

REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 14, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:09 PM. Mayor Brill Mittler read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

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

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler welcomed Matthew Hale as the newest Council Member. He will be the chair of the Health and Human Services Committee of Council.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, seconded by Councilwoman Kim-Chohan, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on March 20, 2018, and April 3, 2018, the Budget Workshop Meetings held on March 13, 2018 and March 27, 2018, and the Special Meetings held April 10, 2018, April 24, 2018 and July 17, 2018, were approved as distributed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: Councilman Hale.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that the National Night Out event was a huge success. She thanked the Police Department the other Public Safety agencies and all the groups and organizations that participated. The Teen Center grand opening will be September 12, 2018 at 3:00 PM and it will be known as the "Zone 6 Youth Center". The building is located on the corner of South 6th Avenue and Benner Street.

Councilman Fine – No report.

Councilwoman Kim-Chohan reported that the Arts Commission held their 2nd annual Chalk Arts Festival at the National Night Out event. The event was successful and she thanked all of the sponsors. The proceeds raised from the festival benefits the Middlesex County Adult Substance Abuse Program. The Arts Commission is also working on their Window Art Walk and a Digital Art Walk to go along with it. They are also going to be participating in Arts in the Park. Open Studios this year will take place on October 14th and they are looking to do a Social Justice Performance Concert with the theme, "many voices, one town" to try and bring the different communities together and the date is set for November 3rd. There are vacancies on the Arts Commission and Allison Baldwin and Maggie Dominic are filling out their volunteer applications so that they can be appointed. They have been attending the meetings as guests and helping out. The Recreation Department summer camp program has been ongoing and is in the final week. All of the participants have had a great time and you should be on the lookout for a newsletter that can also be found at the [highlandparknjrecreation/Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/highlandparknjrecreation/) page. Currently, they are taking registrations for youth fall soccer and flag football. The youth and teen programs and the adult programs will begin fall registration next week. Check the website and the Recreation Department Facebook page for upcoming programs. She reminded residents to yield to pedestrians around town. She witnessed a cyclist hit on River Road and Cedar Lane. Slow down and enjoy your summer.

Councilwoman Welkovits reported that tonight the Council is passing a resolution to apply for a second Safe Routes to School grant. The Safe Walking and Cycling Committee has been collecting data for the past few years. She gave special thanks to Denise Nickel and Jan Verstraete for helping to document this work. If they are successful with this Phase II grant, it would afford Highland Park to continue to improve our walkways and crossings, mostly for pedestrians, throughout the entire Borough. The next meeting for SWACC is Wednesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the senior center. There is a lot of stuff going on through the Main Street organization. The information can be seen at www.mainstreethp.org. Thursday nights throughout the month of August they have Highland Park After Dark from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Certain stores are offering special offers and discounts. On Friday evenings, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., they have Music on the Corners, North 4th Avenue and Raritan Avenue. Also on Fridays is the famous Farmer's Market from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Saturday evenings, they have the Outdoor Movie Theater at the public parking lot next to the Main Street building. On August 18th, they will show Isle of Dogs and on September 1st, Castle in the Sky. Save the date for the Arts in the Park event on September 16th. If you are an artist or a vendor, please contact the Main Street organization to participate. The Borough has not slowed down this summer on redevelopment. Tonight, they are approving on final reading two separate redevelopment amendment projects; one at 31 River Road and one at 130-134 Raritan Avenue. On River Road, they worked with the Screening Committee, the Council Redevelopment Entity, the Planning Board, the property owner, and the neighbors to achieve the plan that is in front of them. They held several community meetings to work towards a common goal. On 130-134, they are amending the plan that was originally approved about 10 years ago. On both of these projects, we aimed to assure design characteristics for the neighborhood, to provide some room for the Planning Board to approve a forthcoming site plan which best meets our vision and goals, and to provide reasonable accommodations for fair share housing obligation. Neither of these plans are finalized at this point and they will be holding additional community meetings to go over some of the comments and concerns that the neighbors had. For 31 River Road, that will include whatever developer they bring to the table and for 130-134, they want to hear more from the residents about their comments and concerns.

Councilman Hale thanked all of his colleagues on the Council and the Mayor for welcoming him to the Council and for their help in navigating the early waters. He has been trying to meet with all of the people on the various commissions that are in his portfolio, Board of Health, Food Pantry, Housing Authority, HP Gives a Hoot, the Human Relations Commission, the Immigration Task Force and the Mayor's Wellness Task Force. There are some great volunteers out there and he is looking forward to working with them. On the immigration task force, there has been an executive order request that the task force came up with for the Council to pass. There is also a resolution that was passed around about immigration and refugee issues a while ago. He had a meeting earlier with the Mayor and the Borough Attorney that was quite productive on trying to weave those two documents into a really strong stance about Highland Park on immigration and refugee issues. He thinks they will be able to move fairly quickly on that going forward.

Councilman George reported that DPW is planning ahead for the Town wide Yard Sale on October 6th and 7th. There is always a bulk trash pickup after the Sale, but in past years there has been a problem getting bulk trash picked up while also trying to meet other deadlines. This year, since the week following the Sale is a short week because of Columbus Day, we are cancelling Recycling pickups for that week. Trash pickup will continue as normal – North Side, Business and Triangle pickup on Wednesday due to the Holiday, and South Side on Friday. This will allow maximum effort for bulk trash pickup to be accomplished in the same week. The creation of the Solar Field project is moving closer, the RFP for site remediation under the original limited cleanup plan is on the agenda for solicitation of bids. The original proposal has been revitalized through the assistance of the Murphy Administration and our Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin. The Environmental Commission, along with Sustainable Highland Park, is looking into EV – electric vehicle – planning. We have received a request to pass a resolution supporting the State's EV initiatives including conversion of fleet vehicles to EV where appropriate, and the Borough has been meeting with stakeholders and exploring a plan to possibly electrify one or two Borough vehicles. The Meadows Trail crew is working on an observation platform in the Meadows, funded by a private donation. I visited the site on Sunday and you would not think you are even in Highland Park. It is peaceful and also an excellent place for birding. On Sunday, Meadows Trail volunteer Olivia led a group from the Reformed Church's Creation Care Structure and Earth Art group through the Meadows. The group is interested in creating art from found items in the Meadows recognizing the sacredness of nature and the impermanence of our existence, but also encouraging collaboration, cooperation and connection. SHP has proposed and spent a lot of time crafting an ordinance which would limit the use of single use plastic bags and eventually ban such bags. This ordinance is under review, and has been referred to Economic Development for further consideration at this time. Several public hearings and meetings with all stakeholders are planned. SHP notes that a number of Borough businesses already do not use single use plastic bags, and have discontinued automatic distribution of plastic straws. STAC will be presenting its Emerald Ash Borer remediation plan at the next conference meeting. Middlesex County is considering whether to join in with us for its Donaldson Park remediation plan since the park obviously lies in the Borough – so far, Highland Park is the only municipality proposing to join with the County in this effort. We are hoping to be able to recycle the trees which have to be removed in place, rather than pay for removal and the very high disposal and tipping fees.

Borough Administrator Jover reported that the tax bills were sent out in the mail and that the deadline to pay taxes has been extended until August 30th.

Borough Attorney Schmierer - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that there is lots of good news for Highland Park senior artists. Middlesex County announced the winners of their 2018 Senior Art Competition on August 3rd, which was open to all residents who were at 60 years of age by that date. She is very proud to say that amongst the two categories, the first being professional winners, with 9 categories all together. Highland Park had 6 winners and 1 person with honorable mention. First place was given for drawing to Judith Rosenstein for her piece "Thou Shalt Not", and 2nd place in the same category went to Jon Marron, "Highland Park's Up and Over Around and Through". For the mixed media, Highland Park resident Bill Giacalone got 2nd place. For oils, 1st place went to Shelley Phillips, who actually lives on the Edison side of the Highland Park border, but spends all of her time in Highland Park and has had exhibits at the library. For print, Highland Park's resident Marcia Shiffman got 1st place for "Dancer Six" and in sculpture 1st place went to Ellen Rebarber for "Blues in the Night" and honorable mention for mixed media went to Diane Reh for her piece "Do it Yourself". For the non-professional winners, there were 9 categories and Highland Park placed 1st in sculpture and the winning person was Josef Kogan for his "Adam and Eve Roots of Mankind" piece. Congratulations to all of Highland Park's senior artists who participated in this competition. You make the Borough proud.

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

Robin Loewenstein, 116 South 4th Avenue, commented that she is the President of the Highland Park First Aid Squad. She is here tonight because she is personally insulted and outraged by something that happened on Friday, July 20th. Mayor Brill Mittler put out a letter and a Nixel to the residents of the town that was paramount to slander. The letter was to inform the residents of the new hours of the Highland Park First Aid Squad would be of service. She quoted "frankly, we got to this point after a series of safety and administrative concerns were discovered that I and the Borough Council felt could put our residents' safety at risk and required immediate action". If there were serious safety concerns, she asked why they were still allowed to answer calls at night. If there were serious safety concerns, why were they told that you weren't really planning to make the switch to RWJ so soon? The Highland Park First Aid Squad has not and never will be unsafe. The Mayor wrote "I am happy to inform you that an open, honest, and productive meeting was held last week between the leaders of the Highland Park First Aid, the Borough's Public Safety Committee and Borough Administrator". They had a very positive meeting, but their procedures on the ambulance and their patient care have had no changes whatsoever. They

willingly supplied the Council with all the information requested and none of it related to the safety of the residents. There has never been any information requested that the squad withheld. The only example the Mayor repeats is a meeting that a previous squad leader did not attend. If the current leadership is accountable for that, then I believe the Mayor should be accountable for the actions of previous Mayors, but, of course, she is not. The Mayor frequently says that she does not think of herself as a politician. After two months of asking about their funding, you said that month that it would be discussed at the meeting between the squad and the Council. Money was not part of that meeting and when they asked about it they were told that there is no money available to discuss. They are asking for the third month in a row about the plan for the oxygen that they normally provide the Police Officers based on their funding being cut. One of the discussions that they did have at a recent meeting with the Public Safety Committee was about the emergency operating plan for the Borough of Highland Park. The law requires that it be updated every year. This last copy that they received is from 2009. Thankfully, Councilwoman Foster-Dublin has indicated that plans will eventually be made to go back to tabletop drills and regular meetings of the Public Safety Committee with all the emergency departments. She noticed that nobody shut down Emergency Management or Public Safety. She demanded a public apology for her inaccurate statement about safety concerns with regard to the Highland Park First Aid Squad. This should be retracted via every source used to disseminate the original message and she is hoping that she will do the right thing. Mayor Brill Mittler thanked Robin for coming to express her concerns, but she wished she would have come to her to personally express those concerns before tonight. She in no way intended to mar their reputation and she is sorry if she did that. However, as you and I know and as the Public Safety Committee knows, there were some serious safety concerns. Those concerns were addressed in several of your meetings with the Public Safety Committee and she believes there is a plan for moving forward. She is happy with the agreement that was reached at the last meeting with the Public Safety Committee. They kept her well informed of everything that was going on and she looks forward to working with them going forward. She is sorry if she offended her in any way.

Bill, 107 South Adelaide Avenue, commented that he has a problem with people parking in his driveway and/or partially blocking his driveway. He would like some help in correcting this problem. Mayor Brill Mittler asked him to get that information to Lt. Abrams.

Karen, 242 South 6th Avenue, commented that she knows of two people who were so afraid for the ambulance because they would have to pay. She waited to call until the Highland Park First Aid Squad was on duty. She called again about her bill and she still has to pay. Lastly, she commented that everyone is so nice at the senior center and they always help.

Ammar Latif, 203 Jackson Avenue, commented that he is new to Highland Park and is part of the new community, The Crossings. It is a very nice town and they like it. He and his wife both work and they have 2 children. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that she is coming to meet with residents at that development on the 28th. Mr. Latif commented receiving a letter in the mail about increase in taxes. He has an average house, \$600,000 in value, 2400 sf, and he got an increase of \$850, making his taxes go above \$20,000. He sent a letter to the Mayor and the Council Members. This has an adverse effect on him personally because it affects his cash flow and it affects his property value. People looking at buying houses will question why they are paying \$20,000. These are outrageous taxes and he is surprised that there are no initiatives addressing tax increase. He contacted the Board of Education and Middlesex County about the tax increase. The Board of Education told him to expect the same tax increase next year. He asked what the Council is doing to make taxes more sustainable. He asked if the town set up fund to address the changes in the tax system that was delivered by the new administration, i.e. Charitable Funds. He asked what they are doing about revaluation of the town. When he called the County, Highland Park was one of the top 5 towns need a revaluation. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that every year goals are established. The number one goal is tax stabilization. Councilman Fine has been working with the Shared Services Commission. The Board of Education is a total separate body. The Borough shares custodial services with the Board of Education and they are talking with other municipalities about shared services. Things in government don't move quickly. Highland Park has no ratables, big corporations, to share in the tax burden. This burden falls on the residents. Their number two goal is downtown development/smart growth. More ratables with little or less impact on infrastructure. Councilwoman Welkovits added that the Borough has approved two redevelopment projects on the Avenue. One project is the Popov project on the corner of North 2nd Avenue and Raritan, with retail on the bottom and apartments on the 2nd floor. The other project is across the street. Councilman Fine commented that the charitable fund has been on their agenda. Trying to work with the State government who are coming out with new rules and regulations, but they are not out yet. The Mayor has created a subcommittee of himself and Councilman Hale to come back with a plan in October for shared services. Some of the areas they are looking into is Health Inspections and Animal Control. The State of New Jersey owes Highland Park \$7 million dollars in energy tax receipts. Tax stabilization is their number one priority. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that Highland Park is on the list for doing a revaluation in 2019. Borough Administrator Jover added that the Borough has to have updated tax maps to do the revaluation. Cost is approximately \$80,000 - \$90,000. Trying to get into County program, using GIS. Need cost estimates for a full revaluation and how to budget and pay for it. Need to have inspection of every home in town. Tax Assessor would like to see this happen.

Dee Donnelly, 242 South 6th Avenue, commented that on July 13th, she called 911 after 9:00 p.m. The squad responded and couldn't have been nicer. She was sick for over 9 hours, but waited to call. She brought up issue of bicyclists riding on the sidewalks. She has almost been hit a number of times. Mayor Brill Mittler asked Lt. Abrams to address this issue. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin announced the hours that the first aid squad is operating under. They are operating from 6:00 p.m. in the evening until 6:00 a.m. in the morning, Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, they are available full time.

Gabrielle Wilders, 24 Walter Avenue, she thanked the Planning Board and the Screening Committee for taking the time to meet with the neighbors and listen to their concerns. Her most recent concern based on the last Planning Board meeting was they decided to uncouple the parking. Her concern about that is it is great for people who move who have no car, but it is an incentive for people with a car to not pay for a parking space and park on the street. They were told that the traffic study would be conducted by the developer, which is strange, but apparently is a standard. Even without the new development, traffic is bad in that corridor, not just for cars, but for pedestrians. She would like to see a traffic/pedestrian walking study done regardless of redevelopment at 31 River Road. Borough Administrator Jover noted that it is very typical for the developer to present that study, but the Planning Board can hire a professional to evaluate their numbers. Councilman George noted that the applicant pays for the traffic study, which has to be done according to standards. It is reviewed by the municipality's experts as well and it has to be presented at a meeting. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that the Public Safety Committee, along with the Police Department, have been looking at what they can do along with the NJDOT. They are looking at putting more traffic calming devices in that area. They are looking at an idea called, Block the Box, where all traffic would stop at one time and pedestrians would cross at one time. She and the Chief are looking at different mechanisms of how they can stop traffic and calm traffic at different times, but they have to work with the NJDOT to get that done. Councilman George added that one of the problems that they have had with River Road for years is that it is a County road. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they have been talking for quite some time about a sidewalk extension like they did in Piscataway. Right now they want pedestrian and bicycle traffic to go along River Road through the park. Ms. Wilders commented that increasing traffic flow and pedestrian flow is a concern. She asked them to keep in mind when the developer comes, that smaller is better. They would like to see a building that is less than 4 stories. That is a small area for that big of a building. She appreciates all the time people have taken. She suggested that there be a redesign of the Borough's website. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the website is a pet peeve of hers and they will be dedicating funding to the redesign in the 2019 budget. Ms. Wilders commented that communication has been a problem. Residents need to be notified in a timely manner. Borough Administrator Jover noted that they had hoped to do the website this year. They are reorganizing the information on the website to make things easier to find. Ms. Wilders asked what the next step is for 31 River Road. Borough Administrator Jover noted that they need a developer to come forward and they will map out a process for notification to the residents.

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

The Clerk reported advertising an ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHLAND PARK DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN RELATING TO PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 130 AND 134 RARITAN AVE., PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., 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 Councilwoman Welkovits, 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.

Christy Lutz, 119 Park Place, commented that she is a neighbor of the proposed redevelopment area. She is concerned about what is going to happen and about the access road that goes down to the service center. The access road will be the main point of entry. There are a lot of young children on the street. Cars speed up and down the access road. Parking is another issue as there are homes without driveways. She is concerned about the overflow parking. Borough Administrator Jover explained that the amendment is to allow for a modified additional story, offsite parking and affordable housing. Her understanding is that the prior application had included that access road. That is envisioned in the concept plan, but there is no application in front of the Planning Board right now. This is an amendment to the Downtown Redevelopment Plan. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the original plan was from 10 years ago. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the amendments approved tonight are provisions for an additional story set back from the road, 3 affordable housing units, offsite parking, and the access road will be limited to residences only. There will be retail on the 1st floor, with residences above. Employee parking for businesses will be offsite. Prior to a formal application, they will hold neighborhood meetings. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they are voting on an amendment to the existing redevelopment plan. There is no development proposal yet.

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

On motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1963, was duly adopted on final reading by title by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: Councilman Hale.

Absent: None.

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

No. 8-18-202

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHLAND PARK DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN RELATING TO PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 130 AND 134 RARITAN AVE., PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, 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, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31 RIVER ROAD PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., 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 Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote, the above entitled ordinance was amended.

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

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 Welkovits, seconded by Councilman George, the ordinance entitled as above, being Ordinance No. 18-1964, was duly adopted on final reading by title, as amended, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstain: Councilman Hale.

Absent: None.

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

No. 8-18-203

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Ordinance entitled, ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 31 RIVER ROAD PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ., passed on final reading at this meeting be delivered to the Mayor for his approval, and if approved by him, 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, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-1881 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AND ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN APPROXIMATE 4.176 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 47, LOTS 27-75 ON THE OFFICIAL HIGHLAND PARK TAX MAP, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$1,860,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,767,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF", AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-1894 FINALLY ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2015, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-1897 FINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-1928 FINALLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH THEREIN TO INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 8-18-204

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-1881 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015 AND ENTITLED "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN APPROXIMATE 4.176 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 47, LOTS 27-75 ON THE OFFICIAL HIGHLAND PARK TAX MAP, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$1,860,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,767,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF", AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-1894 FINALLY ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 1, 2015, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 15-1897 FINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 1, 2015 AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 17-1928 FINALLY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2017, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH THEREIN TO INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION OF

VARIOUS PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH, 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, September 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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 Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LARGE DIAMETER WATER METERS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,400,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,400,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 8-18-205

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LARGE DIAMETER WATER METERS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,400,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,400,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, 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, September 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin left the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WATER MAIN VALVES AND HYDRANTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$920,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$920,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 8-18-206

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WATER MAIN VALVES AND HYDRANTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$920,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$920,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, 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, September 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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 Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$2,287,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,619,040 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

On motion made by Councilman Fine, 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 Fine, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 8-18-207

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$2,287,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,619,040 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, 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, September 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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 Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$315,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$299,990 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, had been introduced in writing by the Finance Committee for consideration of passage on first reading by title.

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

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 8-18-208

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$315,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$299,990 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, 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, September 4, 2018, at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of considering said Ordinance on final passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 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.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Hale, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, Resolution Nos. 8-18-215 and 8-18-216 were separated from the Consent Agenda.

Resolution Nos. 8-18-209 through 8-18-233, except Resolution Nos. 8-18-215, and 8-18-216, were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilwoman Foster-Dublin.

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

No. 8-18-209

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 2, 2018 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an annual basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

MATTHEW HALE, Council Member, at an annual salary of \$4,239.00, effective August 1, 2018.

ASHTON BURRELL, Teen Center Coordinator, at an annual salary of \$40,000.00, effective July 20, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Borough Finance Director that since the adoption of a resolution on January 2, 2018 showing the names of the officers and employees of the Borough of Highland Park whose salaries are on an hourly basis, there have been the following changes, to wit:

AMIR WRIGHT, Summer Camp Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective August 1, 2018.

SAM MURPHY, Summer Camp Counselor, at an hourly rate of \$12.00, effective August 1, 2018.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director be and is hereby directed to make the necessary changes in the payroll records of the Finance Department in accordance with the changes

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

No. 8-18-211

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Highland Park and Teamsters Local 97 attached to the original of this resolution.

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

No. 8-18-213

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 solicited from National Meter & Automation, USA Blue Book and Pollard Water; and

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
National Meter & Automation	\$ 10,477.43

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 \$10,477.43; 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 \$10,477.43; 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. 8-18-214

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department has a need for Water Leak Detection Program services; and

WHEREAS, the following quotes were solicited for same:

Northeast Water Technology	\$7,500.00
Water Loss Systems, Inc.	no quote provided

and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department has recommended that said services be purchased from Northeast Water Technology, New Windsor, NY. based on their quote for same and previous work done for Highland Park, their experience and equipment; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in Account No. 8-05-55-500-4LS 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 the Water and Sewer Department is hereby authorized and directed to accept the quote for water leak detection services from Northeast Water Technology, 19 Nee Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553, at a total cost of \$7,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Department and the Chief Financial Officer forthwith.

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

No. 8-18-217

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that Borough Administrator Teri Jover is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), Safe Routes to School Grant for funding to do pedestrian enhancements and accessibility upgrades throughout the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest said applications as prepared by the Borough Administrator.

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

No. 8-18-218

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Mayor and Borough Clerk shall be and are hereby authorized to execute and attest Agreement for the Provision of Yard Waste Recycling and Marketing Services with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, a copy of which is attached to the original of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority and the Recycling Coordinator forthwith.

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

No. 8-18-219

WHEREAS, the Highland Park Department of Public Works has a need to purchase leaf bags; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to purchase 36,000 leaf bags; and

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Pabco Industries, LLC	\$ 14,897.52

WHEREAS, the Recycling Coordinator has recommended the purchase of said leaf bags from Pabco Industries, LLC at an amount not to exceed \$14,897.52; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose in Account No. G-02-17-770-205 in the amount of \$1,800.00; Account No. G-02-18-770-205 in the amount of \$6,200.00; and Account No. G-02-17-RT7-205 in the amount of \$6,897.52, 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 of leaf bags from Pabco Industries, LLC, for a total price of \$14,897.52 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 8-18-220

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park desires to use Trion Associates, Inc. for background check services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Administrator and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough, the Agreement for background check services with Trion Aid Associates, Inc., a copy of which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, and the Human Resources Coordinator, forthwith.

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

No. 8-18-221

WHEREAS, Borough Hall in the Borough of Highland Park is in need of emergency repairs to the HVAC unit, as more fully described on the attached Purchase Requisition; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended that said repairs be performed by All County Mechanical Contracting, Hackensack, NJ; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be made available for this purpose in Account No. 8-01-26-310-2AD the amount of \$6,570.61, 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 Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to accept the quote for the repairs to the HVAC unit from All County Mechanical Contracting, Hackensack, NJ, at a total cost of \$6,570.61.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Works and the Chief Financial Officer forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-222

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 3rd Quarter 2018 taxes for the property indicated:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>REMITTEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE REMITTED</u>
46	32	Two Rivers Title Company, LLC 26 Ayers Lane Little Silver, NJ 07739 (254 South 7 th Avenue)	\$ 49.20
117	55	Key Settlements, Inc. 3599 Route 46 Parsippany, NJ 07054 (163 Exeter Street)	\$ 322.90
167	51	CoreTitle, LLC 1300 Route 73, Suite 112 Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 (309 Lincoln Avenue)	\$ 56.76
190	4.02	Pickus & Landsberg 802 Ryders Lane East Brunswick, NJ 08816 (2103 Ethan Lane)	\$ 60.66

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. 8-18-223

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 9-17-285, adopted by the Borough Council on September 19, 2017, a contract was awarded to Tri-Form Construction, Metuchen, NJ, for the construction of a Teen Center; and

WHEREAS, it appears from Pay Estimate No. 4, filed by Code Enforcement Director, Scott Brescher, that certain work under said contract has been completed and approved, and there is due to Tri-Form Construction, the sum of \$37,862.29 in accordance with said Pay Estimate for work performed from May 30, 2018 to July 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose are available in Account No. C-04-55-826-210 in the amount of \$37,862.29, 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 Tri-Form Construction the sum of \$37,862.29, as certified by the Code Enforcement Director 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 Code Enforcement Director forthwith.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-224

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2014, the Crossings at Highland Park, The Pulte Group, heretofore posted with the Borough of Highland Park a Surety Performance Bond No. 1014102 issued by the Hanover Insurance Company in the amount of \$3,225,296.88 and a Cash Surety Bond (Check No. 85272564) in the amount of \$358,366.32 for a total amount of \$3,583,663.20 in connection with a site plan application on property known as Block 172, Lot 2 and Block 101, Lots 25-30 in the Borough of Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 6-18-162 dated June 12, 2018, the Borough of Highland Park authorized the release of the aforementioned Performance Bond subject to the posting of a two-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$537,500.00 and the payment of the remaining Tree Balance in the amount of \$139,100.00; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, the Borough Engineer, has reviewed the site in the field and as a result has recommended a reduction in the above-referenced Maintenance Bond and a reduction in the amount of the remaining tree balance.

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

- Posting of a 2-year Maintenance Bond shall be reduced to \$447,957.90;
- Payment of the tree balance shall be in the amount of \$119,100.00;
- Payment of any outstanding engineering inspection fees;
- Payment of any outstanding Borough fees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Finance Department, Borough Engineer, Construction Official and Pulte Homes' attorney, Scott Anderson, Esq., Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C., 125 Half Mile Road, Suite 300, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 upon its adoption.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-225

WHEREAS, the Transfiguration of the Lord Church 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 November 18, 2018; 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 Transfiguration of the Lord Church 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. 8-18-227

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue an appropriate Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate for #09-00068 and #10-00019 in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Finance Department and the Tax Collector.

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-228

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

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

- (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at www.govdeals.com and also available from the Borough Clerk’s Office in the Borough of Highland Park.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is www.govdeals.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) A list of the surplus property to be sold is attached to the original of this resolution.
- (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- (6) The Borough of Highland Park reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

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

No. 8-18-229

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Highland Park Water & Sewer Department that corrections need to be made to the water and sewer accounts for various properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the following accounts be credited as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
30220121-0	\$528.11	19 Cedar Avenue
10040250-0	-2600 cubic feet	129 North 8 th Avenue

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue said credits.

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

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-230

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following shall be and are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Highland Park Housing Authority for a term to expire as indicated:

Donald Monk	September 1, 2023
William Rainwater	September 1, 2023

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

No. 8-18-231

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to advertise for receipt of Requests for Proposals for a Qualified Contractor to do cleanup at solar field, said proposals to be received on a date to be determined by the Borough Administrator and the Borough Clerk.

The following resolution, introduced by the Council as a Whole, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-232

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2018 the Superior Court (“Court”) held a fairness hearing and approved the Settlement Agreement between the Borough of Highland Park (“Borough”) and Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”), which included the Borough’s Third Round fair share obligation and preliminary compliance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will be filing with the Court a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in order to secure a Judgment of Compliance and Repose approving said Plan to protect the Borough from any Mount Laurel lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq., Highland Park is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of Highland Park’s Affordable Housing Program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Article II, entitled “Municipal Housing Liaison”, of Chapter 57 of the Borough’s Code, entitled “Officers and Employees”, adopted on December 19, 2006 by Ordinance No. 1708, provides for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer Highland Park’s Affordable Housing Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Teri Jover, Borough Administrator is hereby appointed by the Mayor and Council as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the Affordable Housing Program, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 57, Article II of Highland Park’s Municipal Code.

The following resolution, introduced by the Public Safety Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 8-18-233

WHEREAS, Barbara Ann Dagraca 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 resolutions were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstained: Councilperson Hale.

No. 8-18-215

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2017 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

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and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

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as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Highland Park, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution, and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

No. 8-18-216

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division of Local Government Services, Local Finance Notice 92-15, all local units are required to prepare and submit a Corrective Action Plan as part of their annual audit process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that the Corrective Action Plan in connection with the 2017 Audit, prepared by the Assistant Finance Officer and attached to the original of this resolution, shall be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of said Corrective Action Plan, as approved by the Borough Council, be forwarded to the Finance Department and the N. J. Division of Local Government Services forthwith.

The following resolution was duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, 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. 8-18-234

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any such item of revenue in the budget of the county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, that it hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2018 in the sum of \$9,000.00, which item is now available as revenue from State and Federal programs pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$9,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Title III B – Information & Assistance Grant \$9,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of a grant for Fiscal Year 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of the certification of adoption of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Judy Richman and Robert Rothberg to serve as Regular Members of the Board of Adjustment for terms to expire July 1, 2022.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Robert Holzapfel to serve as the Alternate #2 Member of the Board of Adjustment for a term to expire July 1, 2020.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Abby Stern Cardinale, Ana Pairet, Mason Resnick, and Laurel Kornfeld to serve as members of the Public Information Commission for terms to expire May 1, 2020.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Sonya Headlam to serve as a Regular Member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2020.

The above appointments were confirmed on motion made by Councilwoman Welkovits, seconded by Councilman Hale and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

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 about bulk pickup. People are moving, new people are moving in and they are leaving furniture on the sidewalks. When the Borough comes to collect the bulk trash, they seem not to be picking up all items. Councilman George noted that they schedule bulk pickups on certain days, generally Wednesdays. Part of the problem is that when people are moving out they don't necessarily move the same day bulk trash is collected. A lot of the material that is left is sometimes not removable to the disposal site. They have to pick up some of the items separately. Ms. Bickhardt commented that she does not think the average resident knows about the different pickups. Councilman George noted that there is an app, Recycle Coach, that has been available for 18 months. You can look up over 700 items to determine if they are recyclable. Information is also posted on the website. There is an item on the agenda to change to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority for some of their recycling at a better rate. Ms. Bickhardt commented about the broken sidewalks around town that she has complained about for years and has reported to the Borough. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that any sidewalk complaints can be reported until Code Enforcement. They are going out for another Safe Routes to School Grant which should bring in some more money to repair borough owned sidewalks. If sidewalks are in disrepair, Code Enforcement Officials can be sent out to do an inspection. Ms. Bickhardt asked about water line repairs. She has been a victim of this twice. She asked why a homeowner has to repair a water line when the breakage is on the street. Borough Administrator Jover noted that maybe the break had occurred on the lateral, which connects the water main to the house. If the break occurs on the lateral, it is the homeowner's responsibility, similarly for the sewer line. They often have to dig up part of the road to address the lateral component. Councilman George added that the Borough or the water utility supplies the mains that go down the street. As a homeowner, you subscribe to that service for a hookup from the water meter inside the house to the water main in the street.

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented that she would like to raise a question that she had for a while, but out of concern of being polite and not causing more anger from the first aid squad, so she has not done so, but she does think this is a valid question to get answers to. We have been hearing for months about issues with the first aid squad having to do with leadership, response times and safety concerns that contributed to the decision to change to using RWJ in Highland Park. Earlier tonight, the representative from the first aid squad stated that if there were safety concerns about the first aid squad then why would they be allowed to operate during the night and weekends. She is assuming that the safety concerns go beyond response times based on what has been heard at various meetings. She understands that there are financial concerns for residents of Highland Park and she does truly feel for

anyone with those concerns, but she feels that safety is the top consideration that should be taken into account. She asked if there are safety concerns about the first aid squad, why are they being allowed to operate during nights and weekends. As a resident, she would like to know what those safety concerns are, if you can elaborate, and provide insight into whether these safety concerns are still existing and what the issue was mentioned earlier. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the Mayor and Borough Council met and addressed some of the issues they had concerns with and put in place some guidelines for them to be able to check up on certain of those issues. Once there was an agreement reached at the alluded to Public Safety Committee Meeting, when the first aid squad agreed to give them the information they needed and to make some corrections the items they felt were hazardous, then the Council agreed that they could operate during the evening hours and weekends, because they had enough people to cover it and because the Council was going to be able to get some feedback and the Council felt that things were put back in order. Ms. Stern Cardinale asked if things are going to be checked on a regular basis. Her concern is the safety of her family and other residents. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that the agreement was to meet on a quarterly basis to make sure the things they had asked for were being done and that everyone was happy with how things were proceeding. Ms. Stern Cardinale commented that she hoped that if there are still concerns, the push back they received doesn't stop them from considering safety is the top priority. She appreciates that safety is being taken into account and if that is still an issue, she thinks they need to consider daytime coverage. Mayor Brill Mittler commented that she would never have started all this commotion had they not been concerned with some of the safety issues. She clarified that they have not made any final agreement with RWJ. The Borough will be discussing in conference the next best steps and whether or not to move forward with an RFP.

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

The following resolution 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 Fine, George, Hale, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Councilperson Foster-Dublin.

Abstained: None.

No. 8-18-210

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 8/14/2018 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 37.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilman Fine, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk