

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Highland Park Mayor and Council was held in Borough Hall, 221 South 5th Avenue, on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 and was called to order by Mayor Brill Mittler at 7:04 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 Tauriello; Borough Administrator Jover; Borough Clerk Hullings.

Absent: None.

Mayor Brill Mittler asked for a moment of silence for the victims and protectors of the Parkland, Florida school shooting.

Mayor Brill Mittler designated the month of March as Youth Arts Month. It is very important to have children's participation in the arts.

On motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, the minutes of the Regular and Conference Meetings held on December 5, 2017, and December 19, 2017, were approved as distributed by affirmative voice vote of all Councilmembers present.

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

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin yielded her Council Report time to Chief Rizco who reported that there have been a rash of burglaries, 7 for the month of January. The burglaries are under investigation and there are some commonalities among them and are being looked at by the Detective Bureau. These incidents are not in one particular area of town and a Nixel message was sent out. If you see something suspicious, you should contact the Police Department. Would be willing to do a Neighborhood Watch and has asked the Youth Officer, Joe Curbelo, to put together information on what that would entail. If anyone is interested, they may contact Lt. Panichella or Sgt. Curbelo. There were 18 incidents of car burglaries around town that was done by 7 young adults. They went around town and went into open vehicles and took cell phones, change, let air out of tires and punctured some tires. They did get video information from residents in the areas where the incidents occurred.

Councilwoman Foster-Dublin thanked all who put their lives on the line to keep us safe. The foundation has been poured for the teen center and the underground electric is in place. Photos will be posted to Facebook to outline the progress. On March 20th, they will take teens to visit another teen center in Brick to get some ideas. There is a lot of interest from people who want to donate items for the teen center.

Councilman Fine reported that the Community Block Development Committee met on February 13, 2018 at Borough Hall and agreed on recommendations to be made to the Borough Council regarding how the \$58,567.00 in CDBG money Highland Park will receive should be allocated. The CDBG Committee recommendations regarding how the CDBG funds should be allotted to the following programs and will be considered for adoption by the Borough Council tonight. Main Street Highland Park – Façade Improvement Program - \$5,000.00; Dept. of Recreation & Arts – Senior Transportation - \$7,636.00; Dept. of Recreation & Arts – Senior Outreach Program - \$10,765.00; Dept. of Recreation & Arts – Senior Medical Transportation - \$7,636.00; Dept. of Recreation & Arts – Summer Camp Program - \$10,150.00; Dept. of Recreation & Arts – Teen Youth Programming/Outreach - \$12,250.00; Community Recycling Program - \$2,130.00; and Food Pantry - \$3,000.00. He is glad that the Mayor will be appointing Helen Rovner as a member of the Library Board of Trustees, and Ron Wong to serve as the Mayor's Alternate on the Library Board of Trustees.

Councilwoman Kim reported on an upcoming trip to the NJ Flower Show at the NJ Convention & Expo Center on February 22nd from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. Free transportation to the show is available. Interested residents should contact the Senior/Youth Center for discounted ticket information and to register. In March, they will be hosting a six-week chronic disease self-management program called "Take Control of your Health". This six-week class is free and open to all Highland Park residents. The first class will begin on Monday, March 26th and continue every Monday through April 30th from 12:30 – 3:00 PM at the Senior Center. Each session will include all materials, healthy shakes, incentives and a completion certificate at the end of the course. Please stop in or call the center for more detailed information or to register. You can also view the flyer on the Borough's Facebook page or on the Borough's website. The Arts Commission will be hosting a panel discussion of members of the Fluxus Art Movement, who are Highland Park residents. It will be held on March 29th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Highland Park Public Library. This will be the first in a series of three panel discussions on the pop art movement of the 60's. A Zen art and writing workshop is planned for April/May. There will also be a book-creating workshop sometime in March or April. The Arts Commission is looking to possibly collaborate with the New Brunswick Arts Council to apply for a grant regarding a public art project possibly having to do with the bridge. The Recreation Advisory Committee will be meeting on February 26th at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Youth Center. They currently have a few openings on the committee for new members. On Sunday, she attended the Children's Business Fair at Blank Space in Highland Park. The fair featured businesses created by students. The next fair will take place on March 18th. Details are on their Facebook page. She thanked Blank Space for hosting this fair and helping to ignite the youth's entrepreneurial passions. Lastly, she wished the community that celebrated this past weekend, Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Welkovits commented that from tragedy grows one of the most courageous movements she has seen. Earlier today, hundreds of high school students from West Boca Raton, Ft. Lauderdale and Hollywood, Florida walked out of their schools in solidarity with the survivors of Parkland and to keep the pressure on the elected officials to pass common sense gun laws. This administration, which has demonized our teachers and is hell bent on defunding public education, is the same administration to turn our teachers and school staff into human shields. She has not felt more grateful for our teachers and school staff. She encouraged everyone to speak out and attend any of numerous demonstrations being planned, until change happens. She is inspired that our youth, our students, the beneficiaries of America's public education system are some of the most intelligent, empathetic and motivated people she's ever seen. The Main Street Highland Park Board will meet on February 21st at 6:00 PM and the Safe Walking and Cycling Committee will also meet on February 21st at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. The Board of Adjustment will meet on February 26th at 7:30 PM at the Senior Center. The Planning Board will meet on February 28th at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Hersh reported that the Board of Health held its regular meeting on February 8th and they worked toward advancing their 2018 goals, including tobacco prevention, opioid awareness and prevention and planning for the health fair, which is tentatively set for May. The Highland Park Housing Authority held its regular meeting on February 14th where, among the business conducted, included a resolution that allows the Housing Authority to submit an Application for Approval of Direct Subsidy from the Federal Home Loan Bank in connection with the Rental Assistance Demonstration, or RAD, project at Park Terrace. The RAD allows the Housing Authority to leverage additional capital from outside investors in order to make necessary capital improvements. President Trump's devastating HUD budget proposal eliminates the capital fund, reduces Section 8 federal housing subsidies, eliminates the \$1.9 billion fund for public housing capital repairs, and zeroes out community development block grants. We are fortunate that we have been planning ahead in Highland Park, as they are one of the first housing authorities in the state to convert its housing into HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration. This ensures that our capital needs in Highland Park's public homes will be addressed, while keeping our public homes public with public stewardship and management. The Highland Park Housing Authority will meet on March 14th at the Samuel Kronman Building. The Commission for Immigrant and Refugee Affairs held its first meeting of 2018 on February 13th and had a very productive meeting where we discussed the New Jersey Safe and Responsible Driver Act, which would allow any resident who meets MVC requirements to secure a driver's license, regardless of immigration status. The bill has been prefiled in the legislature. He thanked the lead sponsors Annette Quijano and Reed Gusciora and Nancy Pinkin, who is among several co-sponsors. They discussed a resolution in support of this bill and hopefully, Council will take up that resolution at its March 6th meeting. They also discussed an executive order that would further ratify the policies that were put forth in the Inclusive Communities resolution. It was a great meeting, they had all their commissioners there as well as members of the public and even a senior from the high school, who is working on immigration advocacy. The Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs will host its next meeting on March 13th at 7:30 PM in the lower level conference room in Borough Hall. For the second installment of the Highland Park Human Relations Commission Book Club, they are partnering with the New Brunswick Area NAACP and HP Parents of Students of Color (HP-POSOC) to discuss Carol Anderson's *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide*. *White Rage* is a National Book Critics Circle Award Winner, a New York Times Bestseller, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, a Washington Post Notable Nonfiction Book of the Year, a Boston Globe Best Book of 2016, and a Chicago Review of Books Best Nonfiction Book of 2016. They are going to read this book through a Highland Park lens. He asked residents to join them on March 29th at 7:00 PM at the Senior/Youth Center to discuss this powerful book that examines obstacles against black progress in America. They will be joined by Bill Davis, Professor at Rutgers and branch historian for the New Brunswick Area NAACP. The book can be found at the Highland Park Public Library, on Audible, or at your favorite bookseller. The Highland Park Human Relations Commission will meet on February 21st at 7:00 PM in the lower level conference room in Borough Hall. Lastly, if you haven't already, he encouraged residents to get their official Highland Park Municipal ID. You can review the application and get additional information at www.hpboro.com. He is very, very pleased to report that the Highland Park branches of Unity Bank and Wells Fargo will now accept the HP ID as a second form of ID for all transactions, including opening a checking account.

Councilman George reported that Sustainable Highland Park is continue the Plastic Bag Reduction Program. The first weekly drawing for a \$25.00 prize was held in Stop & Shop. Residents can enter the program by using your own bags or asking the cashier not to use plastic. There were over 600 entries for the first drawing. Sustainable Highland Park recently held a planning focus meeting for their present and future goals and projects. An upcoming project is the Earth Day Celebration at the Environmental Center on April 22nd. The theme is "Water" and they are planning on advertising through posters in conjunction with the Highland Park Arts Commission and the Highland Park Arts Collective. Their next meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Environmental Center. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee will be planting 43 new trees this year. STAC is taking applications for planting a street tree at your location and they are available on the Borough website, or you can email a member of STAC. Highland Park was designated one of the first Tree Cities in New Jersey. STAC submitted its Tree City application for grants and also its Annual Report to the Tree City Program. On March 5, 2018 there will be a free program in Dumont, NJ put on by their Shade Tree Commission on Heritage Trees and Our Shared History. The Environmental Commission volunteers along with the Meadows Trail Volunteers recently put together an environmental assessment letter for the Borough's PSE&G solar farm project. The Borough is working with PSE&G to work out a site cleanup plan with NJDEP with regard to the remediation of the concrete debris on the site. The beehive fencing has been erected with the Department of Public Work's assistance. Hopefully, the State Department of Agriculture will respond to the criticisms of the proposed rules restricting beekeeping. Highland Park adopted a resolution along with several other municipalities opposing the regulations in January. As of today, it looks like the State is reposting the regulations for comment, but it does not look like there were substantial changes. The Meadows Trail Volunteers and the Native Plant Reserve Volunteers will be coming off their winter furloughs and will be looking for volunteers starting in March. He coordinated with the Eagle Scout Project, which partners with the Environmental Commission, regarding a project to refurbish some of the

old park benches what are stacked up at the yard. They can use some paint and some need some replacement of boards, but we have over a dozen which used to be on the street. The scouts plan to refurbish up to 4 of these. If your organization would like one, or you have an idea where a bench could go, please let him or Allan Williams know. The new RTV machine, obtained by the Department of Public Works, is up and running, but they were not able to test it out during the light snow over the weekend. During the warmer days with this odd weather, DPW has made an early start on pothole repair, since there has been consistently warm weather enough to unfreeze the ground. The North Side and Triangle Bulk Trash pickup is scheduled for April 4th. South Side is scheduled for April 11th, so plan ahead. It tends to take more time to sort out your throwaways, and to plan ahead. Winter leaf pickup will be for a few short passes as the weather lifts, due to heavy and late leaf fall, they extended pickup through January, and will catch the rest in the next few weeks if possible.

Borough Administrator Jover thanked the Council and the volunteers from the Boards and Commissions that attended meeting last to share projects and collaborate on projects moving forward.

Borough Attorney Tauriello - No report.

Mayor Brill Mittler reported that in honor of February being Black History Month and American Heart Month, she wanted to share a little American History. Otis Boykin invented the artificial heart pacemaker control unit. Although there were variations to the pacemaker before Boykin's invention, the modern-day pacemaker would not exist without his work. She held her 3rd Move with the Mayor stretch and yoga class yesterday. This is a free class offered through an Aetna healthcare grant made available to Highland Park by the NJ Quality Health Care Initiative. Class is every Monday at noon at Kinetics Flow on Raritan Avenue. Join them on your lunch break. There are private changing rooms available on site. Walking instead of driving is better for our health. However, it's not always practical to walk to our destinations. Repairing roads takes a top priority here in Highland Park. In 2017, there were 14 roads throughout the Borough that were repaired by PSE&G or Highland Park. In 2018, PSE&G will be repairing Hilton Street, South 9th Avenue, South 11th Avenue, Dartmouth Street, Graham Street and Sparkel Avenue. Through a \$315,000 Transportation Trust Fund grant from the State of New Jersey, Highland Park will be repairing Merilind Avenue and South 7th Avenue. Last week, she had the privilege to join other Mayors from Middlesex County at a roundtable meeting with Governor Murphy. They discussed many of the issues facing all of use such as tax reform, energy tax rebates, and issues specific to each of the municipalities. She appreciated Governor Murphy's candor regarding the dire financial situation in the State. Despite that, he clearly wanted to hear from officials in local government about their specific needs. We are lucky to have a governor who is interested in frank and open conversation, and in finding creative ways to move forward.

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

Abby Stern Cardinale, Harper Street, commented that she watched the last meeting where the Chief addressed concerns about burglaries. She appreciated hearing it is not out of the ordinary. She noted that there is danger with a Neighborhood Watch as people tend to report their neighbors, especially if they look different. She thinks this type of program is dangerous. She asked about the dissolution of the redevelopment agency. Councilwoman Welkovits noted that this is part of years long change in ways Borough is working with developers. They hired a new Borough Planner at the beginning of 2017 and formed a new advisory committee. They changed the designation of the entire town to be an area in need or rehabilitation. This group meets when developers want to propose a plan and to clearly explain the Borough's vision. To date, there is one signed contract for the International Market and there is another one in the works. The dissolution of the agency will shift the duties to the Borough Council and they hope to make the process a little more efficient, gain more control, and get what they want in town. Mayor Brill Mittler added that Highland Park is a small municipality and there are not a lot of big projects. There are costs associated with having a redevelopment agency and they thought it more fiscally responsible to dissolve the agency and this will help streamline the process. Ms. Cardinale commented that she hopes to continue to come to meetings and wondered how she can contribute remotely to make a public comment. Borough Attorney Tauriello noted that the Council has to publicly advertise meetings and all comments must be made publicly into the record. Reading something into the record before a vote may become unwieldy. Mayor Brill Mittler noted that they would need to look at this issue so as not to make meetings more unwieldy. Councilman Hersh noted that other towns enter correspondence into the agenda, but they don't read it. He echoed the same concerns Ms. Cardinale had with regard to a neighborhood watch program. Lastly, Ms. Cardinale asked whether the Police Department had been given sensitivity training.

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

The Clerk reported that an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DISSOLVING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-24 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20, 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 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, Hersh, Kim-Chohan, Welkovits.

Opposed: 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 Councilman George, and carried by unanimous affirmative voice vote:

No. 2-18-65

WHEREAS, an Ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DISSOLVING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-24 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20 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, March 6, 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 Councilman George, 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. 2-18-66

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that transfers of 2017 budget appropriation balances shall be made as follows:

Description	From	To
Budget Transfer #5		
Description	From	To
Legal		6,500.00
Administration OE		3,310.00
Motorpool OE		6,000.00
PERS - Pension - DCRP		910.00
Engineering & Planning OE		2,270.00
Group Insurance		2,230.00
Finance OE	2,500.00	
Information Technology OE	3,390.00	
Tax Collector OE	230.00	
Public Works OE	12,000.00	
Arts Commission	3,100.00	
	21,220.00	21,220.00

Resolution Nos. 2-18-67 through 2-18-72 were duly adopted on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

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

No. 2-18-67

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Borough") has previously created the Borough of Highland Park Redevelopment Agency (the "HPRA") in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Act"); and; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to dissolve the HPRA in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20 and section 24 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council (the "Borough Council") of the Borough desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its review and approval of a proposed ordinance authorizing the dissolution of the Highland Park Redevelopment Agency (the "Dissolution Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the Borough;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the Borough and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The application of the Borough to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Borough Administrator, HPRA Counsel and other representatives of the Borough, are hereby authorized to prepare and submit such Local Finance Board application pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-20 and to represent the Borough in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Borough is hereby directed to prepare and to file a copy of this resolution, as adopted, and the Dissolution Ordinance, as introduced on first reading, with the Local Finance Board as part of such Local Finance Board application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such Local Finance Board application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

No. 2-18-68

WHEREAS, Randy Shutz 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 Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:

No. 2-18-69

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:

AMY MIKOSZ, Violations Clerk, at an annual salary of \$33,424.00 effective February 16, 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 established by this resolution.

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

No. 2-18-70

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highland Park has need of the services of a Municipal Auditor for the calendar year of 2018; and

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

WHEREAS, Gerard Stankiewicz of Samuel Klein and Company, is a certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant of the State of New Jersey with extensive experience in municipal auditing and has heretofore been appointed Borough Auditor for 2018; and

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

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available for this purpose in the amount of \$37,950.00 in Account No. 8-01-20-135-235 and Account No. 8-05-55-500-4AE, upon adoption of the municipal budget, as reflected by the Certification of Funds Available by the Chief Financial Officer, shown below;

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

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

No. 2-18-71

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park that the following schedule of proposed use of CDBG funds allocated to the Borough of Highland Park for the funding period 2017-2018 be and the same is hereby approved and a certified copy hereof be submitted to the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Committee for their approval. If there is a reduction in the CDBG allocation, the reduction should be divided evenly to each project.

Main Street Highland Park – Façade Improvement Program	\$ 5,000.00
Dept. of Recreation & Arts: Senior Transportation	\$ 7,636.00
Dept. of Recreation & Arts: Senior Outreach Program	\$10,765.00
Dept. of Recreation & Arts: Senior Medical Transportation	\$ 7,636.00
Dept. of Recreation & Arts: Summer Camp Program	\$10,150.00
Dept. of Recreation & Arts: Teen Youth Programming/Outreach	\$12,250.00
Community Recycling Program	\$ 2,130.00
Food Pantry	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$58,567.00</u>

The following resolution, introduced by the Finance Committee, was duly adopted as above:
No. 2-18-72

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 2/20/2018 can be found in the Bills List Journal Book No. 37.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as Regular Members of the HP Gives a Hoot Committee for terms to expire December 31, 2018:

Michael Buchman	Sylvia Hove	Eva Love
Evelyn Sedehi	James Polos	Marilyn Pruce
Monica Jackson	Joyce Orenstein	

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed the following to serve as Regular Members of the Public Information Commission for terms to expire May 1, 2019:

Haim Cohen	Valerie Weidman
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Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Helen Rovner to serve as a Regular Member of the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Ronald Wong to serve as the Mayor's Alternate on the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

Mayor Brill Mittler appointed Angela Perone to serve as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire April 1, 2019.

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

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

Ruth Bickhardt, 307 Magnolia Street, commented about receiving letter from American Water resources to replacement/repair of water lines. She wondered how the company gets her information. Borough Attorney Tauriello noted that her name and address is a matter of public record and is available online. Ms. Bickhardt commented about the street lights at the intersection of Magnolia Street and South 3rd Avenue. The crosswalk there is in total disrepair and she has seen children trip and fall and she has tripped also. Councilman George noted that that particular location had some excavation done and the patch has settled. He met with DPW and discussed pothole repairs and it is one of the areas he asked them to look at. Ms. Bickhardt noted that there are street lights out at some of the crossing. Borough Administrator Jover noted that the Borough pays a lease for lights and there should be some mechanism to report street lights being out. Chief Rizco noted that residents should contact the Police Department and they in turn transmit that information to PSE&G. When reporting street lights that are out, it would be helpful to have the pole number. Lastly, Ms. Bickhardt complained about sidewalk repairs and the microphone volume at the meetings. She can hear the meetings at home when she watches them on TV.

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 Kim-Chohan, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk