	250,000
BOND PRINCIPAL - OE	\$	525,000
DBIZ LOAN PRINCIPAL - OE	\$	33,334
BOND INTEREST - OE	\$	263,369
BAN INTEREST - OE	\$	102,672
BAN PRINCIPAL - OE	\$	112,000
MCIA - LEASE/LOAN AGREEMENT - OE	\$	302,506
TOTAL	\$	8,266,824

2. Said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2018 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.

Resolution Nos. 4-18-111 through 4-18-121, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:
 Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.
 Opposed: None.
 Absent: None.
 *Councilman George abstained from voting on Resolution No. 4-18-116.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-18-111

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department has a need to purchase water meters for replacement of older/malfunctioning meters; and

WHEREAS, quotes for said purchase were received from the following, to wit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
National Meter and Automation	\$ 10,567.28
Water Works Supply Company, Inc.	\$ 18,900.00

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities has recommended the purchase of 48 water meters from National Meter & Automation for a total price of \$10,567.28; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in Account No. 8-05-55-500-4MR, upon adoption of the 2018 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 Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities is hereby authorized and directed to purchase 48 water meters from National Meter and Automation, PO Box 17988, Denver, CO, 80217-7988 for a total price of \$10,567.28; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Works and Public Utilities and the Finance Department forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 4-18-112

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works obtained quotations for the 2018 Spring Tree Planting Project; and

WHEREAS, three companies were contacted, with the below listed company responding, as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NJ Tree Foundation	\$13,122.00

And

WHEREAS, after review by the Shade Tree Committee and Department of Public Works, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to New Jersey Tree Foundation, Jackson, NJ based on their bid; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for tree planting in the amount of \$13,122.00 in Account No. T-12-56-806-100, as reflected by the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer;

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 a contract on behalf of the Borough with NJ Tree Foundation, Jackson, NJ in the amount of \$13,122.00, for the planting of trees as listed in the contract, said contract to be in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:

No. 4-18-113

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1-18-01, adopted by the Borough Council on January 2, 2018, authorized the adoption of the Rules of Order for Borough Council for the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to amend those Rules of Order by revising Article V, Section 1, to add category to agenda for Council Goals and revising Article V, Section 6 to stipulate that all Conference Meetings shall end at 10:00 PM and that a unanimous vote of the Council shall be required to extend the Conference Meeting beyond 11:00 PM;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Rules of Order dated January 2, 2018, on file in the office of the Borough Clerk shall be and are hereby adopted as the amended Rules of Order for this Council for the year 2018.

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

No. 4-18-114

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Prosecutor for the calendar year of 2018 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 2018; 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. 8-01-25-275-235 upon adoption of the 2018 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. 4-18-115

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Public Defender for the calendar year of 2018 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 2018; 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. 8-01-43-495-235 upon adoption of the 2018 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. 4-18-116

WHEREAS, the property owner for 222 South 2nd Avenue made a water & sewer payment of \$571.21 on March 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the payment should have been for the sidewalk assessment for said property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Finance Director and/or Tax Collector is hereby authorized to transfer the posting of said payment from the water & sewer account of 222 South 2nd Avenue to Account #20121150-0 in the amount of \$571.21.

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 Public Works and Public Utilities Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 4-18-117

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 6-17-211, adopted by the Borough Council on June 13, 2017, a contract was awarded to Astro Electrical Contractor of Linden, NJ, for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Senior/Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 4, filed by the CME Associates, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to Astro Electrical Contractor, the sum of \$16,121.00 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from February 29, 2018 to March 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-827-205 in the amount of \$16,121.00, 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 Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay Astro Electrical Contractor the sum of \$16,121.00, as certified by the Engineer in Pay Estimate No. 4, subject to the Clerk's receipt of the Certified Payroll and Project Manning Reports and additional documents as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and CME Associates forthwith.

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

No. 4-18-118

WHEREAS, JSJ #4 LLC (Edward Beyder) has 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 2018; and

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

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 License.

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

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

No. 4-18-119

WHEREAS, Edward Beyder has filed with the Clerk of this Borough an application for a License to operate taxicabs under the provisions of the Ordinance providing for such Licenses for the year 2018; and

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

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 License.

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

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

No. 4-18-120

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector shall be and is hereby authorized to cancel water and sewer charges totaling \$490.91 for 212 Raritan Avenue due to tax exempt status:

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

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

No. 4-18-121

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 4/17/2018 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 37.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as a Professional for 2018:

Joseph Baumann

Special Counsel

The above appointment was confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Hersh and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

Ayes: Councilpersons Fine, Foster-Dublin, George, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: None.

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

Jessica Hundsten, 304 Montgomery Street, commented that she hoped for more of a statement about the Committee of Understanding. She is interested in some of the action items, concrete steps that are to be taken. She would like a summarization of the main themes that the Borough will focus on. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that there has been a lot of discussion of the history of things in Highland Park regarding racism. Information about traffic stops and stats is collected and is used to evaluate the Police Officers. The Borough needs to analyze the data and they will meet with her soon. They talked about bias that everyone has and whether they realize it or not. They also talked about the world as it currently exists and Highland Park not being in a bubble. Questions asked about the incident that sparked all of this cannot be answered at this time as it is an ongoing investigation. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that once the investigation is over they can release information and have a discussion. They are interviewing a company to analyze the data and to look at standard operating practices for the Police Department. There were concerns about the number of calls received and who makes those calls. A lot of people have implicit bias. Ms. Hundsten commented that she is glad to hear that everyone has implicit bias. This is not just something happening in the Police Department. She noted that she did some research and tracked down the instructor manuals on the Attorney General website. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they also talked about training for Police and that it doesn't just happen once per year, but is ongoing throughout the year. Chief Rizco noted that Clear Training is mandated by the Attorney General and the curriculum is set. Every Officer is required to take this training, but more can be done. There is ongoing training that they attend as refreshers and they receive training information from the Attorney General, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Insurance Fund. They are working on getting representatives from the Sikh culture to come in so that they can learn more about that nationality. Councilwoman Kim-Chohan noted that there is a forum with the new Attorney General and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office on June 14th.

Sheila, 201 South 2nd Avenue, commented about the issue of over policing. She asked about the data that Jessica and Dan analyzed and what kind of data the Police Department is using now to be analyzed and how often and whether it will be shared with the public and what methods will be used to identify racial patterns. Are the racial patterns in comparison with racial demographics in Highland Park or within Middlesex County? She asked whether there was training on analysis and who would provide said training. Chief Rizco commented that the Police Department keeps those statistics voluntarily. They believe it is a good tool and they review them periodically to observe patterns. The numbers produced are compared to the population of Highland Park. However, unless all vehicles stopped are Highland Park residents, you don't get a fair representation.

Anna Hailey, 135 North 5th Avenue, commented that those who attended the Committee of Understanding Meeting feel that a lot of work still needs to be done. She asked about the budget. Two things come to mind, need to build community trust and the training budget needs to be more robust. The Borough needs to consider implicit bias as a full on focus. Any firm that is brought in to run numbers is done through a bidding process and is transparent. The Rutgers Criminal Justice is one of the best in the country. Whoever is brought in should have demonstrable expertise in Police and racial bias. The Borough Council should label what happened to their neighbor and his family as racial bias.

Julie Luck, Mia Drive, asked about the company the Borough is interviewing for the study. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that the company is called Jersey Professional Management. Ms. Luck noted that she called them and talked to their receptionist and they do not have specific expertise with racial bias. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that the company was interviewed to have them assist the Borough in finding the appropriate firm.

Monique Coleman, 407 Lincoln Avenue, commented that she attended the Committee of Understanding Meeting. She asked about the comprehensive audit and the revamping of the Human Relations Commission. She asked about current plans relating to bias. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she and Councilman Hersh have not had much time to talk. The Human Relations Commission used to be called the Human Rights Commission. They may want to take a look at what the group is called. It is a frustrating to know that getting results sometimes takes a long time. This is #1 on her radar right now. There will need to be training for this group and Councilman Hersh has asked for more volunteers as there are five vacancies. The Human Relations Commission is doing great things, but there is more that needs to be done and they need to identify their real mission. Need to get old information on what the Human Relations Commission was all about and she will work with the Clerk on that. Ms. Coleman asked about the civilian complaint board and where does someone take a complaint now. Councilman Hersh commented that the Human Relations Commission is not equipped to handle a complaint right now. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that a complaint about the Police Department can be filed on the Borough website or someone can email a Council Member.

Tina Weishaus, 143 North 5th Avenue, commented that the change of the name of the Human Rights Commission was done to de-activate it. She agreed that if you are going to hire a specialist, that it be to the satisfaction of the community that is raising issues about racial profiling. She hopes that the money is not spent foolishly. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin commented that after the report was done in 2002, the Council had an opportunity as did the Human Rights Commission to review the report. It is time to revisit this report and make necessary changes.

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, asked about charge for plastic bags. She is concerned about sidewalks as she fell on Raritan Avenue between 4th and 5th Avenues. The crosswalks are broken up specially on 3rd and 4th Avenues. She noted that the garbage collection people throw the garbage cans. She contacted the Public Works Superintendent as one of her containers disappeared and ended up two houses down. She suggested that everyone should get a garbage can on wheels. Councilman George commented that he meets with the Department of Public works every other Friday. He has mentioned the crosswalk at Magnolia and 3rd Avenue as well as some of the new ones. The pothole program has been delayed due to the snow and storms. Garbage cans sometimes land at corner of 2nd Avenue as the winds pick them up and blow them around. As the Borough moves forward with one arm collection, everyone will eventually get a garbage can with wheels. They have to work on plans for the

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new truck coming in and routes are carefully planned out so that the truck can access them. Will keep everyone posted about new route on south side.

No one else appearing to be heard, the Mayor 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 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk