

BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
MAYOR & COUNCIL CONFERENCE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

MINUTES

1. Mayor Brill Mittler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and 8:19 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Mayor; Council; Borough Attorney (6:21 p.m.); Borough Administrator; Borough Clerk.
Also in Attendance: CFO Gardner.

NOTE: Upcoming Meeting schedule:

May 22, 2018	Standing Committee Meetings; Special Meeting if needed.
June 12, 2018	Council Committee Reports 6:00 PM; Agenda Meeting 6:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM; Conference Meeting to follow.

3. Council Goals – none.
4. Public Discussion (15 minutes) – none.
5. Memorial or Commendatory Resolutions or Presentations scheduled as indicated:
 - a. RWJBH EMS Presentation – Donald Roberts, Director of Administration Mobile Health Service, and Todd Sheridan, Director of Operations Mobile Health Service, appeared to give presentation. They would provide coverage for Highland Park from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM, as is currently done. The Highland Park First Aid Squad would provide coverage from 8:00 PM until 6:00 AM. RWJBH has 400 employees and 74 vehicles that have an average age of 3.3 years. There are 42 trucks on the lot every day and they cover Somerset, Middlesex and Mercer County, covering 750 miles. They would integrate the squad calls into their dispatch center. The Police Department would forward calls to them and they would still be able to listen and do call screening. They could monitor calls for the First Aid Squad and wait 2 minutes. All of their vehicles are maintained by Penske. All vehicles have solar panels so that they don't have to worry about drain on the batteries. They have GPS in all of their vehicles. They have high quality CPR devices in all of their vehicles and a lifting device, with a maximum weight of 750 pounds. They employ three medical directors and require staff, on a quarterly basis, to meet with the medical directors to be evaluated. They provide EMTS and Paramedics training. Mayor Brill Mittler asked about new State reporting. Mr. Sheridan noted that they have an automatic transfer set up to go to the State and they partner with Revenue Guard and they handle the daily billing and they do the coding for the calls. If there is a hardship and someone is unable to pay, they write off the bill. There is a patient engagement survey that is sent out with the bill by the Baltrige Group and they can share those results that are broken down by town. Mr. Roberts noted that they can work with the Police and the First Aid Squad to educate them on CPR training, refresher EMT training. Pass on cost for care, but training is free. Councilwoman Foster-Dublin asked about cost for BLS call. Mr. Sheridan noted that the cost is approximately \$890. Borough Administrator Jover asked how this would work out with the First Aid Squad. Mr. Roberts noted that they did a similar program like this in Hamilton that is still in existence 20 years later. Robert Wood Johnson is a major 1 trauma center. There is a friends and family program offered to participants. Discussion about insurance if the Borough decides to move forward and Borough Attorney would work with their Attorney on any agreements.

6. Ordinances on 1st Reading – no ordinances scheduled for introduction for 6/12/18:
 - a.
 - b.
7. Ordinances on 2nd Reading – no public hearings scheduled for 6/12/18:
 - a.
 - b.
8. Resolutions for Next Meeting - scheduled for 6/12/18:
 - a. Bills List (6/12/18).
 - b. RWJBH RFP.
 - c. Band Aid Bench Contract.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
9. Appointments – none.
10. Borough Attorney's Report – none.
11. Borough Administrator's Report – none.
12. Standing Committee Status Reports – none.
13. Discussion Items.
 - a. SALT/Charitable Donation Legislation – Borough Administrator Jover noted that she is working with the CFO and the Borough Attorney on how this will work and to come up with some type of recommendation. A lot needs to be figured out by the State first. Councilman George noted that the League of Municipalities will recommend best practices. Don't anticipate any decision from the IRS until December.
 - b. Jewish Renaissance Foundation Grant Application to the NJ Department of State to support a Youth Entrepreneurship Program at the Teen Center – Councilwoman Foster-Dublin noted that she is working with the Borough Administrator on a grant to create/develop youth website and social media platform.
 - c. Mayor's Wellness Campaign FEMA Program – Tabled from discussion until June 12, 2018 agenda.
 - d. Human Relations/Public Safety Update – Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and Councilman Hersh to be working on issues surrounding racial bias and training. They will be meeting tomorrow to review two proposals.
 - e. RWJBH-EMS Discussion – Councilwoman Foster-Dublin and the Governing Body discussed whether or not to have RWJBH do all of the first aid calls for the Borough. Need to find out who owns the building, the vehicles and the equipment.
 - f. Volunteer of the Year – Mayor Brill Mittler asked for recommendations for a Volunteer of the Year. Councilwoman Welkovits nominated Sean Meehan, Safe Walking and Cycling Committee, and Councilwoman Foster-Dublin nominated Nancy Wolf, CERT Team. Consensus of Governing Body that Sean Meehan be the Volunteer of the Year.
 - g. List of Items for Discussion with the County – Mayor Brill Mittler asked the Governing Body to think about items to be included on the agenda for when she meets with Freeholder Director Ron Rios.
 - h. Recreation Update – Councilwoman Kim-Chohan mentioned email from Recreation Program Coordinator that was received by the Governing Body in reaction to

comments made by LJ Smith at a prior Council Meeting. She and Councilman Hersh will meet to discuss the items contained in the email.

*Councilman Fine left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

*Councilwoman Foster-Dublin left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

14. Executive Session – none.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Welkovits, and carried by affirmative voice vote of all Councilpersons present, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hullings
Borough Clerk